



Growing Lions in 4-A3

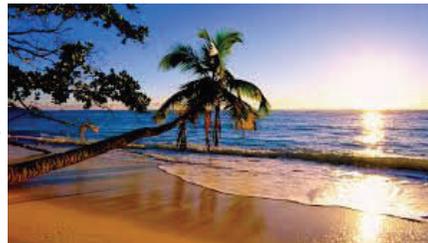
2013/2014 District Governor, Margaret Dunlevy

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“Growing Lions In Paradise” District 4-A3 Convention May 2, 2014 to May 4, 2014

Dear Lions of District 4-A3,

Our Convention is almost here. Your convention committee and your District Governor have been hard at work to make this a really great convention. It will be at the Santa Maria Radisson, May 2nd through 4th. The overall convention theme is **“Growing Lions in Paradise”**.



This year we can look forward to having the District Level Student Speaker Contest at the convention. It is scheduled for 10 a.m., Saturday morning. Friday night dinner will be a Western Theme, and after dinner, a costume contest with prizes for best costume (*these boots are made for walking*), best dressed couple, best dressed group (*OK Corral?*), most colorful, and most original costume (*guys, OK to not shave, but please do shower before coming to dinner!*). The evening’s entertainment will be provided by Theresa Russell, a guitarist second to none, who will play almost any song you can ask for and anything you can dance to.

On Saturday, DG Margaret decided to relax and go with the flow and “Hang Loose” with a Hawaiian dinner theme. We’ll have to see how well the hotel bar can make a Blue Hawaiian or a Volcano drink. You should have lots of those because there will be dancing after the dinner and keynote speaker, International Director Cynthia Gregg.

On Sunday, Chaplain Howard Hudson will team up with Vandenberg’s Ann McCarthy and conduct the annual memorial service before the final convention session. The convention will end with a full-scale Sunday Brunch. This is the Best Brunch in Town! Other hotels copy this idea, but don’t come close! A copy of the Brunch menu is included in this Newsletter for your edification and enjoyment.

If you haven’t registered yet, do so right away. The registration form is also included and is also online on our district website, “Lions4a3.org”. We will not be able to sell many meal tickets at the hotel itself, so be sure to get them in advance. If you have special diet needs, contact Lion Arnold Kalvans (805-610-1619 or lionakalvans@gmail.com).

To help keep costs down as much as possible, we are asking clubs to donate prizes for our raffles. Please email PDG Dick Kane at rlkane@hotmail.com and let him know you are bringing a raffle prize, but do let us know soon so we can acknowledge your donation in the convention program.

See you at Convention!
IPDG Tony Manuel

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Message from DG Margaret Dunlevy And Note of Appreciation



Greetings Lions!

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to each and every one of you for all you have done and are doing as Lions for your clubs, local communities, and the world. Your efforts

have brought District 4-A3 back up to a healthy status of 1,260 Lions as of today. We have a new club, our first campus club. We are working to maintain other clubs that are facing challenges and we are working at having FUN!

For the Allan Hancock College Lions Club, a great big thank you goes to the Lions clubs and leaders of Zone 3. Our Guiding Lions are Laura Selken (Santa Maria Noontimers), Region I Chair Joan Fletcher (Santa Maria Valley), and Lion Treasurer Bobby Doss (Santa Maria Sunrisers). Many hours have gone into the formation of this club and many more will be necessary to maintain, grow, and nurture it. Lions President Alissa Klansky, Secretary Maryury Diaz, and Membership Chair Monica Aceves Doss are all working very actively to maintain and grow their club.

A huge thank you goes out to the clubs that have stepped up to host district activities, district meetings, and great projects. The Lions of the tri-counties have exerted themselves and are moving full speed ahead to support our communities and those in need. We have seen new leaders emerging and stepping up to take the lead. The Amber's Light Lions have undertaken leadership of the Light the Night Walk and the district fundraiser, the Spaghetti Western. Lion Secretary Mary Catherine Henggeler has stepped up to lead these projects.

Lion Secretary Ann McCarty of Vandenberg Village Lions has taken on the role of District Media Wrangler, producing wonderful slide shows for each district meeting and preparing the ultimate presentation for the upcoming District 4-A3 Convention. Also, the Vandenberg Village Lions under the leadership of Lions Ann and Arleen Lewis headed the first-time-ever Dinner in the Dark for their club and for District 4-A3. Lion IPP Greg Steinmetz shared his life story with the group and everyone was moved.

Additionally, the Orcutt Lions hosted a District 4-A3/Orcutt Building Fundraiser of Bunco at the Orcutt Lions Den. This is another activity that was a first time ever for District 4-A3. Lions Sheri Hughes and District Secretary Denise Daniels headed up this event. Great fun was had by all in attendance!!!

Our next major event will be the District 4-A3 Convention in Santa Maria, at the Radisson Hotel. We will have Lion International Director Cynthia Gregg and her husband PDG Tom as our guests. She will have information to share with us and both she and Tom will be wonderful additions to our district activities and festivities.

The deadline for the reduced prices on the reservation packets is APRIL 22nd, not March 22nd. So, please be sure to sign up as soon as you can. We will have trainings to prepare for 2014-2015; also, we will hold our second annual LEO Forum. One of the most important events of the convention will be our district student speakers contest headed by Lion Sheri Hughes, District Student Speaker Chair and Orcutt Lions Club Secretary. There will be four students competing – each one representing a region – L, I, O, and N. The winner will receive a scholarship for \$4,500 and he/she will proceed to the next level, the Area 3 Contest and a chance to win another \$6,500. Don't miss the chance to see how much the students have improved since they started their journey at the club level.

The food faire will be an additional key point of the convention. With each of the clubs participating, there will be many wonderful choices for each of us. At each of our sessions, we will have recognition of various Lions.

There will be live entertainment by Theresa Russell on Friday evening. We will look forward to the Western outfits that everyone will be wearing and the songs that Theresa will share with us. We will have a Hawaiian theme for Saturday evening. Please wear your dressiest Hawaiian outfit and enjoy the evening. ID Cynthia will be our keynote speaker and we will have a few very important awards to present.

Yours in service,
DG Margaret Dunlevy

*Growing Lions
in 4-A3 for 2013-2014*



Greetings from 1st VDG Joe

Our Lions of the Central Coast are an energetic and enthusiastic group of service-minded people. We amaze and inspire our family, friends and our community through our service projects and our fundraisers. Every Lion contributes to this great effort. Every Lion is a valuable member of her or his club and when we work together we achieve!

We are lucky to have several dedicated leaders developing and guiding our Leos. Let's remember to thank and encourage our Leo advisors. One of the many ways we can support our Leos and Leo advisors is to ensure that as many as possible have the opportunity to attend the Leo Symposium scheduled at the District Convention on May 3, 2014.

The District Convention committee is working hard to schedule many interesting seminars and presentations at this year's District Convention, May 2 – 4, 2014. All are invited! In-coming Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Membership Chairs are encouraged to attend and participate in sessions designed for each office.

We are having a great year thanks to DG Margaret's tireless work. DG Margaret and her Guiding Lions deserve special recognition for sharing the Lions vision with the students at Alan Hancock College, the site of the district's first campus club.

Phoebe and I are looking forward to visiting with every club this Spring, Summer and beyond!

Let's have fun!
1st VDG Joe

Greetings from 2nd VDG Richard

Dear Lions,

Spring is upon us with fresh starts and beginnings. Here in Ventura as the days become warmer, the seashore comes alive with beach goers, playful laughter and kites coloring the sky. It is life's own painting of joy and optimism, and a time for Hope's renewal, and a time for a re-empowerment of direction. However, it only struck me recently - after only being a Lion for 19 years or there about – to make the connection, it is this hope and optimism that is embedded into the heart of every Lion. Lion's I would suggest are optimists. Optimists regardless of any exterior "patina" they may exhibit at any given time – including myself! Lion's are those optimists applying their diverse, varied set of skills, talents, and time in each their own way to improve upon, and guide their clubs and communities for a greater good. Helen Keller, had a few thoughts on this optimistic spirit that I would like to share with you.

"Every optimist moves along with progress and hastens it, while every pessimist would keep the worlds at a standstill. The consequence of pessimism in the life of a nation is the same as in the life of the individual. Pessimism kills the instinct that urges men to struggle against poverty, ignorance and crime, and dries up all the fountains of joy in the world."

"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement; nothing can be done without hope."

As we move forward this year, may we let the Lion's optimist, colored in the light of Helen Keller's thoughts, prevail for ourselves, clubs and communities. There is much work to be done as long as we are embarked to guide our clubs and communities into the spirit of optimism and hope. Today as every day "Is a 'Great Day' to be a Lion".

Yours In Lionism,
Lion Richard, 2nd VDG

Message from District Cabinet Secretary—Note of Appreciation

Dear Lions of District 4-A3,

I would just like to say a huge "Thank You" for the privilege and opportunity to service as the District 4-A3 Cabinet Secretary under DG Margaret this past year. It has been an exciting year with the addition of our Allan Hancock College Club, new Leo's Clubs and all of the new members who have joined us this year!

We have travelled around the District, enjoyed socials, and engaged in Service Projects, as well as our District Meetings. It has been a pleasure to meet new Lions family members, renew friendships, and meet new friends along the way.

I wish to thank my fellow Cabinet Members for their participation and hard work throughout this year; and especially DG Margaret for her patience and understanding! It will be sad for me to turn the reins over to your incoming Cabinet Secretary, but I feel confident she will do an excellent job, along with VDG Joe and his incoming Cabinet.

One last duty is to remind everyone to please file your PU-101's as soon as possible so that we can begin to prepare the roster and other information for the coming year. Don't forget to continue filing your MMR's and Activity Reports each month.

Thank you all for being so timely in getting your reports filed during this past year. Let's all work to continue to **"Grow New Lions in District 4-A3"**!

Yours in Service,
Lion Denise Daniels
Cabinet Secretary



**Lions Sight Conservation
Foundation of Santa Maria, Inc.
P.O. Box 6293, Santa Maria, CA 93456
(805) 925-8022**

Non Profit 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt ID# 77-030667

Dear Lion President,

The Lions of Santa Maria and Orcutt, on behalf of the Lions Sight Conservation Foundation of Santa Maria, Inc. (LSCFSM), ask to be included in your list of supported charities for 2014. We are asking you to consider a donation to help cover the cost of purchasing a Pedia Vision auto-refractor to assist volunteer Lions to perform more thorough eye screening in our community.

The Foundation is a non-profit, tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization. The directors are Lions members appointed by the Orcutt Lions, Santa Maria Noontimers Lions, Santa Maria Sunrisers Lions, and the Santa Maria Valley Lions.

The Lions Clubs of Santa Maria and Orcutt formed this Foundation to coordinate and process the requests for assistance on vision care and other sight related requests that were being presented to the individual clubs. Joint fundraisers, coordinated through the Foundation, are held by the member Lions clubs to support these services.

The Foundation assists the local schools in sight screening the students, and provides eye exams and glasses to many who cannot afford the cost of these services. We estimate that nearly 6,800 children (Kindergarten through High School) will have been screened by the end of the school year. In addition our volunteer Lions have participated in community health fairs to promote eye care and awareness of the health related illnesses that affect vision.

Lions Sight Conservation Foundation of Santa Maria, Inc.

Requests for assistance have greatly increased this year, and our budget expanded to meet the need. In 2013 over 180 exams and eyeglasses have been provided to members of our community who were unable to pay for these services. The Foundation also provides other assistance for vision related requests, such as travel expenses when an applicant is referred to a medical facility for further tests or treatment.

The Foundation would like to purchase three Pedia Vision machines because we screen so many children. The total cost is approximately \$21,000 for both machines. The good news is that we have a matching grant available through the Lions Clubs International Foundation. That means we only need to raise \$10,500 within our community to receive the other \$14,500 through the matching grant. The machines would be used for eye-screening in our community and surrounding areas, to include Santa Maria, Orcutt, Guadalupe, and Santa Ynez, as well as in San Luis Obispo County. We would allow local eye professionals to borrow a machine when they volunteer to do group screenings away from their office, i.e. at the Boys and Girls Club. The Lions would be happy to conduct eye screenings at a health fair or any other special event sponsored by a local business or health agency.

We have included some brochures and some letters of recommendation from local eye-care professionals concerning the Pedia Vision machine. It is a portable machine designed to be used by non-professionals, such as Lions Clubs' members, and is intended to screen children and adults on a pass or fail basis. Those who "fail" the screening are referred to professional eye doctors for a complete exam in their offices.

We are asking you to consider a donation of \$500 or \$1,000 or any other amount to assist us with the purchase of these machines. Please make your check payable to "LSCFSM, Inc." and mail it to PDG Tony Manuel, LSCFSM Director, 1468 Ivory Dr, Santa Maria, CA 93456. We have already received commitments for donations from two local eye-professionals.

Please contact me any time if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony

Tony Manuel, PDG

Director LSCFSM

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tonymanuel@verizon.net



2013/2014 District Directory Updates

**Please note the following changes/
corrections to 2013-14 Directory:**

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Cabinet Secretary Denise Daniels
Orcutt Lions Club
Correct home address is 1199 Pino Solo Dr,
Santa Maria, CA 93455

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Region Chair Angela Robinson-Platz
Correct Lions email is: apworldtraveler5@gmail.com

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Gail Hubble:
New email is: gailcarole@aol.com

Sharon Allen:
New email: sallen4060@gmail.com

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Robert Lehman
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New email: lionakalvans@gmail.com

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PDG Diane Van Trees
New name: Diane Dambrosio
New email: diane.dambrosio3@gmail.com

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E: gstewart4a3@charter.net

Allan Hancock College Lions

Allan Hancock College Lions become officially chartered!

After much work and due diligence by our District Governor Margaret Dunlevy and the Guiding Lions from each of the Region I – Zone 3 Clubs (Joan Fletcher ~ Santa Maria Valley; Bobby Doss ~ Santa Maria Sunrisers; Laura Selken ~ Santa Maria Noontimers), the Allan Hancock College Lions Club became officially chartered on February 11, 2014.

The members of the new club continue to work towards increasing the total number of students who will be named charter members. They manned a booth in early February during “Bow Wow Day,” held every semester to inform students of on-campus clubs and programs, and will had one on Diversity Day, March 27th.

The Charter dinner and ceremony will be held Friday, May 9, 2014 at Orcutt Lions Den, 126 S. Broadway, in Old Orcutt. Social hour will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 7 p.m., providing a great opportunity to meet and get to know these amazing students. The dinner and program will begin at 7:00 p.m. Please save the date and make every effort to share your Lion enthusiasm and pride with these brand new members! Additional information will be sent out in the coming weeks.



SAVE THE DATE

**Allan Hancock College
Lions Club
Charter Night**

Friday, May 9, 2014

**6 - 7 p.m. Social Hour
7 p.m. Dinner & Program**

**Orcutt Lions Den
126 S. Broadway, Old Orcutt**

**Join in the celebration
of the newest club charter in
California Lions District 4-A3!**

District Lion of the Year for 2013/2014

Directions for Completion of the District 4-A3 Lion of the Year Award for 2013-2014:

1. Complete the application form;
2. Send it to me, DG Lion Margaret Dunlevy, either by e-mail: dunlevy.margaret@gmail.com; Fax: 805-383-6227; or by mail: 1803 Scott Avenue, Ventura, CA 93004;
3. The form needs to be in my hands by April 15, 2014. I will e-mail you when I receive your application, if you provide an e-mail. If not, I will call you to let you know I have received your application.
4. Please note, any Lion in District 4-A3 may submit the name of a Lion also in a club in District 4-A3.

Thank you for your cooperation!



Lion of the Year for District 4-A3 Application Form



Name of Lion Candidate
for Lion of the Year: _____

Member of _____ Lions Club

Number of Years as a Lion: _____

Positions in Lions
Club Level: _____

District Level: _____

Five (5) Key Reasons this Lion should be the 2013-2014 Lion of the Year for
District 4-A3:

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

Lion submitting this application: _____

Club: _____ Date: _____

e-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Club Activities and Events



PASO ROBLES LIONS 75TH BIRTHDAY!

As luck would have it, Paso Robles Lions Diamond Jubilee – that’s 75 years – coincides with our fair community’s 125 Anniversary as a city! As you can imagine, there’s been a lot of celebration activity and it will continue all year long. We are blessed to have a very hard working core in our membership which has enabled us to achieve our membership growth goals and to expand our fund-raising efforts. We now are hosting an annual “Day of Thanks” breakfast meeting that brings together all of the charitable organizations in Paso to jointly give thanks for our members’ hard work and to hear how our community benefits from our combined efforts. It is simply time to work more together and this networking will go along ways towards building positive results.

We have added hearing assistance to our vision assistance programs and are getting more involved with Canine Companions as well.

We have been able to expand our community services in large part due to a very active LEO’s group that is constantly looking for more ways to be of service.

As we are getting more and more involved in community contact and dialogue, it has been wonderfully gratifying to hear the positive feedback and the thank you’s for what we do. This makes it all the more fun to help where we can and all the more important to continue to serve!

We are working hard to expand our Lions annual golf outing to a meaningful community activity that will be a major fundraiser and hopefully will grow to be a “must do” annual event for all of Paso. This year’s tourney will be on June 14th at the beautifully redesigned Paso Robles Golf Club. We invite all Lions to join us for what will be a great occasion. This is your opportunity to get your team together to represent your club and we hope to have enough Lions participation to have a Lions Challenge (special awards for a Lions Flight) that will also become part of the annual event and perhaps start a new tradition throughout the District! If you would like more information, please contact Lion Darwin Curry at 805-237-2269 or email at drcurry@charter.net.

It’s Great to Be a Lion!

Paso Robles Lions 75th Anniversary Golf Tournament

The Paso Robles Lions Club hope you will join them on JUNE 14th at the beautifully redone PASO ROBLES GOLF CLUB for our 75th Anniversary Golf Tournament. They plan on a shotgun start for 2 player teams in a best ball scramble. There will be thousands in prizes and awards and all proceeds will go towards our charitable activities right there in Paso Robles.

Player fees are just \$85/pp which includes green fees, cart, range balls and a great luncheon. If you sign up by May 1st, cost is \$75/pp.

Lions have been helping in Paso for 75 years and they want to do more. Your participation and donations will go a long ways to make that happen!

For more information, please contact Lion Darwin Curry at [805-237-2269](tel:805-237-2269) or drcurry@charter.net.

See you there!
Dan Meinecke



**Paso Robles
Lions Club**
Paso Robles, Ca.



**Paso Robles
Lions Club**
Paso Robles, Ca.

COME TEE IT UP FOR PASO!

BE A PLAYER / SPONSOR / PATRON

THOUSANDS IN PRIZES & CONTESTS -ALL PROCEEDS STAY IN PASO
HELPING w/ VISION & HEARING, SCHOLARSHIPS, YOUTH PROGRAMS &
MORE!

OUR TOURNEY THIS YEAR WILL BE ON **SATURDAY, JUNE 14TH**

AT BEAUTIFUL PASO ROBLES GOLF CLUB

NUMBER OF PLAYERS WILL BE LIMITED

FEES ARE \$85/pp & INCLUDE GREEN FEES, CART,

RANGE BALLS AND A GREAT LUNCHEON

REGISTER BY PLAYER or TEAM (TEAMS)

EARLYBIRD SPECIAL OF \$75/pp (PYMT BY MAY 1ST)

NAME(s) _____

CONTACT PH # or EMAIL _____

ALL PAYMENTS BY CASH OR CHECK TO PASO ROBLES LIONS CLUB

Give to any Paso Lion or Mail to Paso Lions Club, PO Box 815, Paso
Robles, CA 93447



Club Activities and Events

Morro Bay Lions Club Tunes & Noodles

On Sunday, February 16th Morro Bay Lions Club sponsored a fundraiser for the Morro Bay High School Music Boosters. The event held in the MB Vet's Hall and titled *Tunes & Noodles* featured the *Oly Mountain Boys* bluegrass band and a spaghetti dinner. The *Oly Mountain Boys* combined bluegrass picking and tight three-part harmony while performing a strong core of Bill Monroe and Stanley Brothers material some with a traditional bent and others drawing liberally from folk-rock and Americana. MB High School students performed between sets. Lions Club members prepared and served the food to over 200 attendees who complimented the food and stayed until the band stopped playing. Overall the project was a real success and enabled the Lions Club to help the MBHS Music Boosters support the music program in the local high school with a check for \$2000.



Full House at Morro Bay Vet's Hall
& Oly Mountain Boys in the Background



Project Coordinator Lion Chuck Stoll
and Lion Bill Schaefer
Presenting a check for \$2000 to
Music Boosters President, Debbie Clark
& Music Instructor, Tom Coxwell



Lion Walt Sandt Receives LCI Builders Key Award...

Lion Walt Sand is presented the LCI Builders Key Award by club President Dick Kane. The award was earned by recruiting more than two members who became Lions.



Club Activities and Events



Lion Ray McKelvey Receives Melvin Jones Fellow Award...

At the regular club meeting on February 13th Morro Bay Lions honored Club Secretary, Lion Ray McKelvey with a Melvin Jones Fellow Award. PDG Stan Sharpe made the presentation and commended Lion Ray for his contributions to the local club, his participation in District activities and his support of LCIF. Lion Ray was very pleased to receive the prestigious award and indicated that it symbolized what Lions are about... service to others.



Nipomo Lions Donate \$1,000 to National Alliance on Mental Illness of San Luis Obispo County (NAMI SLOCO)

On March 20, 2014, The Nipomo Lions donated \$1,000 to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of San Luis Obispo County. NAMI is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. NAMI of SLO County is dedicated to helping local people affected with mental illness, giving support to their families, and raising awareness in our communities and in our schools.



According to Dan Hall, Nipomo Lions Club Chairperson for NAMI; "we are thankful our club can help support organizations like NAMI and others who touch so many lives by being there for them. Lions are able to do this with the continuing outpouring of help from the community, by supporting fundraisers like our upcoming Charity Golf Tournament." All funds raised by the Nipomo Lions and other Lions clubs in our area go directly back into the local area, assisting needs ranging from hunger to eyesight to support for children in need as well as senior issues in an effort to improve quality of life throughout our communities here in SLO County.

For more information about NAMI you may go to their web site at: www.nami.org. Or to learn more about Lions, see www.nipomolions.org

Club Events and Activities

Nipomo Lions Club Host Their Third Annual Charity Golf Tournament

The Nipomo Lions Club hosted their third annual Charity Golf Tournament at the beautiful Monarch Dunes Resort at Trilogy April 5, 2014.

Last year nearly 100 golfers turned out to enjoy the Central Coast weather and play the championship Monarch Dunes Old Course. This year the Lions hope to have at least 125 players. The entry fee is \$110 for an individual or \$400 for a foursome. Fees included Golf and cart, buffet lunch, range balls, bag tags, and several awards. Chance to win a new car or pickup for hole-in-one on a par 3 plus a putting contest.

Tee sponsorships offered a great opportunity for local businesses to advertise and for individuals to help support local charity efforts. Sponsorships are \$100 per sign.

The tournament had a Scramble Format allowing golfers with all skill levels to participate. Golfers were allowed to bring their own foursome or be assigned to one. Registration will began at 7:30 AM with a shotgun start at 9:00 AM.

According to Bill Morrow, event chair, "our goal is to have a fun day...giving folks a chance to play a championship course and raise much needed funds to help folks in our community".



Pismo Beach Cities Lions Club

The Pismo Beach Cities Lions Club will again be presenting 5 scholarships to local students this Spring. We have a Scholarship Dinner Night planned for May 27th. The recipients and their families are invited so we may meet each other and learn of their plans for their further education. We thank the Zardeneta, Wyrick, and Rose families for their continued support of our scholarship program.

We are looking forward to the end of April when our beloved members Bob and Jan English will be back in our area for the next several months. Laughter is always present when they are in town. We had dual events on March 8th and had to split our bar tending crew. New member Katie Nieves had her first experience as bartender and with her great personality the "home team" received a higher percentage rate of tips and donations over the "traveling team" of our bar manager Kim Mistretta and VP Dave Dahmen. Kim, who has served as Secretary, Treasurer and past President will be marking his 20 year anniversary as a Lion this year; and Dave Dahmen marks his 10 year anniversary.

Our treasurer Jody Owen continues her work with her Daisy Troop 40023 in their successful cookie sales, as well as her being Leo Club Advisor and her work on our Facebook page. Sea Scouts Ship 419, led by Chris Hagerty, will be meeting at the club again as the weather gets colder.

Congratulations go out to our member Erik Howell on his appointment to the Coastal Commission, a well deserved honor.

Additional congratulations to our member Paul Press on his new position as Director of Student Services for Paso Robles Joint Unified School District. Special thanks to Larry Preston for his photos to update our scrap book and Face Book page. Our Leo Club President, Kendra, joined us for a meeting to update us on how our Leo Club is doing. We expect great things in the future from Kendra as she graduates this year from AGHS. We are thrilled to have new member Kim Dahmen join us. Kim recently took a class in cake decorating and we look forward to sampling the efforts of her new skills. Our President Clint Weirick, rolled up his sleeves at our impromptu clean up/repair day at the club and was aided by Joel Rose and his nephew Dusty Musgrave, the "muscle" of our group. Our lifetime member, John Cusano, loyally attends our meetings to help us with historical information about our club. Susan Mistretta is working on the marketing of our club house as a rental location, as well as all the other projects to keep the club running smoothly.

With the recent storm the Pismo Beach Cities Lions Club found we had a leak in our roof! We thank our VP Dave Dahmen for his work in assessing the leak and getting a contractor to fix the immediate problem. With the need for roofing repairs; and possibly a complete new roof, we will be increasing our fundraising activities. We are adding additional pancake breakfasts and considering BBQ events to maximum the fundraising opportunities of big events scheduled in Pismo Beach; as well as inquiring about grants to assist us in reaching our goal.

Connie Rose, Secretary
Pismo Cities Lions Club



CALENDAR FOR PISMO BEACH CITIES LIONS CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, April 19, 2014 – Easter Weekend- Pismo Beach Lions Clubhouse

Saturday: May 10, 2014 @ Oceano Airport

Saturday: May 24, 2014 – Pismo Beach Lions Clubhouse

Saturday, June 21 & Sunday June 22nd- Pismo Beach Cities Lions Club

Friday, July 4th & Saturday, July 5th- Pismo Beach Cities Lions Club

Saturday, August 16th- Pismo Beach Cities Lions Clubhouse

Saturday, August 30-Labor Day Weekend –Pismo Beach Cities Lions Clubhouse

Saturday, October 18th- Pismo Beach Cities Lions Club

Saturday, November 8th- Final Pancake Breakfast of the year!

CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Pismo Beach Cities Lions Clubhouse

Breakfast starts at 7:00am and ends @ 11:00am

Price- \$5.00 adults- \$3.00 kids

Pismo Beach Cities Lions Club is located at:

202 Addie St.

Pismo Beach, CA. 93449

773-1332



Santa Maria Noontimers Lions

51st Charter Dinner

Join Our Celebration

IHOP, 202 Nicholson Ave., Santa Maria

Wednesday, April 9, 2014

Social 6:00 p.m.

Dinner 7:00 p.m.

(choose from restaurant menu)



RSVP by Monday, April 7, 2014

Jill Caldwell 928-8477

email caldwell4@netzero.com

Club Activities and Events

**Santa Maria Sunrisers Lions
Invite Everyone to their**

Taco Sale

**Saturday, April 12, 2014
Santa Maria High School
(Corner of S. Broadway & El Camino Colegio)**

**11:00 am to 1:00 p.m.
\$5.00 per plate
(includes four (4) Carne Asada
Tacos & Beverage)**



Fundraiser to Benefit
The CalSafe Program
At Santa Maria High

For additional information contact:
Don Bock at 895-3724
Jose Nichols at 720-8507

*Orcutt
Lions Club*

Angels
Foster Care of
Santa Barbara

Lion Lydia Magdaleno of the Orcutt Lions Club invites everyone to help support the Angels Foster Care Network. Angels Foster Care finds placement for infants from 0-3 who need to be removed from unsafe situations. It is a highly recommended event to attend.

For additional information, please contact Lion Lydia Maldonado at 805-264-1838 or Lion Sheri Hughes at 805-934-1246.

As Lion Lydia says "It's All About the Babies!"

Angels
Foster Care of
Santa Barbara



**4th ANNUAL
BBQ & AUCTION BENEFIT**
For
ANGELS FOSTER CARE of S.B.C.
Saturday, April 26, 2014
Orcutt Lions Club
126 S. Broadway (Old Orcutt)



No Host Bar — 4:30 PM
Dinner — 5:30 PM
Live Auction — 7:00 PM

Chicken BBQ \$10.00

Silent Auction / 50/50 Raffle

**All proceeds to benefit
ANGELS FOSTER CARE OF SANTA BARBARA**
A non-profit organization

**Seating is limited - call ahead for tickets
or to donate an auction item contact:**

Lion Lydia Magdaleno (805) 264-1838
Or
Lion Sheri Hughes (805) 934-1246

Club Activities and Events

Christmas Eve in Lompoc Vandenberg Village Lions Club

On Christmas Eve the Lompoc Record/Santa Maria Times ran a picture of a pretty young girl aged 16 from Cabrillo High School – Lorena Ceja. We learned from the article that Lorena Ceja was in danger of going blind without surgical procedures to treat the effects of a disease called keratoconus. The condition affects the structure of the cornea. She had already begun to have episodes where her vision went to black.

Without insurance and ability to pay the almost \$5000 per eye which would eventually need to be done, the family and school counselors began to brainstorm how to help Lorena get the medical care she needed. One of the ideas was to let the community know of the situation and ask for assistance.

The counselors contacted the Vandenberg Village Lions Club (VVLC) first as the Lions worldwide are known for helping conserve sight due to the plea of Helen Keller at the International Lions Convention in 1925 for the Lions to take on the *challenge* of becoming the Knights for the Blind.

The VVLC Board was meeting the next night and there wasn't much time as the newspaper article was going to press in a few days. On a large leap of faith and with the wish for more concrete information at hand, the Board voted to offer a challenge donation of up to \$2500 (dollar for dollar) for donations from the community.



Pictured: Left to Right are Lorena Ceja; Becky Matter , Club President; Ron Cockrell, Donor & PDG Bill Cady



The appeal and photo of Lorena was published on Christmas Eve. It was a very exciting day and a bit overwhelming. Lion Lorraine Waldau listed herself as a contact for VVLC, and the phone began to ring as she and Lion Wally were driving south to be with the family over the holidays. Within four hours the Rivers of Living Waters through Ron Cockrell had deposited enough to cover the cost of surgery on one eye. We contacted the counselor and she contacted the family to wish them a Merry Christmas with the news they could set up surgery on the one eye that was in need of surgery soon.

The phone kept ringing as the Rotary Clubs of Santa Maria donated funds and contacted other Rotary Clubs to help. Other organizations, individuals, families began to respond. The generosity of the community far surpassed anyone's expectations.

There were some different opinions of what should be done that were expressed by some eye care professionals upon reading the newspaper article and the Ceja family sought a couple of second opinions. Two months later, the decision was made for Lorena to have the first surgical eye procedure done on Feb. 28 at the Cornea Institute by Dr. Ronald Gaster in LA. She is doing well.

Lion Jose Nichols, Santa Maria Sunrisers Lions Club, has assisted us when we met with the family and translated so Lorena does not have to do so for her parents. Lion Jose, Ron Cockrell and his wife, and the Ceja family including Lorena's two younger brothers attended our VVLC Night Meeting of March 13th. It was so nice for them and the club to meet each other. Lorena gave an update and thanked everyone for helping her and her family. We look forward to hearing about Lorena's treatments and wish her healing and hope her sight is restored to full vision.

Many miracles have happened on Christmas Eve, but we witnessed one here in Lompoc last Christmas Eve.

SAVE THE DATE

The Vandenberg Village Lions Club

Cordially invites you to

SAVE THE DATE

For their 2014-2015

Installation of Officers

to be held

Friday, June 6, 2014 at 6:00pm

at the Village Country Club

Cost: \$25

Installing Officer PDG Chuck Cassy

Should be loads of laughs and fun

Information on RSVP'ing, etc. will be forthcoming

Questions? Email Lion Ann McCarty at amccarty64@gmail.com



Club Activities and Events

A Note of Appreciation

DG Margaret would like to acknowledge and thank Lion Leo Bopp and Zone 5 Chair Chase Gregory, Goleta Lions Club, who transported from Santa Barbara to Ontario, assembled, dismantled, and returned the flags to the MD-4 Lions Office in Santa Barbara. Lots of work! The flags looked great and added to the convention.



Goleta Lion, Leo Bopp with Flags



Goleta Lion, Chase Gregory, Zone 5 Chair



Happy Anniversary

Camarillo Amber's Light Lions celebrated their third anniversary of service and friendship with a charter brunch at the home of Lion Ginger and Lion Bill Schulze on March 11th. Guests included members of the PV/Somis Lions, Ventura Downtown Lions, and District Governer Margaret Dunlevy and PDG Bill Dunlevy.



Club Activities and Events

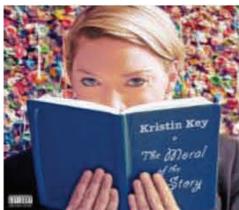
The Camarillo Amber's Light is hosting its annual Comedy Night. The event will be held at the Ventura Harbor Comedy Club on Saturday, April 12th at 7:00 P.M. Tickets are \$20 each. All Lions and their guests are welcome to come laugh with us.



Camarillo Amber's Light Lions Club **Annual Funny Fundraiser**

Saturday, April 12 ~ 7:00 PM (Seating at 6:15PM)
Ventura Harbor Comedy Club, 1559 Spinnaker Drive, Suite 205
21 and Over

FEATURING:



Kristin Key has appeared on *Last Comic Standing*, *Comics Unleashed* as well as many major networks including VH-1, Bravo, TV Guide Channel, and Fox Reality. Her comedy is carried on *KM* and *Sirius satellite radio*, and as a regular on *The Bob & Tom Show*. She favors a self-deprecating, physical, and improvisational style of comedy and incorporates the guitar to create original musical comedy.

Kristin Key grew up a minister's daughter in a small town in West Texas. Much like *Footloose*, she was raised in a no-drinking, no-dancing, no instrumental music environment. She seemed like any other well-behaved girl... until she opened her mouth. It was obvious from the beginning that she had a quick wit and undeniable sense of humor. Audiences can't help but love the rapid-fire style of comedy coming from the "Preacher's Kid".

Paul Morrissey was raised as a sports fanatic in the tiny town of Owego, in upstate New York. After four years of playing college basketball, somehow he graduated. Aside from playing in the NBA, his dream job was to talk about sports for a living. Paul then moved to California after landing a television sports anchor job but found out quickly that he was "too much of a smart-ass" for TV news. After he was fired, Paul took his unique sense of humor to comedy club stages all over the country. Morrissey's big break came in June 2006, when he made his network television debut on "The Late, Late Show with Craig Ferguson" on CBS. The recent TV exposure has put Paul in high demand as a headliner at clubs and colleges across the US and Canada. He also performs frequently at The Comedy & Magic Club in Hermosa Beach, Laugh Factory, The Hollywood Improv, and Comedy Death Ray at the UCB Theater in Los Angeles.



Tickets \$20 each

For tickets contact: Lion Ellen Jochums, (805)340-5306,
(nellesmuhcoj@gmail.com) or any Camarillo Amber's Light Lion

Pleasant Valley Lions Club Golf Tournament



PLAY

VICTORIA LAKES GOLF COURSE AT RIVER RIDGE !!

HAVE A GREAT DINNER !!

WIN PRIZES !!

GET A FREE SECOND ROUND !!

HELP LOCAL CHARITIES !!

AND

GET A TAX DEDUCTION !!

FRIDAY, MAY 9TH

Tee Off at 12:30

\$125 PER PLAYER

TEE SPONSORS \$100

Dinner only—\$25

Mail player information and checks made payable to:

The Camarillo-Somis Lions

Non-Profit Foundation

(We are a 501c3 foundation—EIN 38-3882221)

Mail to:

Pleasant Valley Lions Club

P.O. Box 157

Camarillo, CA 93011

2014/2015 District Shirt Order



Lions 4-A3 District Shirt Now Available

Complete and return to:

Joe Hohenwarter
333 North Lantana Street, Suite 267
Camarillo, CA 93010

Questions?
Call Joe Hohenwarter
383-7156

Name _____

Club _____

Please circle either Men's or Women's style in your size

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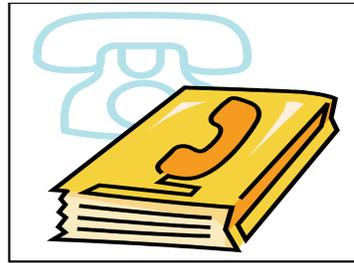
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Office Use Only

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CHECK # _____

*****Make checks out to Joe Hohenwarter*****

2014/2015 District Directory Advertising Rates



The International Association of Lions Clubs
District 4-A3

District Directory Advertising Rates 2014-2015

1. Business Card \$30.00
2. Half Page \$55.00
3. Full Page \$100.00
4. Full Page color \$125.00
(~~outside back, inside back, inside front~~)

BIG SALE

All ads must be placed with payment **by JUNE 1, 2014.**

Contact Person: _____

Name of Business/or Club: _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail: _____

Ad Size: _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

The Directory will be in circulation in all the counties in California.

Please email this form with your ad as a high resolution jpg file (300K or better) to: PDG Tony Manuel at tonymanuel@verizon.net

Or, mail this form, your clear, sharp ad copy attached, and check payable to "District 4-A3" to:

Directory Coordinator PDG Tony Manuel
1468 Ivory Dr., Santa Maria, CA 93455

Any questions? Please call: Lion Tony Manuel, 805-878-3443
Lion Terry Orton, 805-441-0167

Food Faire Contest



Saturday, May 3, 2013

Santa Maria

11:30 -1:00 pm

Theme: Growing Lions in Paradise

Club Name: _____

Food/Beverage Item(s): _____

Contact Person: _____

Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Judging will be for Best Food, Best Theme, and Best Food Presentation

Cash prizes will be awarded!

If you would like to participate: Please mail or email this entry form to:
IPDG Tony Manuel, 1468 Ivory Dr, Santa Maria, CA, 93455-4091;
Email: tonymanuel@verizon.net. For more info call 805-878-3443

Deadline to sign up for the Food Faire is April 25, 2014!!

Set up will be in the parking lot across from the Radisson Hotel. Please bring your own shade covering. Electricity **may be** provided. Tables and chairs will be provided by the hotel.

TABLE DECORATION CONTEST



Official Entry Form



Convention, May 2-4, 2014, in Santa Maria, California.

The contest will be judged Saturday, May 3rd about 7:00 PM, during the Saturday Night Theme Dinner. Entries can be placed on the tables after about 5:30 on Saturday evening, before the Social Hour. Entries will be displayed on Saturday and Sunday morning, and will be returned to the submitting club on Sunday after convention ends. Entries must be registered at the Convention Registration Table by 4:00 PM, May 2nd.

This year our Theme is... “Growing Lions in Paradise”

Description of Entry: _____

Entry Name: _____

Club Name: _____

Contact person: _____

Phone #: _____



What a great opportunity to end the year with a great centerpiece showing DG Margaret's theme of “Growing Lions in Paradise”. Decorations must be suitable for round banquet tables and should not be too high to obstruct the view of people sitting at the tables. This can be very fun...Bring your enthusiasm, creativity, designs, and your Martha Stewart attitude. Three place winners, oh boy!

If you would like to participate: Please mail or email this entry form to:
IPDG Tony Manuel, 1468 Ivory Dr, Santa Maria, CA, 93455-4091;
Email: tonymanuel@verizon.net. For more info call 805-878-3443

All entry forms must be post marked or E-mailed no later than April 25th, 2014.

Western Costume Contest

Official Entry Form

Convention, May 2, 2014, in Santa Maria, California.

FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE CONVENTION

Come dressed in your best Western Outfit! Be a cowboy, bar maid, bartender or

There will be prizes awarded for

Best Costume Most Original Outfit Best Dressed Couple

Best Dressed Group Most Colorful

You may participate as a group, couple, or individual. There will be a costume parade for everyone who is dressed Western. The contest will start after dinner.

Classification (see above): _____

Entry Name: _____

Club Name: _____

Contact person: _____

Phone #: _____

If you would like to participate: Please mail or email this entry form to:

IPDG Tony Manuel, 1468 Ivory Dr, Santa Maria, CA, 93455-4091;

Email: tonymanuel@verizon.net. For more info call 805-878-3443

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE CONVENTION

Come dressed in your best Hawaiian Outfit! There will be prizes awarded for

Best Dressed Couple Most Colorful Clothes

Judging will be held secretly, and winner will be announced after dinner.

2014 District 4-A3 Convention Itinerary

FRIDAY, May 2

10:00—4:00	Registration & Certification	Discovery
10:00—4:00	Scrapbook Viewing	Atlantis
12:00	Lunch/Raffle	Enterprise B/C
1:00	Fourth Cabinet Meeting Welcome & Introductions Other Reports	Enterprise A
2:00	First Convention Session	Enterprise A
4:30	Hospitality	Monarch Suite
6:00	No Host Cocktails	Ballroom
7:00	Theme Dinner Western Dress	Ballroom
8:00—9:30	Entertainment:	Ballroom
9:00	Raffle	



Saturday, May 3

7:30	Continental Breakfast with: International Director Cynthia Gregg	Enterprise B/C
8:00-4:00	Registration & Certification	Discovery
8:00-4:00	Scrapbook Viewing	Atlantis
9:00	Second Convention Session	Enterprise A
10:00-11:30	Student Speaker District Contest	Enterprise A
9:30-4:00	Leo Symposium Challenger	
11:30-1:00	Food Fair	Parking Lot
1:00-3:00	Training	
1:00	Presidents-PDG Chuck Cassy Secretaries-PDG Tony Manuel GLT-Angel Robinson Leo Advisor Roundtable Braille Institute	Columbia A Columbia B Monarch Atlantis Enterprise A

2:00	Treasurers-PDG Howard Hudson Columbia A GMT-Lion Mark Westfall Lions Member Re-Orientation Zone 4 Chair Rob Glasgow	Columbia A Columbia B Enterprise A
3:00	Third Convention Session	Enterprise A
3:30	Convention Sites Presentation Nominations & Electioneering	Enterprise A
4:30	Hospitality	Monarch Suite
6:00	No Host Cocktails	Ballroom
6:30	Theme Dinner Hawaiian Dress	Ballroom
6:30	March of Dignitaries	
7:00	Dinner Keynote Address: ID Cynthia Gregg Raffle Music and Dancing	



Sunday, May 4

7:00 - 9:00	Registration	Discovery
7:00- 8:45	Certification	Discovery
7:00- 9:00	Voting	Atlantis
8:00— 8:45	Memorial Service Chaplain Lion Howard Hudson	Enterprise A
9:00	Fourth Convention Session Ballot Results	Enterprise B/C
	Introduction of 2014-2015 1st Vice District Governor Elect District Governor Elect	
10:30	Brunch/Bufferet Raffle Grand Prize Raffle	Enterprise B/C
11:00	Benediction	
11:00	Special Advisory Council Session	TBD

Sunday Champagne Brunch

10:00am-2:00pm

Classic Breakfast

All of your traditional Favorites Fresh and Fluffy Scrambled Eggs, Chorizo, Bacon, Sausage and Huevos Rancheros.

Omelet Station

Cooked to order includes a wide variety of Fresh ingredients prepared right in front of you.

From the Sea

All you can eat Crab Legs, Peel and eat Shrimp, Mussels, and Oyster on the Half Shell and Smoked Salmon with Capers.

Light Fares

Mixed Green Salads, Assorted Salads, Imported and Domestic Cheeses
Fresh Fruit Presentation

Slow Cooked and Hand Carved

Prime Rib or Tri -Tip and Glazed Ham.

Waffle Station

Freshly made Waffles hot off the Iron.
Includes all your Favorite Sweet Toppings, Chocolate Chips, Whip Cream, Strawberries and Coconut Flakes.

Hot Selections

Always changing from Sunday to Sunday.

Bottomless Champagne, Mimosas Coffee and Assorted Fresh Juices

Radisson

3455 Skyway Dr Santa Maria CA 93455



2014 District 4-A3 Convention Registration



2014 District 4-A3 Convention Registration Radisson Hotel, Santa Maria, CA May 2 through May 4, 2014



(Please Print Clearly)

Lion ___ Leo ___ Guest ___ PDG ___ **New Member?** ___ Name _____
 Club _____ Current Office Held _____
 Address _____
 Phone Number _____ Email _____

All participants and attendees must be registered to attend any Convention functions.

Registration Package or Costs

	Package 1	Package 2	Package 3	Individual Meals	
	3/22/14	3/22/14	3/22/14	3/22/14	After 3/22/14
Postmarked by	3/22/14	3/22/14	3/22/14		
Lions Members	\$150	\$125	\$90		
Non-Lion Guests	\$145	\$120	\$85		
Leos, Campus Lions	\$140	\$115	\$80		
Registration Fee Includes pin	Incl.	Incl.	Incl.		
Lions Members				\$20	\$25
Non-Lion Guests				\$15	\$20
Leos and Campus Lions				\$ 5	\$ 5
Convention Pin	Incl.	Incl.	Incl.	\$3	\$3
Friday Lunch (Circle your choice)	Incl.	Not Incl.	Not Incl.	\$26	\$28
Cobb Salad					
Vegetarian Sandwich					
Charbroiled Chicken Sandwich					
Friday Dinner	Incl.	Incl.	Not Incl.	\$43	\$48
Western BBQ Buffet					
Saturday Breakfast with Int'l Director Gregg	Incl.	Incl.	Incl.	\$11	\$13
Saturday Food Faire	Incl.	Incl.	Incl.	Incl. w. paid registration	Incl. w. paid registration
Saturday Dinner (Circle your choice)	Incl.	Incl.	Incl.	\$43	\$48
Filet Mignon					
Mahi Mahi					
Sunday Champagne Brunch (see flyer for detail information)	Incl.	Incl.	Incl.	\$30	\$35
Total Check Included					

Contact Lion Arnold Kalvans for special dietary needs.

NOTICE: Meal pre-registrations must be postmarked NO LATER THAN April 22, 2014.
 Make checks payable to "Lions District 4-A3 Convention" and mail with this registration form to:
 Lion Arnold Kalvans, San Miguel Lions Club, P O Box 64, San Miguel, CA 93451-0024.
 Questions? Call Lion Arnold Kalvans, 805-610-1619, email: lionakalvans@gmail.com

For room reservations, call Radisson Hotel, 3455 Skyway Drive, Santa Maria, CA, 805-928-8000
Mention "Lions 4A3 District Convention" for special rates of \$119.00 plus tax. Rooms are blocked for Lions Club Members until April 3, 2014. After April 3rd rooms will be based on availability only. You can also register online at <http://www.clubcarlson.com/>. Use code LIO4A3.

District Newsletters



2013/2014 District 4-A3 Newsletter Editor
Lion Juanita Nichols
Santa Maria Sunrisers

Comments and/or suggestions are always welcome.
Contact information:
E-mail : jjnichols55@gmail.com
Home Number: (805) 349-8910

Check out the
Lions District 4-A3 Website
at www.lions4a3.org

Note of Appreciation from Newsletter Editor

It is with much appreciation, I say thank you to each and everyone and especially District Governor Margaret for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your Newsletter Editor. I've thoroughly enjoyed receiving and sharing your many club projects and activities with everyone in our District as well as giving me the opportunity to learn more about our clubs.

It has been a pleasure working with all of you!

Lion Juanita Nichols

**All District Convention Forms
are also available on the
Lions District 4-A3 Website**

