



# DISTRICT LIONS 4-A3 INTERNATIONAL

MARCH 2013

## CONVENTION SET FOR MAY 3-5, 2013

Our fourth cabinet meeting and District Convention will be held in Santa Maria at the Radisson Hotel.

Join in the fun of a cartoon character costume contest, a fantastic food fair and other great convention fun, headed by PCC Bill Dunlevy and his cast of characters!

Be sure to get your reservations in early and plan your time for lots of good times, entertainment and education as we come to the close of another great Lions year and elect our new leadership for the coming year!

Registration forms are found inside and on our District website at [www.lions4a3.org](http://www.lions4a3.org).

*“You’ve Gotta Have Character”*



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## DISTRICT GOVERNOR TONY SAYS....



Fellow Lions,

We had a really great turn-out at our last District Meeting in Camarillo, and I thank everyone for attending. I think we had a good time, learned a lot, and

spent some quality time with our Lions Family members. I really liked the presentation by Guide Dogs of America – thank you President Greg for setting that up – but I think the narrator lost control of the crowd when the two puppies on the stage started playing together!

A big Thank You goes to President Greg Steinmetz and the Pleasant Valley Lions for arranging, setting up, and holding at great meeting location, serving a delicious lunch, and making sure all went well. A big Thank You also goes to President Dave Wheeler and the Simi Valley Lions for serving a good breakfast for all attendees.

Lions, time is getting short. As of March 24<sup>th</sup>, we have gained 90 new members this year; however, we have lost a total of 127 members and are now at a district membership total of 1,235. Please continue to look for new members, encourage them to join and be a part of the largest service organization in the world, and let them be Gems in our Community. I realize there are times when we must let members go, but in the next few months, really try hard to convince people to remain in Lions, not to drop their membership. If they wish to talk to someone, please refer them to me, or give me their names and contact info, and I will personally contact them to encourage them to stay. We must bring our membership up to 1,250 by June 30<sup>th</sup> in order to give VDG Margaret a good running start for her year as Governor.

We have our District Convention coming up next month, and Convention Chair PCC Bill Dunlevy and his committee are working on the agenda to make it really fun and informative. Lady Jane and I invite everyone to attend. Register early to save a LOT of money, and come ready to party Friday night. Remember to wear a costume: the convention's theme is *"You Gotta have Character"*. Cartoon Character, that is! I am also looking forward to the Food Faire (OK, I know that you know that I like to eat!) and hope you remember to dress in the theme. Go to <http://www.flickr.com/groups/lions4a3/> for some good photos for inspiration. By popular demand, we are going to have an actual class on Facebook, not just a demo like we did at our last meeting. This will be interesting and good for all!

Many clubs are doing a great job of getting their activities in the newspapers. Thank you and keep up the good work to spread the word about Lions.

City of Hope's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Lions Appreciation Day will be a great experience for everyone, especially those who have never been there before. Our District 4-A3 is 2<sup>nd</sup> in total dollars donated between November 2009 and February 2013, and I think we are the largest donor this fiscal year since July 2012. Go there and cheer on for our District! See you there!

Lions, keep up your good work and show everyone we truly are the Gems of Our Communities.

Tony Manuel  
District Governor.



## VDG MARGARET SAYS....



Greetings Lions of District 4-A3!

The old adage of “Time flies” is so very true. We are approaching our District 4-A3 Convention where we will enjoy fun, food, fortification (training), and friendship! Please mark your calendar for May 3, 4, and 5 and send in your reservation as soon as possible. Also, please note that the **“early bird” deadline for registrations is April 15, 2013. After that date, the prices will go up!!**

The Convention Management committee has been and is working very hard to make this a special time for DG Tony Manuel and all the Lions and Leos of District 4-A3. In keeping with my list of fun, food, fortification, and friendship, this convention will mark an important FIRST for District 4-A3: A Leos Symposium. On Saturday, we are inviting our Leos to be involved in training sessions, the food faire, and interaction with other Leos and lots of Lions!!!

This is a time to mark the accomplishments of the Lions and Leos, Lions and Leo clubs. Come and check out the scrapbooks that celebrate the year of the clubs’ presidents. Join in the training on Saturday morning for Lions and Saturday morning and afternoon for Leos. Current club secretaries and presidents, be sure to send in your **officers report – PU-101**—to Lions Clubs International as soon as possible. Please send them in electronically, via the LCI website. If you need assistance, please check with District Secretary Juanita, DG Tony, or me. Also, be sure that **next year’s presidents and secretaries know to attend the training**

**training to cover what they will need to know for next year when they serve their clubs.**

We will be having training for Guiding Lions, Zone and Region Chairs (those serving next year as well as any Lion who is interested in holding that position in the future). Don’t miss out on one of the steps you will need to be a 100% Secretary or President next year.

Also, please go to the Website and send in your order with payment for your District 4-A3 shirt. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the convention and having time together to celebrate all we do for others via Lionism.

Margaret Dunlevy  
1st VDG



## OLDEST SERVING LION

Congratulations to Lion Harvey Sanders from Morro Bay Lions Club. According the LCI research department, Lion Harvey is 10<sup>th</sup> in MD-4 as the longest active serving Lion, and 159<sup>th</sup> in the world! There are 1,389,500 Lions in the world as of March 24<sup>th</sup>.

## A Special “Thank You”

Dear Lions of District 4-A3,

I would like to take a moment to say “Thank You” for allowing me the privilege of being the District Newsletter Editor for the past two years! I have truly enjoyed reading the many articles contributed by many of our Clubs. Thank you for being so open and generous with your information.

I hope that you will continue to contribute articles for next year, and the coming years!

Sincerely,

Lion Denise



# Save the Date....

## Saturday, June 22, 2013



The Ventura Downtown Lions are proud to celebrate 90 years of service to the community...

We plan to join us for an evening of special memories as we enjoy a 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner and induction of the 2013 – 2014 Officers and Board Members of the Ventura Downtown Lions and Cottage Home

Poinsettia Pavilion 3451 Foothill Road in Ventura

*“Service through Team Effort”*

More information to follow . . . Lion Terri Gonzalez at  
[apatrioticsoul@yahoo.com](mailto:apatrioticsoul@yahoo.com)



# OUT AND ABOUT IN DISTRICT 4~A3



Photo left to right: Lion Dan Hall , NAMI volunteer Marcia Bess, NAMI VP SLOCO Pam Zwifel, NAMI volunteer Linda Smith, and NAMI SLO President, Darryl Elliott

## **Nipomo Lions Donate \$2,000 to National Alliance on Mental Illness of San Luis Obispo County (NAMI SLOCO)**

**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 charity spokesperson; "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.**



## **In Loving Memory**

**Pauline Rush - Saticoy Lions Club**

**Mike Fiorintino—Pismo Beach Cities Lions**

# Pleasant Valley Lions Club Golf Tournament

Benefits  
Lions Club  
Charities



FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2013 - RIVER RIDGE GOLF CLUB, OXNARD, CA  
TEXAS SCRAMBLE SHOTGUN START AT 12:30 PM (Check in 11:45)  
\$125 PER PERSON – INCLUDES:

- ★ PRIZES GALORE: MEN & WOMEN LONG DRIVE, CLOSEST TO THE PIN, RAFFLE PRIZES
- ★ FREE RANGE BALLS 
- ★ BANQUET DINNER IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
- ★ BOUNCE BACK COUPON FOR A FREE ROUND OF GOLF

SIGN UP INDIVIDUALLY OR GET A FOURSOME TOGETHER

	Handicap
Player #1 _____	_____
Player #2 _____	_____
Player #3 _____	_____
Player #4 _____	_____

\*\* NOTE – "Dinner Only" cost for non-golfers is just \$25. \*\*

Send form and payment to: Greg Steinmetz

2458 Kimberly Ave, Camarillo CA 93010

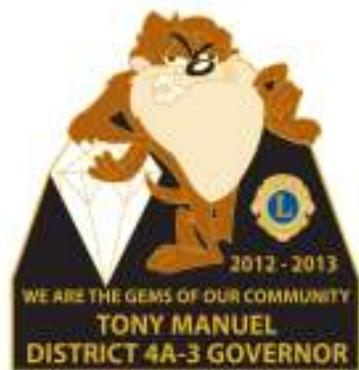
Make checks payable to Pleasant Valley Lions Club

The Camarillo-Somis Pleasant Valley Lions Club is registered with the IRS as a 501(C)(3) corporation. Donations are tax deductible. EIN 38-3882221.

Congratulations to our new District Governor, Tony Manuel from his home club, the Santa Maria Valley Lions. Also a hearty congrats to the Vandenberg Village Lions for being awarded Number One Club in the district.

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



### **Rocky is a Champ**

Rocky, the guide dog puppy sponsored by the Camarillo-Somis Pleasant Valley Lions, graduated from Guide Dogs of America in Sylmar, CA on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Rocky's new partner, John Novosel, praised the Lions for the work we do and was appreciative of our sponsorship of Rocky. John and Rocky are now headed home to

Hawaii to begin their new journey together. John works as an IT Specialist at an Army hospital and is excited to get Rocky "paw-printed" so he can accompany him to work.

During the graduation ceremony, Pres. Greg Steinmetz, along with his guide Cash, presented a check to GDA for \$5,000 to sponsor another puppy. Also attending the graduation were Lion Lloyd Christie, and Lion Bill Schulze, Lion Ginger Schulze (Amber's Light Lions) and their granddaughter Ava.

**City of Hope Lions Tribute Day is April 7, 2013.**

**Please have your reservations in by March 29, 2013**

**NO LATE RESSERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

**Contact Lion Sunshine Cheek at [renee260702@yahoo.com](mailto:renee260702@yahoo.com)**

# 2nd Lions District Campout & Fishing Tournament



**Date: Saturday, April 27, 2013**  
**Lopez Lake**  
**Cost: \$60 per 2 person team**  
**(Includes tournament, dinner**  
**& Tee Shirts)**

**Sponsored by**  
**Santa Maria Sunrisers**  
**Lions Club**

**Time: Fishing—6:00 am to 2:00 pm**

Weigh-in: 2:00 pm (at Quail 38 Campsite)

BBQ Dinner: 3:00 p.m.  
 (At Arbolito BBQ Area)

B.Y.O.B. (Bring Your Own Beverages)

Awards & Door Prizes: 4:00 p.m.

**Additional Dinner Ticket: \$15 per person**  
**Family members under 12 eat FREE!**

**Raffle Prizes: Many prizes have been donated by supporters and will be given away during and after dinner. (Additional Raffle Tickets will be sold at picnic.**

For additional information contact: Lion Bobby Doss at  
 (805)937-1056 or (805)680-3180  
 Camping Sites are available by calling the Lake at  
 (805) 788-2381  
 (Request Camp Site: QUAIL AREA)

### General Rules

1. Fishing License Required
2. Boats must be at weigh-in area by 2:00 pm for weigh-in.
3. All State and Lake Rules must be obeyed.
4. Two teams or more may fish in same boat (Honor System).
5. Team Bank Fishing is allowed.
6. Please pay entry fee by **April 22, 2013**  
 (it will help in planning for dinner.)
7. Boat check and inspection the day before or day of tournament free of charge.

### FISHING PRIZES

Team Prizes: \$50 Cash in each category.

#### Category:

- \*Bass (12 inch, 10 fish per team)
- \*Trout (10 fish per team)
- \*Catfish (10 fish per team)
- \*Pan Fish (Crappie, Blue Gill, Red Ear, etc.)  
 20 fish per team limit

Registration Deadline: April 22, 2013—Mail Registration form and  
 Checks payable to Santa Maria Sunrisers Lions Club;  
 P.O. Box 514, Santa Maria, CA 93456

#### TEAM REGISTRATION

Names of Team Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Fishing \$60 per team \_\_\_\_\_ equals: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Non-Fishing Dinner Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ at \$15 each equals: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

RAFFLE PRIZE DONATION: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**4th ANNUAL**  
**BBQ & AUCTION BENEFIT**  
For  
**ANGEL'S FOSTER CARE**

**Saturday, April 20th**  
**Orcutt Lions Club**  
**126 S. Broadway (Old Orcutt)**  
**Doors open at 4:30 PM**



**No Host Bar starts at 4:30 PM**  
**Chicken BBQ \$10.00**  
**Dinner starts at 5:30 PM**  
**Live Auction @ 7:00 PM**

**Silent Auction**

**50/50 Raffle**

**All proceeds will benefit**  
**ANGEL'S FOSTER CARE OF SANTA BARBARA**  
**A non-profit organization**

**For tickets or information please contact:**

**Lion Lydla Magdaleno (805) 264-1838**  
**Or—Lion Sheri Hughes (805) 934-1246**

# *Camarillo Amber's Light Lions Club*



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Funny Fundraiser

Friday, April 26 ~ 8:00 PM (Seating at 7:15PM)

Ventura Harbor Comedy Club, 1559 Spinnaker Drive, Suite 205  
21 and Over

Tickets \$20 each

**Featuring**

**Monique Marvez**



With an hourglass figure and a stopwatch wit, Monique Marvez delights audiences in English, but could just as easily do so in Spanish. This chameleon-like entertainer's particular charm comes from her ability to read each audience, draw on her background, experience, and vast body of material to deliver a tailor-made performance just for them. Monique has appeared on HBO, Comedy Central, ABC, Montel Williams, PBS and numerous other television shows. She was nominated for an Alma Award for her Showtime Special "Latin Divas of Comedy" which has nearly a million hits on YouTube! Monique and unique go hand-in-hand. This radio and television personality, writer and comedian is on a mission to make people laugh. Her comedy is the perfect balance of "aha!" and "ha-ha!" She continues to headline at comedy clubs around the country.

For tickets contact:

Lion Ellen Jochums, (805)340-5306, ([nellesmuhcoj@gmail.com](mailto:nellesmuhcoj@gmail.com))  
or any Camarillo Amber's Light Lion

# Got party clothes...

that you are no longer using?

The Camarillo Amber's Light Lions Club is collecting party clothes for girls and boys, ages 6 to 18, for the annual prom at Casa Pacific.

Casa Pacifica serves abused and neglected children and adolescents and provides the annual party for all residents of all ages. It's a night of fun and you can help the kids dress the part.

## Project Prom 2013



We are collecting:  
party dresses for the girls,  
suits, dress shirts and slacks,  
ties for the boys  
shoes for both girls and boys



Donations can be dropped off on  
Sat, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 9-Noon at the  
Boys and Girls Club,  
1500 Temple Ave, Camarillo

For information, contact Chris  
Graham at [chrisg5215@aol.com](mailto:chrisg5215@aol.com)

or 818-207-0382

or any Camarillo Amber's Light Lion





# Channel Islands Lions Club

*Presents*

# CASINO NIGHT

**Date:** April 14, 2013    **Ticket Price:** \$30  
**Location:** Casa Lopez, 325 S. A Street, Oxnard, CA



## **\$30 Ticket Includes:**

**4:00-5:00pm:** No-Host Bar

**5:00-6:00pm:** Tri-Tip Dinner

**6:00-9:00pm:** Gaming & Raffle

*Poker Tournament: \$10 Buy-in    Raffle Tickets Additional*

*Tickets available at the door or in advance  
by calling Dan at (805) 443-7759*

## VVLC Receives Awards for Membership Recruitment

Two new awards were presented to VVLC as recognition of the continuing increase in membership of VVLC. In 2011-12, VVLC members recruited eleven new members for a net gain for the year of eight members. Our membership progress continues in 2013 with three new members and a new couple who moved to Lompoc who transferred from the Tehachapi Lions Club.

At the 2013 Multiple District 4 (California) Convention, PDG Bill Cady was named as part of the prestigious group of the 2013 *Top 10 Club Membership Chairs* by the International Global Membership Team/Global Leadership Team and Multiple District 4.



VVLC Immediate Past President (IPP), Lion Lorraine Waldau earned the International President's Membership Achievement Award for 2011-12. IPP Lorraine received a letter of congratulations and a beautiful crystal pin with four crystal chips placed on the Immediate Past International President, Wing-Kun Tam's pin which carried his international message – *I Believe* in English and Chinese.



VVLC was also named the 2011-12 District 4-A3 (San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties) **#1 Club** at last May's District Convention.

It takes all of our members working for community, country, and internationally to achieve such honors.



## ORCUTT LIONS CLUB HOSTS

**“Cook Your Own” fundraiser event  
With ‘Highway 1” band lead by new Lion  
Chuck , along with line dancers...**

The Community came out to enjoy this event and not only raised funds for our landscaping project, but had great music, food and fun! New members were gained from this great event11





## **SANTA MARIA VALLEY “NIGHT AT THE RACES”**

**Vandenberg Village Pres. Rob takes his turn in the race, along with Lion Sheri & Lion Ellen.**

**DG Tony made a great race announcer, keeping all jockeys in check!**



**Orcutt Lions Sheri & Denise wait at the starting gate for their numbers to be called!**



**Paso Robles Lions Club hosts Sports Awards Night for 2012 athletics.**



District 4-A3 Convention – May 3-5, 2013 – Santa Maria Radisson

Lion or Guest \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_ Office currently held \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Package #1*</b>	All meals, pin, and registration <b>\$145</b> Package by 4-15-2013	All meals, pin, and registration <b>\$165</b> Package after 4-15-2013	All meals, reduced registration, no pin - Guest(s)-Non-Lions <b>\$135.00</b> Package by 4-15-2013	All meals, reduced registration, no pin - Guest(s)-Non-Lions <b>\$155.00</b> Package after 4-15-2013
<b>Package #2*</b>	Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday meals, pin, and registration <b>\$120</b> Package by 4-15-2013	Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday meals, pin, and registration <b>\$140</b> Package after 4-15-2013	Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday meals, reduced registration, no pin - Guest(s)-Non-Lions <b>\$110.00</b> Package by 4-15-2013	Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday meals, reduced registration, no pin - Guest(s)-Non-Lions <b>\$130.00</b> Package after 4-15-2013
<b>Package #3*</b>	Saturday evening and Sunday meals, pin, and registration <b>\$95.00</b> Package by 4-15-2013	Saturday evening and Sunday meals, pin, and registration <b>\$115.00</b> Package after 4-15-2013	Saturday evening and Sunday meals, reduced registration, no pin - Guest(s)-Non-Lions <b>\$85.00</b> Package by 4-15-2013	Saturday evening and Sunday meals, reduced registration, no pin - Guest(s)-Non-Lions <b>\$105.00</b> Package after 4-15-2013
<b>Individual Meals:</b> Please circle choices.	Lions by 4-15-2013, individual meals	Lions after 4-15-2013, individual meals	Guests by 4-15-2013	Guests after 4-15-2013
Registration* w/pin	\$ 25.00	\$35.00	15.00	25.00
Pin(s) extras	\$ 3.00 each	\$ 3.00		
Friday Lunch**	\$ 28.00	\$30.00	\$28.00	\$30.00
Friday Evening Santa Maria Style BBQ - Buffet	\$ 45.00	\$48.00	\$45.00	\$48.00
Saturday Breakfast -Hotel coffee shop buffet	\$ 10.00	\$12.00	\$10.00	\$12.00
Saturday Evening**	\$ 45.00	\$48.00	\$45.00	\$48.00
Sunday Brunch	\$ 32.00	\$35.00	\$32.00	\$35.00
Total:				

**\*Registration includes Food Faire on Saturday!** Food preparers for the Food Faire, not attending any other convention function, will have complimentary admission.

**\*\*Meal choices – please circle – Friday Lunch: pork sandwich or chicken Caesar salad**

**Saturday Evening: Prime Rib: \_\_\_\_\_ or Chicken Cordon Bleu \_\_\_\_\_ or Salmon \_\_\_\_\_**

**Vegetarian for all meals: \_\_\_\_\_ Dietary restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_**

Mail your completed form with check payable to District 4-A3 Convention, PDG Mike Brown at P.O. Box 717, Camarillo, CA 93011. Questions – 805-987-4272 or [mjbelectric@att.net](mailto:mjbelectric@att.net).

District Governor Tony Manuel  
2012-2013



*You Gotta Have Character  
District 4-A3 Convention*

## CONVENTION NEWS



### FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE CONVENTION

Come dressed as an animated character and be part of a

***NO - TALENT TALENT SHOW.*** There will be prizes awarded for

***Best Act Best Costume Best overall (act + costume)***

***You may participate as a group, couple, or individual. There will be a costume parade for everyone. The entertainment will start after dinner.***

***Please RSVP to IPDG Dick Kane if you would like to be part of the No-***

***Talent Talent Show: IPDG Dick Kane at 640 Manzanita Drive, Los Osos, CA***

***93402; 805-748-2419 or [rlkane@hotmail.com](mailto:rlkane@hotmail.com).***

***Please specify – Club, Act, Lions/Guests involved, length of act, music***

### SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE CONVENTION

**After dinner entertainment will be a special treat. You will have to come to see what will be offered. Only the Convention Committee knows.**



# *District 4-A3 Food Faire*

*12:00 Noon*

*Saturday, May 4, 2012,  
Santa Maria*

*Casting Call for all Caterers  
of Fine Lions Cuisines  
Theme: You Gotta Have Character*

*Club Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Food/Beverage Item(s):* \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell - \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail- \_\_\_\_\_

**Judging will be for Best Food, Best Theme, and Best Costumes.**

*Cash prizes will be awarded!*

Please return your form to IPDG Dick Kane at 640 Manzanita Drive, Los Osos, CA 93402. Any questions please call 805-748-2419 or [rlkane@hotmail.com](mailto:rlkane@hotmail.com)

**Deadline to sign up for the Food Faire is May 1, 2013!!**

Set up will be in the parking lot across from the Radisson Hotel. Please bring your own shade covering. Electricity **not** provided. Tables and chairs will be provided by the hotel.



District 4-A3  
2013-2014

Catch the Lions' Spirit!

Order your shirt now.

Orders due by

4-07-13

Delivery by 6-1-2013

\$27 each for S-XL and \$ 29 for XLL and beyond

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Size	S	M	L	XL	XLL	X_____	_____
Quantity							
Total							

# \_\_\_\_\_ X \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to Margaret Dunlevy and mail/deliver to 1803 Scott Ave.

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Ventura, CA 93004

Any questions, please call Margaret at 805-340-5605; or e-mail [Margaret@venturalions.org](mailto:Margaret@venturalions.org)

*Save the Date!*

*Friday, August 9, 2013*

*6:00 pm Social*

*7:00 pm Dinner*

*Installation of 4-A3 Cabinet  
for*

*2013-2014*

*Lions Community Park*

*6197 Casitas Pass Rd.*

*Carpinteria, CA 93013*

*Please save the date and*

*plan to join us at this*

*Lions Celebration!*

*1<sup>st</sup> VDG Margaret and PCC Bill*

*Dunlevy*

*1<sup>st</sup> District 4-A3 Meeting for 2013-2014, following on Saturday,  
August 10, 2013 - More information to follow*



**District 4-A3 Convention**  
**Santa Maria Radisson Hotel**  
**3455 Airpark Dr., Santa Maria, CA 93455**  
**May 3-5, 2013**

***Reserve your room now! Just call 805-928-8000 and specify that you are part of the District 4-A3 Lions group - \$119 per night plus 10% occupancy tax***

***Friday, May 3, 2013***  
Registration Open by 11:00 am

Lunch at noon; prizes  
Fourth District meeting for 2012-  
2013

1<sup>st</sup> Convention session  
Awards and Recognition  
Hospitality time  
Dinner and entertainment

***Saturday, May 4, 2013***  
Breakfast with  
International Director  
Dave Hajny

***Calling all Lions and Leos!***

Training on Saturday Morning –  
Sessions:  
Facebook  
Presidents  
Secretaries  
Zone and Region Chairs  
Guiding Lions  
Tax issues  
2<sup>nd</sup> Convention Session  
Awards and Recognition

**Leo Symposium**  
**10 am to 4 pm**

***Saturday, May 4, 2013***  
***12:00 Noon***

Parking lot across from the  
Radisson Hotel

***Casting Call for all Caterers***  
***of Fine Lions Cuisine***

**Theme: You Gotta Have Character**

Judging will be for Best Food, Best  
Theme, and Best Costumes.

**Cash prizes will be  
awarded!**

***Saturday, May 4, 2013***  
**Convention Sessions:**  
**3rd Convention Session**

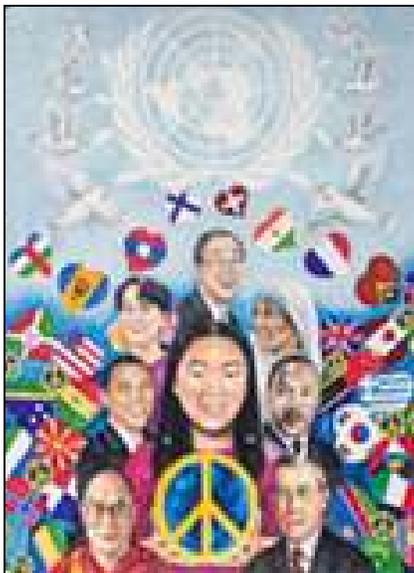
**Nominations and Electioneering**  
**Awards, Awards, Awards**  
**More Hospitality**

***Governor's Banquet***  
***ID Dave Hajny, Keynote Speaker***  
**Entertainment and Prizes**

**Sunday, May 5, 2013 –**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Convention Session**  
**Certification, Voting, Brunch, Awards,**  
**Prizes!! #1 Club!!!**



## NEWS & VIEWS FROM LIONS INTERNATIONAL



### 25TH PEACE POSTER WINNER ANNOUNCED

The winner of the 25th annual Lions Peace Poster Contest is Jenny Parks of California, USA. Her portrayal of “Imagine Peace” was unveiled at Lions Day with the United Nations. As the Grand Prize Winner, Jenny will receive \$5,000 and a trip to a special awards ceremony at the 96th Lions International Convention in Hamburg, Germany.

Next year’s Peace Poster Contest Theme is:

“Our World, Our Future”

### Lions International Essay Contest Winner Announced

Maura Loberg, an 11-year-old girl from Nebraska, USA, won the Lions International Essay Contest for her essay, "Pieces of Peace." The contest encourages visually-impaired children to express their thoughts on peace through the written word. Maura wrote, "My ideas to help aid world peace include better communication, more respect for each other's differences and the opportunity to dream for a more peaceful planet." She will receive \$5,000 and will be honored at the 2013 Lions Clubs International Convention in Hamburg.

### April is Leo Club Awareness Month

Sponsoring a Leo club brings new energy to your Lions club and can increase your club's community exposure by attracting new audiences, such as young professionals and parents. April is Leo Club Awareness Month, the perfect time to consider [sponsoring a Leo club](#) that will provide members with camaraderie and growth through participation in community service projects, social functions and leadership development activities. Through Leo clubs, you will have a positive influence on today's youth and young adults – helping them become better citizens and leaders for life.



**Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.**

***Margaret Mead***

## GREAT INFORMATION FROM LION EV BATEY

**From who.** Your writer is a veteran of information technology and information security. Some years back we ran nightly password cracking sessions. A large percent of passwords are (and were, then) very weak and easy to guess (or crack) in minutes or less.

**For you.** Today an army of bad guys are trying for your password. If the same password is used two or more places, bank, investment, social sight, one cracking success can injure you two or more places. That can cost you money, your credit, even a place on your friends' "Blocked Lists".

**What.** We all have mail from John or Jane who lost their money and passport in London, Rio or wherever. That is only one of a myriad scams sent from the accounts of friends with bad passwords. If you are lucky you only aggravated your friends, gave up their email address and at worst need to get a new email account name, perhaps with another email provider, AND, CREATE A STRONG PASSWORD, that you change every 90 to 120 days.

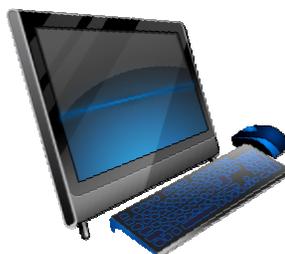
**Passwords.** I don't know you have seen and read my PASSWORD SERMON, or not, but, here it is:

- Eight character passwords are good, 12 to 14 characters are much better.
- Use no words in any language, you might create your OWN ACRONYMS, safer
- Use at least 2 of A-Z, 2 of a-z, 2 of 0-9, 2 of Special Characters !@#\$%&\_ -;:+
- Mix numbers , punctuation, upper and lower case characters
- Change passwords on 90 to 120 day cycle
- Do not share or write your password where it can be found
- DON'T click on anything you don't know what it is or who it is from.

**Web Browsing.** Many browsers let you reveal headers, origin information and even source showing you phony links.

**All different passwords.** If you have many passwords, don't use the same password two places.

Keeping and generating passwords. Most smart phones, PDAs and computers allow you to use inexpensive password keepers. These do not store your password cache on the web for others to crack. I use SplashID. There are others.





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The Lions of 4-A3 have formed a team to support the *Light the Night Walk* benefiting the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The team was established by Lion Mary-Catherine Henggeler of the Camarillo Amber's Light Lions. The walk is scheduled for September 28<sup>th</sup> in Ventura. If the team can raise \$10,000.00 the LLS will give the district a booth at the event. To join the team, make a donation, or learn more about the event, please visit : <http://pages.lightthenight.org/los/ventura13/LIONSDISTRICT4A3>.

Lion Diane Ellis of Ventura Downtown and Lion Mary-Catherine Henggeler of Amber's Light meet at "Light the Night". A great way to get to know fellow Lions.



**Volunteering can be an exciting, growing, enjoyable experience. It is truly gratifying to serve a cause, practice one's ideals, work with people, solve problems, see benefits, and know one had a hand in them.**

*Harriet Naylor*



## FLAG DAY PARTICIPANTS HONORED

The Orcutt Lions gave out a **Total of 503 Flags to 8 Elementary Schools**. We also gave out 8 real Silver Dollar Coins to the winner of each of the 8 schools along with a Framed Certificate of Appreciation printed on Flag Paper. The awards were presented to a 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Student winner at an assembly. All Fifth Grade Student wrote an Essay on "WHAT THE AMERICAN FLAG MEANS TO ME". The Teachers and the Principal picked out the best essay. We also presented several Finalist with a different appreciation certificate.