

DISTRICT 4A3

JANUARY 2013

THIRD DISTRICT MEETING LOOMS NEAR

Our third District Meeting will be held in lovely Camarillo on February 22 & 23rd. Be sure to get your registrations in early for this great event hosted by the **Big Red One**.

Hotel accommodations are at the Courtyard by Marriott. Friday night proves to be a great time with a Lions Mixer featuring a no host bar, appetizers and entertainment.

Saturday will be filled with lots of training, information sessions and our general meeting. A continental breakfast will be hosted by the Simi Valley Lions. Lunch will be provided by our host club, Camarillo-Somis-Pleasant Valley. The "Bid Red" will be preparing their tasty hamburgers on the Bar-B-Que. Sign up now for a wonderful lunch!

The registration form is found later in this newsletter, or can also be found on our District webpage, www.lions4a3.org.

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Joke corner: Ever notice that you have to get old before anybody will say you look young?

Sign in secondhand store: "We buy old junk. We sell antiques."

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR TONY SAYS....

Club Presidents and Treasurers, be sure to complete your **FTB, State, IRS filings**. FTB and State filings are now also required annually. Filing is done online, doesn't take long, and could prevent hassles and troubles later on. Our district has no clubs in suspended status as of right now, which is really great.

IRS: <http://www.irs.gov/uac/e-file-for-Charities-and-Non-Profits>

e-Postcard (Form 990-N) - Electronic Filing Requirement for Small Tax-Exempt Organizations - Annual Electronic Notice: *Small tax-exempt organizations (those normally with annual gross receipts up to \$25,000 (\$50,000 for tax years ending on or after December 31, 2010) may be required to file an annual electronic notice, Form 990-N, Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for Tax-Exempt Organizations not Required To File Form 990 or 990-EZ. This filing requirement applies to tax periods beginning after December 31, 2006, and may apply to organizations that previously were not required to file returns.*

CA Secretary of State: <https://businessfilings.sos.ca.gov/>

Be sure to go to our LCI Website and look at the activities reported by all the clubs in our district. According to our district reports we have only collected 2500 pairs of glasses and 24 hearing aids. There are a lot of clubs forgetting to report their collection activities! Also, clubs are not reporting their LCIF donations on their monthly activities report. Secretaries, please do look at this specific report, and be sure to report your club's collection and donation activities. If you have not done any reports yet, please do complete the LCI Activities Report – it's easy and very important. It's what makes us the best service organization in the world!

LCIF

Region Chair John Knittle, who is also our LCI Foundation Chairperson, reports that as of December 10th our Lion members and Clubs have donated over \$15,000 to LCIF. That is really fantastic, and I want to thank all those generous Lions and Clubs, and congratulate all those individuals honored with Melvin Jones Fellowships.

LCIF, as of November 9th, had mobilized \$220,000 for Superstorm Sandy relief efforts. MD4 is asking our members to donate now to LCIF's disaster relief fund, just as we did for the Japan disaster. MD4 was the largest donor in the world to LCIF. Over the last 10 years, LCIF has provided over \$100 million for disaster relief.

We also met the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundations Challenge grant to raise \$10 million for the fight against measles. Through this major accomplishment, we helped vaccinate 157 million children again measles in 2012. I am very

proud to belong to this organization because we act not only locally, but worldwide. Thank you, Lions, for supporting our wonderful organization.

Congratulations goes (again) to Lion President Greg Steinmetz of the Camarillo-Somis-Pleasant Valley Lions Club. They have officially chartered another Leo Club at the Frontier High School. The Installation Dinner will be held Tuesday, January 22nd, 2013 at the Freedom Center in Camarillo. Kudos and Thanks to President Greg and his hard working advisors and club. Keep up the good work Lions!

Last, but very important, is membership. I deeply thank all the members and clubs who have brought in new members this year, and especially thank the clubs with a net gain in membership. Regretfully, we had to close down the Santa Ynez Lions Club in December, so we now only have 36 clubs. As of December 31st, our district is down net 38 members which brings us to a new low district membership total of 1234. Lions, we *must* find new members to bolster our low numbers. We are getting older and must find replacements to take our places in the clubs. Yes, I know some of you like the idea of a small club, but many hands will make easier and more profitable projects and more meaningful services to our communities.

Jane and I wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year. We hope you get to enjoy a lot of fun time with your loved ones. We thank you for all the hard work you do for Lions. We're looking forward to seeing you at MD4 Convention and at the February District Meeting in Pleasant Valley.

DG Tony Manuel
Lion Lady Jane Soria



2nd VDG CANDIDATE ANNOUNCED

District Governor Tony is pleased to announce that Region O Chair Richard Davis has formally announced his candidacy for 2nd Vice Governor 2013-2014. He has met all qualifications for the position, and has the unanimous support of his club, the Ventura Downtown Lions Club. Lion Richard stated he enjoyed speaking with all the Lions he met this year during his club visitations and is looking forward to working for the district members and clubs, and that he hopes he will be voted into office at our District Convention in May.



VDG MARGARET SAYS....



District 4-A3 needs your help! We need to promote bringing friends, family, neighbors, business people, etc., into our Lions family. We want to keep District 4-A3 a viable, invigorated, productive district! Please help by not keeping Lions Clubs a secret. The great works that each of you do, that your clubs do, that our District does, that MD-4 does, and that Lions Clubs International does help many people throughout the world. So, be sure to wear your pin, club shirt, and/or vest proudly.

It is amazing how fast time flies when we are engaged in Lions visits and activities. MD-4 Student Speakers contests will begin at the club level shortly. As with every topic, I am excited to hear what the students have come up with in the way of research and to see how they use that information to create a meaningful presentation. I wish you all the best for having great club contests and hope that you will support your students as they advance to the zone level, and beyond. Templeton, Santa Margarita, and El Rio have seen their club winners go up to the state level. In each case, these Lions followed their club winner all the way to the final level. It is truly amazing to see how the students progress and mature as the winner move up the levels. Zone and Region Chairs, please be sure that District Student Speakers Contest Chair Lion Sheri Hughes has the dates of your contests. Also, please send them on to our Webmaster Lion Toby Scott.

Please mark your calendar for the 3rd District meeting, February 22-23, 2013. We will be meeting in Camarillo with the Big Red One, Camarillo-Somis-Pleasant Valley Lions as the hosts. Please be sure to sign up as soon as possible. Also, remember to plan on joining your fellow District 4-A3 Lions at the District Convention in Santa Maria, for May 3-5, 2013.

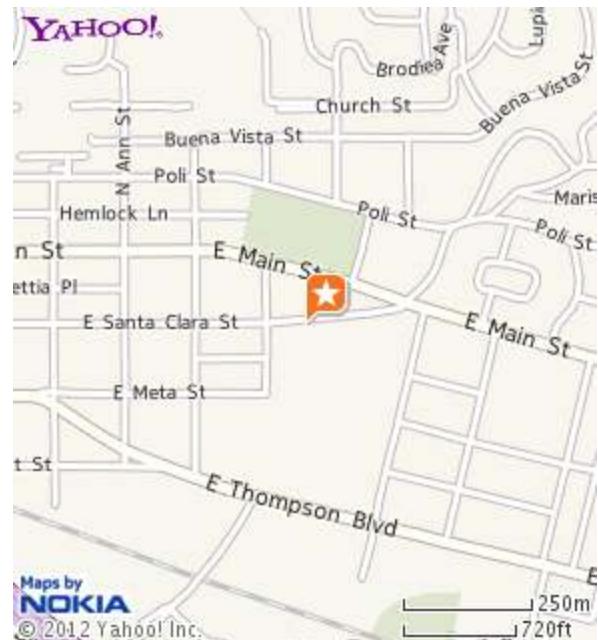
VDG Margaret

REGION O MEETING SLATED

FOR JANUARY 26TH, 2013

Welcome to another Great Lion Year from Region O, May the New Year find you and your loved ones in the best of health and spirits. As a reminder, we will be having our next Joint Region O and Zone meeting on Jan 26th starting at 9:00 AM going to about 11:30 AM at the First Methodist Church on 1338 E Santa Clara St, Ventura, CA, (805) 653-5304. We, of course, invite all those who have an interest outside of Region O to come and join in the fellowship and sharing of ideas. For those clubs in Region O, please mark on your calendar to attend. We would like to see the Presidents and any of their officers as well as any interested general members. The first part of the program will be a short report by each club on their membership goals reached to date and what is in the works for the next six months. Refreshments will be provided.

In Service
Region O Chair
Richard Davis
(805) 861-6348



A NOTE FROM 2ND VDG JOE



Best wishes for a prosperous year for all Lions and family members for 2013!

Would the District benefit if we developed a list, including calendar information, of all current and future club fundraisers and service projects? The list could be published on the District website.

This might be helpful as a way to minimize schedule conflicts, share ideas, and enable Lions to participate in other clubs' activities! Of course, dates of events change from year to year, some events are added and some are dropped, but we could update the list as we go! As of this date, I am not sure whether we have anything that might alert our membership about activities throughout the district. I ask the club presidents to work with me on this project. Please provide a list of your club activities, perhaps by the February District meeting so that we can work to improve our communications.

During December 2012, I completed my visits to every club in the district. I'm asking myself: Why did I wait so long, after 19+ years as a Lion, to make these visitations? The experience was enjoyable. All Lions are great and I had the wonderful opportunity to meet many!

I am wondering whether the chairs of the annual District committees are preparing reports of their committee activities. The entire district would benefit to hear the developments and thoughts of these valuable committees! If any chair would like a sounding board or any other assistance, please do not hesitate to call me at 383-7156.

Finally, I am finding the position of 2d VDG to be enjoyable. I was initially concerned about the time commitment considering that I remain entrenched in the workforce! I discovered however, that, more or less, the requirements seem no greater than those of a club president. Of course, it helps to be serving under a great DG. Yes, I do not hesitate to admit my great luck to be serving with an outstanding and inspirational District Governor, Lion Tony Manuel.

For 2013, I'd like to collect calendar information about every club's fundraisers and service projects.

2nd VDG Joe Hohenwarter

Peace Posters

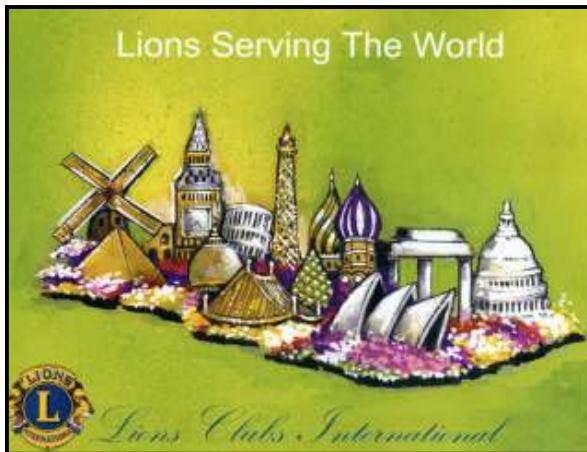
It is a good feeling to know several clubs in District 4A3 participated in the Peace Poster Contest. I sincerely thank the Santa Maria Noontimers, Fillmore, Pleasant Valley, Ambers Light Lions, Saticoy, and Ventura Downtown Lions Clubs for participating this year. I can just imagine the enthusiasm in the classrooms as the kids compete for the best poster, and hopefully the teachers are excited also. Congratulations to Ventura Downtown for submitting the winning District poster. Regrettfully, we did not win at the MD4 level. A submission from 4-L1 was the MD4 winner which will be submitted to LCI for final judging at the international level.

Perhaps next year we can have more entries into the contest, and have a better chance of winning at the MD4 level. I wish all of you continued success in your Lions efforts.



Another big Thank You goes to the Santa Maria Noontimers Lions Club for submitting a Peace Essay for the International Essay Contest. Not only did the essay win the district contest, but it also won the MD4 level contest. Congratulations to the Noontimers and to Clarissa, age 13, for writing it.

A well deserved Congratulations to Clarissa and the Santa Maria Noontimers Lions for working with the special needs sight impaired students to participate in this international contest. Kudos goes to Chairperson Lion Laura Selken for her work with the schools and the children involved.



Your DG and Lady Jane actually working (!) on the float flower petals.

OUT AND ABOUT IN DISTRICT 4-A3



Diane Mairorana, left, of Senior Volunteer Services accepts a symbolic check for \$2,400 from Bob McGill, chairman of the Nipomo Lions Club Project Lifesaver program.

Nipomo Lions Club recently donated \$2,400 to Project Lifesaver of San Obispo County, a partnership of the Sheriff's Department, the club and Senior Volunteer Services.

The mission of Project Lifesaver is to reduce the chance of serious injury to adults and children who wander due to Alzheimer's disease, autism, Down syndrome, dementia and other cognitive conditions, potentially saving their lives.

Clients who are enrolled in the program wear a personalized wristband that emits a tracking signal, a Lions Club spokesman explained.

When caregivers notify an agency the person is missing, a search and rescue team responds to the area and uses the mobile locator system to track down the missing person.

Search times have been reduced from hours and days to minutes, the spokesman said. The average recovery time for people wearing the wristband is less than 30 minutes.

"It is heartbreaking to read of a person wandering off and not found for days when this small device could cut that time to minutes," said Bob McGill, Project Lifesaver chairman for the Nipomo Lions.

"My mother had Alzheimer's, which is one of the reasons this project is so near and dear to me," he said.

For more information about the program, contact Project Lifesaver at 548-0909 or toll-free at 877-548-0909.

(as reported in the *Santa Maria Times*, January 6, 2013).

Blacklake Village Food Drive A Thundering success

Thanks to the generosity of our Blacklake and Vista Roble neighbors our 3rd annual Food Drive was a thundering success. We picked up and delivered over 2,500 lbs of food and \$350 to the Nipomo Food Basket. The folks at the Food Basket were so grateful..they can now feed even more families in need.

We also very much appreciate your ongoing support of our fundraiser events throughout the year. Thanks to the Support of the Blacklake and other Mesa folks ... we are able to donate over \$20,000 this year to people in need and other charitable organizations like the Food Basket.



Lions President Lynn McGill presents checks and cash donated by Blacklake folks

Lions admire the trailer full of food donated by our Blacklake



ORCUTT LION RECEIVES MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP

Orcutt Lion Sheri Hughes, Secretary and District Student Speaker chair, was surprised and honored by her club recently. At a meeting of the Orcutt Lions Club, Lion Sheri was surprised with a package presented to her by D.G. Tony. Upon opening the package, Sheri was surprised to find a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award.



CONGRATULATIONS AND MUCH DESERVED, LION SHERI!!

We would like to thank everyone who joined us for this very special event, including DG Tony, VDG Margaret & PCC Bill, VVL Lions Ann & Becky , SM Valley Lions Sharon & Carol.



Lion Sheri is surprised to find out this **was not** a birthday celebration... and this is overcome with emotion when she realizes what she has just opened!



Lion Sheri with DG Tony and her MJF Award!!



Lion Sheri, Lion Ann and DG Tony share the excitement



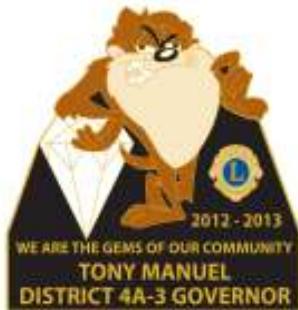
The trouble with filling out an income tax form is that it often involves more brains to make out the return than it does to make the income!!

The trouble with making intelligent suggestions is that you're apt to be appointed to carry them out! (Look out).

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We Know "DG Taz Tony" will do an outstanding job this year for our district.

Your "Minions" will help wherever they can!!
aka Santa Maria Valley Lions



Morro Bay Lions Club
Morro Bay, California

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Contact: Lisa Winn, Publications
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December 18, 2012

**Morro Bay Lions Club has its Annual Christmas Dinner Where
Biz Kidwell was honored with the Melvin Jones Fellow Award**

On December 13, 2012 the Morro Bay Lions Club hosted its Annual Christmas Dinner at the Embarcadero Grill where 36 members and their guests who attended were asked to bring an unwrapped toy for local children in need this holiday season.

That night Biz Kidwell was honored with the Melvin Jones Fellow Award, in recognition of continuing outstanding service over the years. Biz was presented with a beautiful plaque by Dick Kane, Immediate Past District Governor.

To receive this honor, the club must select the individual person based on their excellence as a Lion and dedication to not only their local club but as a humanitarian. The Lions Club sends one thousand dollars to the Lions Clubs International Foundation for the humanitarian outreach program of Lions International.

Buz joined the Morro Bay Lions in December 1958, where he was the president of the Club in 1962-1963. In 1964-1965 Buz became District Governor of our District 4-A3. Buz was also served as County Supervisor.

Buz is the 11th recipient of a Melvin Fellow Award given by the Morro Bay Lions Club.





Lions Clubs work together to donate CCTV to sight impaired young lady.

Lion President Greg Steinmetz of Camarillo-Somis-Pleasant Valley Lions and a young lady who has a sight impairment. Tri-County GLAD - a group that works with visually impaired persons - had contacted our club about assisting with providing a CCTV, so the young lady would be able to do her school work. When asked about it, Lion Greg responded that he had a unit that could fit the situation, stated VDG Margaret.

So, this is proof of what Lions do and well we can work together to bring about a such an important result. Thank you so much, Lion President Greg!!!

WAY TO GO VENTURA DOWNTOWN & PLEASANT VALLEY



NIPOMO LIONS DONATE TO NIPOMO FOOD BASKET FOR HOLIDAY HELPING!



L to R: Nipomo Lions President Lynn McGill, Gerald Fialho, Food Basket representative, and Dan Hall, Lions Contributions Chairman

The Nipomo Lions donated \$3,000 to the Nipomo Food Basket recently. The Food Basket is located at 197 West Tefft St, Nipomo and serves 150 families weekly. Nipomo Lions have supported the Food Basket since its inception with financial donations and for the past two years have also conducted a local holiday food drive in the Blacklake Village. In addition to the Food Basket, the club also donated \$1,000 to the Five Cities Christian Women's Emergency Food Ministry.

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At the Float Barn all the roses on the shelves marked by color and what float they were for

Our district Lions working on the float flowers (Merleen Smith, Dave Wheeler and his wife, all from Simi Valley LC),



LIONS SPEND A DAY WORKING ON THE LIONS INTERNATIONAL ROSE PARADE FLOAT



VDG Margaret and fellow Lions work on flowers for the float.



VDG Margaret, and IP Linda Madden visiting with the workers



DGs with IP Madden on Sunday before our VIP dinner



Third District 4-A3 Meeting
Calling All Characters!
February 22-23, 2013
Camarillo-Somis-Pleasant Valley



Lion _____ Lion/Guest _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

e-mail(s): _____ Phone: _____

Friday Evening: **Lions Mixer starting at 6:30 PM – \$15.00**
Hot and Cold Appetizers, No-Host Bar, Raffle & Entertainment
Courtyard by Marriott Hotel, 4994 Verdugo Way, Camarillo

There will be a limited number of Mixer Tickets available at the door. Tickets at the door will \$20 each.

Saturday: **Continental Breakfast from 7:45 am to 8:45 am**
Hosted by the Simi Valley Lions Club - Boys & Girls Club, 1500 Temple Ave., Camarillo

Lunch - \$10.00 - Boys & Girls Club: Hamburger, salad, and non-alcoholic beverages included.
Lunch at the door will be \$15 each.

REGISTER EARLY! Please have your registration in by Wednesday, February 13, 2013.

Meal	# of Tickets	Price Each	Subtotal
Lions Mixer		\$15.00 Advance Purchase	\$
Continental Breakfast		-0-	No Cost
Lunch		\$10.00 Advance Purchase	\$
Total			\$

Please make checks out to Camarillo-Somis-Pleasant Valley Lions and mail registration to:
PV Lions, P.O. Box 157, Camarillo, CA 93011-0157 or e-mail your registration to greg@pvlions.org and mail check to PV Lions, P.O. Box 157, Camarillo, CA 93011-0157.

Lodging: Courtyard by Marriott, 4994 Verdugo Way, Camarillo; call 805-388-1020 for reservations and mention District 4-A3 Lions for the rate of \$109 per night. Fifteen (15) rooms have been blocked for this rate. *Deadline for lodging reservations is February 11, 2013. Room block will be released after this date.*

If you have any questions, contact Lion Greg Steinmetz at 805-815-9038 or via e-mail at greg@pvlions.org

13th ANNUAL BLIND GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 13th Annual California Classic Blind Golf Tournament, hosted by the Santa Maria Noontimers Lions, was held at the Village Country Club in Lompoc, September 24 and 25. Despite the low turn-out of blind golfers (due to several golfers experiencing health problems this year), those in attendance reported having a great time, and they are all looking forward to next year's tournament. This year's event was co-chaired by Lion Howard Shaw and Lion Roger Selken. A great deal of work goes into this project, and many thanks go to all those who participated in one way or another. Almost every member contributed, whether they obtained sponsors for the event, were sponsors themselves, created brochures, registered golfers at the fundraiser Lou Benetti Memorial Golf Scramble the day before, picked up supplies for the event, kept score, took photographs, or countless other tasks. Every deed no matter how big or small was vital, and greatly appreciated. A special thanks goes to the Vandenberg Village Lions Club for providing several volunteers to help in keeping score: President Lion Rob Glasgow, Secretary Lion Ann McCarty, Region I Chair person Lion Kim Mueller and Lions Jerry and Barb Nyman.



Blind Golfers, coaches and wonderful volunteers!



Lion Richard Hall with Lion Howard Shaw and his coach.

Wonderful volunteers from Vandenberg Village and Noontimers Lions Club. Thank you for your hard work!

Santa Maria Noontimers Lions volunteers support their Club banner at the tournament. Thank you for all of your help!



SANTA MARIA NOONTIMERS SERVE LIONS AND THEIR COMMUNITY WITH SEVERAL PROJECTS!

2012 Veterans Day Luncheon:

For more than a decade Santa Maria lawyer, Michael B. Clayton, has provided a free lunch to all past and current veterans and their families in the area. The Santa Maria Noontimers Lions have provided valuable volunteer service during this amazing event for several years now. The Noontimers usually begin in the morning with set up and preparation and then primarily assist with distribution of beverages to all attendees until mid-afternoon when it concludes. In addition to serving the veterans, meals are served to others for a nominal cost. Each year, the number of those served has increased and now averages around 2,000. Mr. Clayton has asked the Noontimers to take a more active role in next year's event, and we are looking forward to the opportunity.



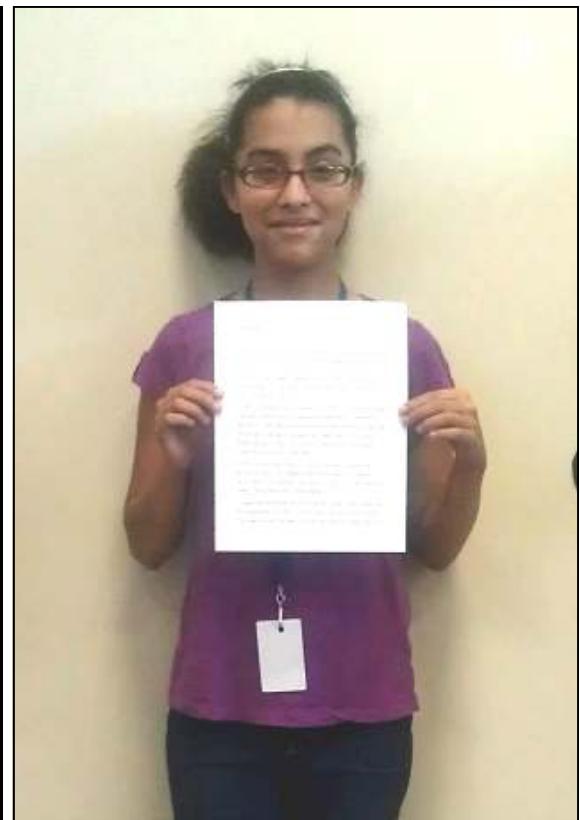
2012 Altrusa International, Inc. of the Central Coast Festival of Trees:

Santa Maria Noontimers Lions once again sponsored a Christmas tree and provided a minimum of \$300 worth of prizes and decorations at the Annual Festival of Trees, hosted by Altrusa International, Inc. of the Central Coast and their Foundation. The annual fundraiser provides funds for scholarships to local high school students and grants to area nonprofits. The theme of this year's tree was "California ~ A Sight to Behold" and prizes included professional photographs of natural California sites taken by local artists and an annual pass to national parks and forests, as well as various other nature-themed items including calendars, jigsaw puzzles, candles, travel mug, stationary and books. This year's event raised \$30,000, and the SM Noontimers Lions were proud to be a part of this wonderful undertaking to benefit our local community. The winners of this year's tree were the Harveys of Santa Maria. The wife sent a very nice thank-you card stating: "I have been hoping to win a tree for years! Finally made it. Thank you so much for participating by putting up a tree."

2012-2013 Lions Clubs

International Peace Poster/Essay Contest:

This fall the Santa Maria Noontimers Lions submitted entries in both the Peace Poster Contest and the Peace Essay Contest for children who are visually impaired. The theme this year was "Imagine Peace." Of the nine posters entered from the Santa Maria Boys and Girls Club, one was chosen to represent the Noontimers. The winner, Brianna Jaquez, age 11, was selected after a very difficult run-off vote. An essay written by Clarissa Garcia was the only entry submitted to the Noontimers in the essay contest, so she won handily at the club level. She is a student in the Santa Barbara County Education Office, Program for the Visually Impaired. Although the poster we submitted was not selected as the District 4-A3 winner, the essay written by Clarissa was named District 4-A3 winner! Later, she was chosen as the winner at Multiple District 4 level!!! Her essay has now been sent directly to LCI for judging. We anx-



NIPOMO LIONS SPONSORING GOLF TOURNAMENT

DATE: APRIL 6TH

TIME: 9:00 AM

SHOTGUN START

REGISTRATION: 7:30 AM

**LOCATION: MONARCH
DUNES GOLF CLUB
NIPOMO CA.**

SAVE THE DATE!

**Santa Maria Noontimers
Lions
50th Anniversary Dinner**

*Friday, April 5, 2013
6 p.m. Social Hour ~
7 p.m. Dinner*

*Raddison Hotel
3455 Skyway Dr.
Santa Maria
For more information
or to make reservations:*

*Laura Selken
805-922-2570*

PISMO BEACH CITIES LIONS CELEBRATE CHARTER NIGHT AND DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT.

The year 2012 marked a year of additions and losses. Our building manager of 10 years, and also Past President; George Halterman and his wife Maggie, our lead in the kitchen, had the opportunity to sell their property here in Arroyo Grande. They have moved to Nevada where they have purchased property and will be building a house. Since they have a mobile home they hope to have the opportunity to come back to this area to visit us when possible. George and Maggie contributed many years of hard work that we can never thank them enough for. A true example of: we're happy for them, but sad for us.

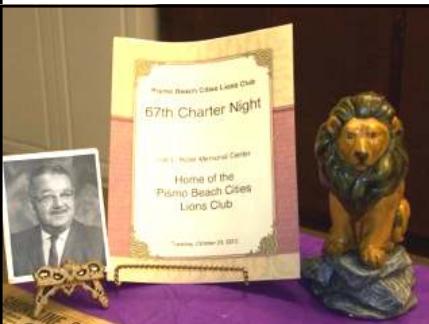
October 23rd was our Charter Night celebration where we were thrilled to have guests join us. A highlight of the evening was when Joel V. Rose became a member. Joel is the son of Joe L. Rose, the first president of the P.B.C.L.C and the club-house is named in honor of him.

In our final business meeting of the year, our Vice President, Dave Dahmen, brought Scoutmaster Chris Hagerty to make a presentation about the Sea Scouts and Camp Mabel French. We voted to sponsor a new Sea Scout group that Dave will be the leader of. Chris has joined us as a member. Many of you will remember the tragic vandalism (burned to the ground) of the Arroyo Grande Scouts building. Chris was the leader of that Scout Group and has great plans for Camp Mabel French. You will be hearing more from us about this. Our club house will additionally be used by a new "Daisy" group of Girl Scouts twice a month for their meetings, and also twice a month for a Cub Scout group as a meeting place. How joyful that the hall will be ringing with the sound of young voices in 2013.

Our Veteran Day weekend pancake breakfast and canned food drive was dedicated to the Food Bank. We were able to exceed last years donation with double the weight of canned food items donated and \$400 cash.

The generous Nipomo Lions, who do so very much for their community, offered us the opportunity to join with them when a call came from the Five Cities Christian Women Emergency Food Ministry for the need for additional Christmas donations. This request prompted a response from Donna Zardeneta Pineo, whose father Lion Dave Zardeneta was known for his generous giving to those in need at Christmas. With her assistance, the Pismo Lions donated \$500 and plan to begin a yearly Christmas contribution in her father's name. We thank the Nipomo Lions for launching us in this direction and opening an opportunity for us to be able to do more.

We, of course, can't go without mentioning the visit from our District Governor Tony and the guests who were able to join us. His presentation was enjoyed by all, and we are inspired to move forward in 2013 in the spirit of the Lions Club. We hope to add to our membership, and increase the good works we are able to do in helping our community.



Our 1st President, Joe L. Rose



IPDG Dick makes presentation to Pres. Chris, with VP Dave



VP Dave, Connie Rose, Joel Rose & 2nd VDG Joe



Our oldest living member, Ludie Hare, 97 years young



Lions & guests enjoy viewing memorabilia of our great past.



DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISITS PISMO BEACH CITIES LIONS

REGION CHAIR, ANGELA



D.G. TONY "THE TAZ"

1ST VDG MARGARET



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO
JOINED IN TO SHARE AN
EVENING WITH THE DG
AND HIS TROOPS!



In Loving Memory

Keitha Drum Orcutt Lions
PIP Kay K. Fukushima

Please keep our Lions
and their families in
your thoughts and
prayers during this time
of sorrow and loss in
their lives.

The Simi Valley/Moorpark Lions Club
Is Sponsoring
**FREE Vision Screening with FREE recycled
Eyeglasses**

Screening conducted by



www.californialionsfriendsinsight.org



Saturday, February 16, 2013

From 8:00am to 3:00pm

Moorpark Presbyterian Church

13950 Peach Hill Rd.

Moorpark CA, 93021

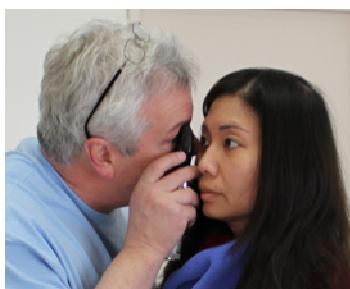


FIRST COME FIRST SERVE

ALL AGES WELCOME!

For more information, please contact Barbara @805-532-9965

This vision screening is not meant to replace a comprehensive eye examination and refraction that you obtain through your eye doctors office. The vision screening is designed to assess for ocular health concerns and provide a useable pair of recycled eyeglasses until you can obtain the professional services and ophthalmic materials on your own.



NOTE: Screening may close earlier, subject to attendance.

VVLC RECEIVES AWARDED FOR TREE PLANT-

To add to the letter from IP Int'l President Tam's letter of congratulations....

A special thank-you from the VVLC Board to Lion Hank Matter and Lion Bill Westover who reminded us of the Penny Pines program through the US Forest Service. Both Lions were involved in the program in earlier days when they were Boy Scout leaders. This enabled us to pay for the planting of 42,000 seedlings (2 acres) in Los Padres Forest near Hwy. 166 and Hwy. 33. Many clubs used our information and followed suit and were able to request the National forest of their choice in California.

We were one of the 100 top clubs in the US, Bermuda, and Bahamas (our Lions Constitutional area).

P.S. The letter said these will be in an upcoming Lions Magazine so keep on the look-out!

IPP Lorraine Waldau



AMBER'SLIGHTSLIONS HARVEST FIRST CROP



Amber's Light Lions Club harvesting our winter crop, first one this season. This is our second garden in our ongoing signature project. A few more and we can call ourselves farmers!

Mary-Catherine Henggeler



NEW LEO'S CLUB FORMED IN CAMARILLO

Congratulations to Camarillo Somis Pleasant Valley Lions Club for chartering another Leo Club, the Frontier Leos Club.

371 people received recycled eyeglasses at Our Lady of Guadelupe Health Fair.

On Sunday, October 28th, 2012: Friends in Sight did a vision screening in conjunction with a Health Faire conducted by the Sai Baba Organization and assisted by local lions in Oxnard , CA . The screening began at 8:30am and the last patient of the day was leaving with their recycled eyeglasses at 4:00pm.

414 patients were seen for the day.

Of the 414, 32 needed no prescription, 11 need to be made at the optical lab and 371 received recycled eyeglasses.

It was a great day of working together with many people from various organizations who are dedicated to helping others. Listed below are those who participated directly in the vision screening:

Oxnard/Channel Islands Lions Club: Stella Batey, Everett Batey, Kevin Macey , and Wayne Rowe.

Oxnard Noontimer's Lions Club: Toby Scott, Ryan Althoff, Roman Vaisman, John Ferrar, Jeff Norris, Patrick Orozco, Pat Riggs and Byron Wedemeyer.

Sai Baba: Shrinivas Dyavarshetty, Ram Yamasani, Ana Maria Corral, Nancy Haldia, Jason Duarte, Roxanne Bannaderji, Pati Griffin, Srinivas Nukala, Robert Liyanage, Sandy Iyer, Kavita Patel, Kamakshi Patel, Latha Sarakki, Vijaya Thota and Praveen Sontha, O.D.

Simi Valley/Moorpark Lions Club: Barbara Penney and Kathy Strange.

Ventura Downtown Lions Club: Margaret Donlevy and Richard Davis.

El Rio Educators Lions Club: Stella Godinez, Terry Contreras , and Bob Bauer.

Hemet Breakfast Lions Club: Dottie Allen.

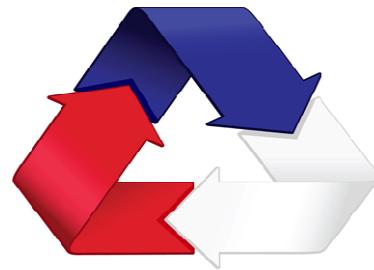
Jurupa Lions Club: Irasema Guzman.

Calimesa Breakfast Lions Club: Don Ranney, Rob Manning, Lucy Manning, Dick Mottar, Dan Ogaz, Kathy Ogaz, Ricardo Terrones, Larry Rowell, Diane Rowell, Pati Van Dusen and Brian Van Dusen, O.D.

Posted by Lion Kevin Macey



WE SERVE



Stop Recycling

Not cans and paper! Stop recycling the same old club officers in the same old positions.

If we are going to bring in new members and encourage them to move into leadership positions, we need to have leadership positions available for them. If someone is club president for six years, club secretary for 20 years or treasurer for 40 years, where does that new Lion go? The answer is that they go somewhere else.

Are you part of the solution, or are you part of the problem?

GLT Team Leader—Pete Mueller

MD-4 CONVENTION

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

If you have not already registered for the MD-4 Convention in Sacramento, February 8-10, you are almost too late! Visit the MD-4 website (www.md4lions.org) for registration information. Join in on the fun, training and festivities. You don't want to miss the parade of banners, or the Saturday night extravaganza!!

See you there!





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October 30, 2012

Dear LCIF Coordinators,

As Hurricane Sandy churned along the eastern U.S. coast yesterday, my thoughts were with the many members of our Lions family and their communities who were bracing for its impact. The media has been blanketed with images of flooding and messages about precautions that must be taken to minimize destruction and loss of lives. Some of you and your families may have left your homes in search of safer places to wait out the storm. Even in the early hours of the storm, many lives were interrupted as workplaces, schools and entire mass transit systems were closed down.

Despite many personal obligations, Lions are often ready to help others in the days following a storm. Our international foundation is also ready to help. Yesterday morning, District Governors within Hurricane Sandy's projected path received information about the availability of LCIF's Emergency Grants. As an LCIF Coordinator, you are our special ambassador to Lions and you can reinforce this message. Please encourage DGs to apply for an Emergency Grant where appropriate. You can find more information about Emergency Grants, [including guidelines and the application](#), on the LCIF website.

I am also certain that in communities far from Hurricane Sandy's path, Lions are preparing to respond to the call for assistance that is sure to follow the storm. As the generous outpouring of help begins, I call on you to engage the clubs within your districts. Ask them to consider supporting those impacted individuals by making a Melvin Jones eligible donation to the [LCIF Disaster Relief Fund](#). Please remind your fellow Lion members that LCIF established the Disaster Relief Fund to meet the needs of community members impacted by just such disasters. This funding source allows the foundation to respond immediately and appropriately following a disaster, rather than delaying the release of funds while financial support is mobilized around the world. Any emergency grants that will be awarded following Hurricane Sandy will come out of this Fund.

Hurricane Sandy is a storm of historic proportions and it is set to strike the most heavily populated area of the United States. Please do your part to ensure Lions are there to respond.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wing-Kun Tam'.

Wing-Kun Tam
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

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LIONS INTERNATIONAL NEWS



SightFirst and Lions Quest Expand

Twenty-two grants were approved at the August SightFirst Advisory Committee meeting, totaling US\$4,748,351. As part of the grants awarded, [SightFirst](#) is expanding into new areas of blindness prevention with the addition of research projects. These projects focus on causes of blindness and visual impairment in Indonesia and Bolivia , while focusing on trachoma and trichiasis surgery in Ethiopia and Tanzania .

The Lions Quest Advisory Committee also met last month and awarded 13 grants totaling US\$699,750. Through these grants, [Lions Quest](#) programs will be able to positively impact more than 50,000 students in Bulgaria , India , Poland and other countries. [View the full list of grants awarded online.](#)



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I am excited to share with you some of the other amazing things that Lions are doing through our Foundation. Just last month, LCIF [awarded grants](#) that expand Lions' efforts towards blindness prevention. [SightFirst](#) grants will treat diabetic retinopathy, equip hospitals, provide cataract surgeries and promote targeted eye health initiatives.

At the same time, Lions are expanding their support for youth through [Lions Quest](#). The program is now in 72 countries, reaching more students than ever. Through grants awarded last month, students all over the world are learning important life skills, like how to deal with problems in school, avoid substance abuse and treat each other with respect.

In addition to Lions Quest and SightFirst projects, Lions continue to meet needs worldwide through [the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative](#). We are close to meeting our goal of raising US\$10 million for measles to meet the Gates Foundation challenge grant. With each dollar raised, we can vaccinate a child against measles. With each vaccination, a child will not have to experience measles or its side effects - including blindness, and even death. I believe that as Lions, together [we can make a difference](#).

Sincerely,

Wing-Kun Tam
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation





In Loving Memory

Past International President Kay K. Fukushima (1937-2012)

In 1965 the late Past President was introduced to a member of the Sacramento (Senator) Lions Club, became a member and over time went on to transform the Club into a leading volunteer organization in the community. He introduced and implemented many new ideas and projects, including financial support of the Sacramento Zoo; rebuilding of the Fairytale Town Japanese Tea Garden; benefit movie fundraisers; raft trips for the blind; language and cultural book projects; sponsorship of youth basketball; student speaker contests; recycling and nursing care programs; and a construction project to build a special crosswalk for the visually impaired in downtown Sacramento. His influence and service were worldwide.

The late Past President Fukushima has held many positions within the association, including club president, zone chairperson, deputy district governor, district governor in 1978-79, vice chairperson of MD 4 (California and Nevada, USA) and served as an international director on the association's board of directors from 1986-88. He was a member of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Planning Committee from 1988-91, honorary chairperson in 2002 and is the author of the forum operational manual. He also served as a District Governors-elect school group leader from 1994-99 and as a member of the original Leadership Institute Faculty from 1994-97, the first three years of the institute. Additionally, he served as general convention chairperson in 1988, Denver, Colorado. He also was an original member of the North American Membership Committee.

For his service to the association the late Past President Fukushima received numerous awards including life membership, the 100% Club President Award, the 100% District Governor Award, several Extension Awards, and Lion of the Year awards, Master Key Award, several International President Leadership Medals, and Presidential Certificates of Appreciation, 11 Presidential Medals and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He was also a progressive Helen Keller Fellow and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

The late Past President Fukushima and his spouse Denise married for 47 years will be greatly missed by her, son, Keith, daughter, Cory, four lovely grandchildren, many friends, and by fellow Lions the world over. His personal philosophy was to think outside of the box for new and innovative ideas; have the courage of one's convictions; have compassion and sensitivity and be true to your beliefs; never lose credibility or compromise integrity; be true to your friends; be humble; uplift people; lead by example; always ask questions; do the right thing; never stop learning and always strive for excellence. He was a great Lion leader who will be greatly missed.

(Information taken from IP Madden's letter to Lions on MD-4 website)