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# From Many Hands, One Heart

## 2015-2016 District 4-A3 Newsletter

Richard Davis, District Governor



## District Governor Richard Davis

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DG's final declaration on: Building for Our Future

First and foremost may all be well with you;

your loved ones and your Lion's extended families as we transition from Winter into the Spring and Summer seasons of 2016. Sitting here looking out into the jungle called a back yard, it is certain that the predicted spring rains have visited this part of the world. Can it be that a Lions year can go so quickly when there is so much still to be done – meet more great Lions, holding fundraisers, building community projects, building branch clubs, building LEOs club and so many more wonderful Lions activities. Good news is we have, not only, three more months to make strides in our Lions world but we can all look forward and celebrate the induction of our next District Governor Lion Jose Nichols in Fukuoka, Japan. You can rest assured, Lion Jose along with Lion Juanita, will continue to guide our course and make a better place for us in our District.

Reflectively, this is always the most eloquent time of year when we move out from Winter's grey cloak, shake off those hazy and hibernating thoughts; and we begin to warm into the growing renewal of the world about us. As if on que to cheer us forward the hills are green and the

bud and bloom is in our trees and gardens. So too I would suggest we are beginning to be renewed in our body and spirit of Lionism and looking to rebuild our strong future for Lionism in own home towns.

Now is the best time of all times to build our future. Simply put: to reach out and build your club, recruit and retain new members, build branch clubs, create and build relationships within your community, and form lasting partnerships with your local leaders in government, local non-profits and your local Chamber of Commerce. Now is the best of times to bring Lionism into greater focus as we move closer to the Centennial year. There are many ways to accomplish this: here are four you need to do

- ◆ Help your community by starting a Branch club. A Branch club only takes five members who may have a special needs on focus of interest, or meeting times, and they determine their club dues and operations. A Branch only needs a Parent club who interacts with them on an as required basis.
- ◆ Get involved with Youth through Leos clubs or other youth organizations.
- ◆ Fill out your Club Excellence Applications given to your President during the Governor's visit. Each one of your club deserves to applaud your

accomplishments, and let the world know.

- ◆ Invite your friends, school officials, government officials, Chamber staff and members, business acquaintances, and any interested party to join you in serving on your project, or attend your meetings that have an interesting program, or come help in some of your big fundraiser.

Further, the goal this year is to retain 100 new members net and give the handoff to our next District Governor a solid base to grow even more and to reach a Centennial growth of over 1400 Lions throughout your great District.

So let us build our Future now and to bring a stronger awareness of Lionism; let us build our foundations strong and solid; and ultimately, let us bring our Lions impact of good will and deeds to our communities back into clear focus. So if you haven't started down the path, now is the time, there is no other time to take that first step and be the agent of renewal. Bring in new Lions into Lionism and build Our Many Hands to better help ourselves to help our communities. Everyday is the greatest day to become a Lion! We Serve.

Lion Richard



Attention Club Presidents, Secretaries & all Lions of District 4A-3.

Part of the fun and success of the District 4A-3 Convention is the raffles. To make the raffles successful we need the assistance of as many Lions as possible to provide prizes. Some suggestions are gift certificates, bottles of wine or other "spirits", gift baskets, plants, etc. Please respond to me with an email listing your item(s) by May 6,

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE EXTENDED!  
DON'T DELAY! REGISTER TODAY!!**



**Registration  
2016 District 4-A3 Convention  
Four Point Sheraton, Ventura, CA  
May 20 through May 22, 2016**



*(Please Print Clearly)*

Lion \_\_\_ Leo \_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_ PDG \_\_\_ **New Member?** \_\_\_ Current Office \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**All attendees must be registered to attend any Convention function including Food Fair.**

Registration:	Early Bird Package	Early Bird Choices	Timely Choices	Late Regis.	At the Door
<b>Mailing postmark deadline:</b>	<b>2/22/16</b>	<b>2/22/16</b>	<b>4/1/16</b>	<b>5/14/16</b>	<b>Only 5 of each meal available</b>
<b>MEAL &amp; REGISTRATION PACKAGE</b>	<b>\$210</b>		<b>\$240</b>	<b>\$265</b>	
REGISTRATIONS for non-package choices:	Included in meal package	REGISTRATIONS			
Lions Members		\$25	\$30	\$35	\$40
Non-Lion Guests		\$20	\$25	\$30	\$30
Campus Club Lions, Leos		\$10	\$10	\$15	\$15
Additional Convention Pins	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3	\$3
<b>Individual Meal Choices:</b> <i>Contact PDG Tony Manuel for special dietary needs.</i>		Individual Meals Choices	Individual Meals Choices	Individual Meals Choices	<b>Only 5 of each meal available</b>
Friday (Circle Choice) Lunch – Mediterranean Chicken Dinner – Harbortown Buffet	Incl.	\$45 \$52	\$48 \$55	\$53 \$60	\$55 \$63
Saturday Breakfast with Int'l Director	Incl.	\$25	\$28	\$31	\$31
Saturday Food Faire	Incl. w. paid registration	Incl. w. paid registration	Incl. w. paid registration	Incl. w. paid registration	Incl. w. paid registration
Saturday Dinner (Circle your choice) Slow Roasted Tri-Tip Chicken Francaise Vegetarian Pasta	Incl.	\$54	\$58	\$65	\$65
Sunday Breakfast	Incl.	\$30	\$33	\$36	\$38
<b>Registration + Pin Cost:</b>	<b>\$3</b>				
<b>Package or Meal Cost:</b>	<b>\$210</b>				
<b>Total Check Amount</b>					

**NOTICE:** Any mail registrations must be postmarked NO LATER THAN May 14, 2016. Make checks payable to "Lions District 4-A3 Convention" and mail with this registration form to:  
Lion PDG Tony Manuel, 1468 Ivory Dr., Santa Maria, CA 93455.  
Questions? Call PDG Tony Manuel, 805-878-3443, or email to [tonymanuel@verizon.net](mailto:tonymanuel@verizon.net)

*For room reservations, call Four Points Sheraton Hotel, 1050 Schooner Dr., Ventura, CA, 805-658-1212 Ask for Rachel or Sara or Manager, mention "Lions Clubs 2016" for special rates of \$119.00 plus tax. Rooms are blocked for Lions Club Members until April 29, 2016. After April 29<sup>th</sup> rooms will be based on availability only. NOTE: The hotel will charge \$5.00 per day for parking.*

# HELPFUL WEBSITE LINKS



## Helpful Website Links

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL OBJECTIVES

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

**TO PROMOTE** the principles of good government and good citizenship.

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

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

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

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

## DISTRICTWIDE NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIONS EYES ACROSS CALIFORNIA HUGE SUCCESS!

Hello everyone,

When good Lions get together from all over the great STATE of CALIFORNIA amazing things happen. LIONS EYES ACROSS CALIFORNIA once again has exceeded all expectations! On March 19th of this year across all 15 Districts Lions came together for a cause. Here are the totals SO FAR and counts are still coming in!!

Lions Volunteered 6148 hours on this one day alone - March 19th

From out of those Lion volunteer hours came the following incredible results to meet the Centennial Challenge:

and most SPECTACULAR OF ALL!!!



Yes, and you, and your club made it all possible. Our District was in the top 8 of overall Eye-glass and Centennial projects accomplished!!

Know that your eyeglasses collected will serve not only the world but right here in California, we are placing eye-glasses on Californians in need. Way to go 4A3!

Thank you Lions

Lion Richard Davis







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

## ADOPT A BED!

Greetings Lions!

This is the latest project for Lions Camps at Teresita Pines (Teresita Pines and Wrightwood are the camps)  
Please pass this on to the Lions in the district. I will be most appreciative.

Thanks!

Lion Margaret Dunlevy

Board Member of the Board of Directors

Lions Camps at Teresita Pines

### Lions Camps at Teresita Pines

Lions Camps at Teresita Pines are reinstating our **Adopt a Bed** program!

We're raising funds to replace all of the beds at the Wrightwood Village (directly across from Teresita Pines - one of our 3 venue locations). **We need 40 beds** total to replace all of the old beds there. The beds were designed by Bill Lang who also helped build most of the beds at Teresita Pines Village. We are so fortunate to have him helping us make more beds for the Wrightwood side of camp! If you missed out last time we did a bed drive, here's your opportunity to donate and help make camp even better for all of the kids that will be up here on the mountain with us this year and many years to come!

**Here's how it works:** **Donate \$200** to Lions Camps at Teresita Pines to cover the cost of materials for building the beds. With those funds, we purchase the materials and our amazing volunteers help build the beds along with the designer/builder Bill Lang. For your generous donation, **we'll add a plaque to each bed you sponsor** with your name, your group's name... or you could even sponsor a bed in honor of a loved one. *It's a great opportunity to be a permanent part of Camp Teresita Pines!*

So, go out and get your group together or send in your own funds today. Either way, we'd like to give you a big **THANK YOU** in advance for your donation and support of Camp Teresita Pines!

**To donate, please send funds to:**

Lions Camps at Teresita Pines

PO Box 98

Wrightwood, CA 92397

Have questions? We're happy to help! Call us at [800.585.3245](tel:800.585.3245) or email [info@campteresitapines.org](mailto:info@campteresitapines.org).

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





## AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT BRANCH CLUBS!

Hello everyone,

Please see the bullet points on how to start a Branch Club below. Please see the Club Branch Guide, Club Branch Application and Report of Branch Membership form attached. This is a great way to offer five or more people who maybe cannot join your club but can meet and do their own Lions thing.

The key concepts are:

- A Parent/Host club is needed -
- The Branch is covered by the LCI Umbrella Liability insurance policy
- One time cost of \$25.00 per member for installation cost - (\$125.00 for 5 people to start) Parent club can help defray cost
- Recurring costs to Branch club members are dues of \$67.00 per year (that's 5.88 per month) plus any dues they want to charge themselves
- Branch determines when, where, and how many times they want meet & if they want to have food/refreshment or whatever.
- Branch has a structure of President, Treasurer, Secretary plus standard members and a parent club liaison who stays in touch by phone or in person or social media or they chose best method
- Branch Club members can go to the parent club regular and board meetings if they chose
- If the Branch grows to 20 and more members, they can convert to traditional club very easily

DG Richard



DONATIONS GIVEN SINCE LAST TRIBUTE DAY (March 15, 2015 - March 15, 2016)	
District 4-C1: \$8,572	District 4-A3: \$23,873
District 4-C2: \$4,321	District 4-L1: \$6,082
District 4-C3: \$2,253	District 4-L2: \$25,044
District 4-C4: \$569	District 4-L3: \$6,224
District 4-C5: \$11,991	District 4-L4: \$10,126
District 4-C6: \$13,437	District 4-L5: \$16,490
District 4-A1: \$4,512	District 4-L6: \$5,206
District 4-A2: \$1,800	District 4-L7: \$3,310
<b>GRAND TOTAL: \$ 143,621</b>	



Support for City of Hope	
<b>HONOR ROLL</b>	
<i>"Friends of Hope" Award</i>	
\$1,500 - \$2,499 in Donations	
Cambria/Pinedorado Lions Club	
Carpinteria Lions Club	
Chino Valley Lions Club	
Cupertino Host Lions Charities	
El Cajon Valley Lions Club	
Laguna Creek Lions Club	
Lucerne Valley Lions Club	

## Region L—Zone 1

### PASO ROBLES LIONS CLUB

On March 8, the Paso Robles Lions Club hosted the Paso Robles High School sportsmanship awards once again. Voted by their peers, for being inspiring teammates, the student athletes took part in men and women sports programs during this past winter. Basketball, volleyball, water polo, wrestling and cheer leading. The coaches and parents were present at the Elks lodge where the event was held. Pictured are the winners.





### MORRO BAY LIONS CLUB

Estero Bay Alliance for Care is a network of local churches and community groups serving up meals at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Morro Bay. Dinners are provided to the homeless and needy. The Lions Club volunteers through the Morro Bay Food Group a sub-committee. Club members cook and serve hot meals to 75-100 people in need the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month 5-6pm. Involvement by the club started a year ago and continues as a long term project. Meals include main dish, salad, bread, fruit and dessert. Different members prepare the meal each month. Their choice of what the menu will be. The club volunteers time and resources. Members not available to prep the meals donate food and money to help with the cost. A rewarding experience, and very much appreciated by the clients.



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## PISMO BEACH CITIES LIONS CLUB

Lion President Connie Rose  
Pismo Beach Cities Lions Club



# NIPOMO LIONS CLUB

## Nipomo Lions Fifth Annual Charity Golf Tournament A Huge Success

The Nipomo Lions Club fifth annual Charity Golf Tournament was a huge success raising nearly \$10,000 that will be used for the many organizations they support in the Nipomo community.

The day started out a coastal marine layer morning – breaking into a beautiful Central Coast Day at the Monarch Dunes Golf Resort. We had around 100 players teeing off for a shotgun start enjoying a fun round. “Our club is so grateful for our many sponsors and volunteers who help make our largest fund raiser a thundering success” says Bill Morrow, event chair.

The Nipomo Lions will celebrate their 10th year anniversary next month. They have grown to over 50 members – donating roughly \$200,000 back to the community.

In the Photo: Golfers get in some last minute putting practice before the shotgun start.





## Region I—Zone 3 & 4

### SANTA MARIA NOONTIMERS

The Santa Maria Noontimers Lions started the year off by selling tickets to the Lions Sight Conservation Foundation's annual enchilada sale. At the end of the month, three members helped with cooking and cooling the hamburger two days before the event, and then they and

two others helped during the actual event.

Also during January, our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Lion Paige Smith, attended the Lion Leadership Institute in Ontario, CA. She's going to make a great president beginning in July!!



February started with our bi-monthly Good Samaritan Homeless Shelter dinner preparation and serving, followed by several opportunities for Vision Screening. This continues to go smoothly with one of the District's WelchAllyn Spot™

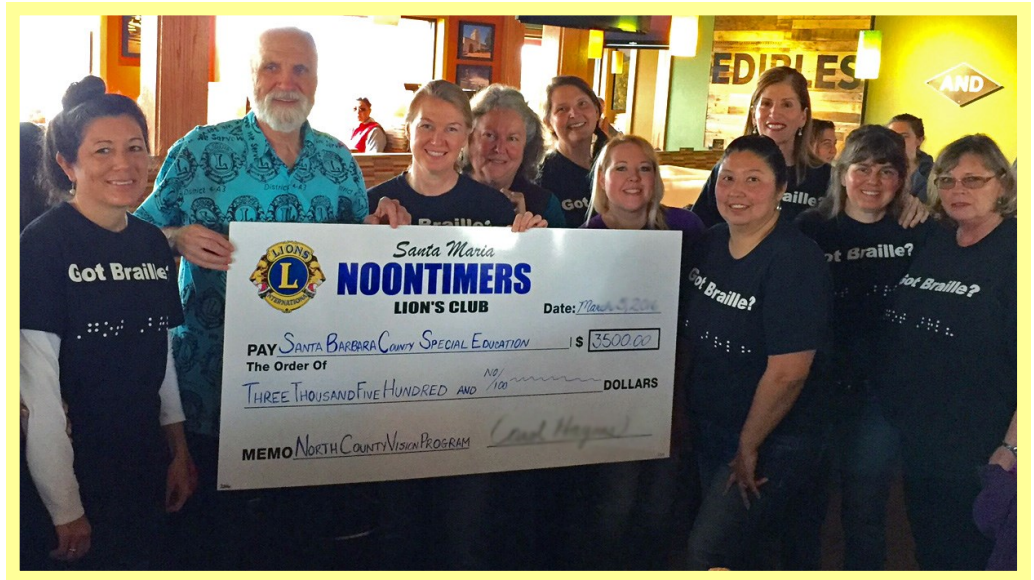
Vision Screeners. It is so appealing to the school nurses, that we know we'll be busier than ever in the new school year. As such, our club has taken the step of purchasing our own Spot™ Vision Screener!





We will be well prepared for the increase in requests!

At the beginning of March, several members attended one of our favorite events ~ the Santa Barbara Education Office – Special Education Department’s Vision Program Flapjack Fundraiser at Applebee’s. We support this group’s annual recreation trip with proceeds from our Blind Golf Tournament and present them with the check during the breakfast.



The Noontimers joined California Lions all over the state along with the other local Santa Maria and Orcutt Lions Club in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lions Eyes Across California event March 19. We collected more than 500 glasses and parts, as well as a barrel of non-perishable food for the Good Samaritan Homeless Shelter.



At the end of March, four Noontimers joined other local Lions with sorting glasses obtained over the past several months. More than 1300 pairs will be sent to Avenal State Prison for refurbishing, and hundreds of other pieces will be sent elsewhere.

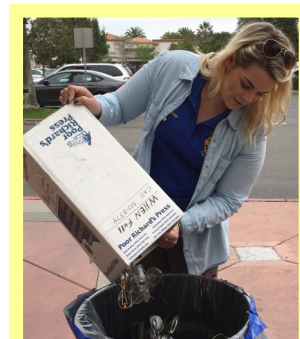


## ALLEN HANCOCK COLLEGE LIONS

The Allan Hancock College Lions are hanging in there, working hard to increase membership and perform community service. Shortly after school resumed in January, it was announced that the AHC Lions won second place in both of the campus food and clothing drive competitions, resulting in winning needed administrative funds. The last week of the month they were actively selling tickets for the Lions Sight Conservation Foundation of Santa Maria's annual enchilada sale. Lion Meaghan Kitchen also helped the day of the event.



The day before the Club's two year Charter anniversary (February 11), several members, along with PDG Margaret Dunlevy and Guiding Lion Laura Selken actively recruited new members during AHC's Bow Wow Day. Speaking of Charter Anniversary, members are planning to celebrate in June after the semester is over. Watch your inbox for invitation to attend!



In March two new members, Sam Baeza and Irma Atilano, along with Meaghan Kitchen volunteered with other local Santa Maria and Orcutt Lions during the Lions Eyes Across California event.



It was also during March that long-time Guiding Lion Laura stepped down from her position. Zone 3 Chairperson and former President of the Santa Maria Sunrisers Lions has graciously taken over the Guiding Lion role and is moving forward with the club. He organized and conducted the induction on April 5 of eight of the new members who had joined since last school year.





## SANTA MARIA VALLEY LIONS

Santa Maria Valley Lions Club hosted a "Night At the Races" on Saturday, March 5th, at the Eagles Hall in Santa Maria. Everyone had a great time. For the price of a ticket, there was all you could eat spaghetti dinner, including salad, garlic bread and dessert. Everyone in attendance had a chance to bet on horse races performed by jockeys on stick horses who were the attendees of the event, with the payout being tickets that could be used to enter for over 125 prizes. The gifts were donated by the members of the Santa Maria Valley Lions Club and community businesses. The Club thanks everyone who attended and made this event a success.





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



The Vandenberg Village Lions Club recognizes the importance of taking care of those in our own back yard. This month, along with several deliveries of food, we donated \$100 to Catholic Charities, The Lompoc Food Pantry. Each \$1 donated can purchase up to \$7 of food for the less fortunate. If you are in need of help, or are interested in volunteering, please call 805.736.6226. If you would like to make a donation, send your check payable to Catholic Charities, Lompoc Food Bank at 325 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lompoc, CA 93436.

Tony Durham, retired law enforcement officer, was recently the guest speaker for the Vandenberg Village Lions Club. The topic "Every 15 Minutes" addresses the serious issue of high school age drinking and driving. When the program started in Chico in 1998, a person age 14-21 died every 15 minutes due to an alcohol related incident. Today, thanks to the education and information disseminated through this program, the numbers have changed to every 53 minutes a young adult dies. Still, that number is way too high. Mr. Durham has been involved in the effort since 2000. The Every 15 Minutes Event alternates between Cabrillo High School and Lompoc High School every other year. This year's event, at Lompoc High School, the stage accident will occur at Huyck Stadium on April 20<sup>th</sup>, with the school assembly following on April 21<sup>st</sup> in the school gym. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. The Vandenberg Village Lions Club made a donation to the cause.



### Jordan jump-starts 'Eyes Across California' project

Victor Jordan, founder and CEO of the Lompoc Vision, kick-started this year's Lions of California eyeglass collection event by donating over 600 pairs of eyeglasses. Jordan contacted the Vandenberg Village Lions Club and asked if he could help. Chairwoman Dana Norris, in cooperation with Lion LeRoy Cubbison, had drop-off boxes available at Acceptance Financial & Insurance Services during the statewide Lions Eyes Across California on March 19th.



## VVLC Supports North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center with Generous Donation and Bold Statement!

Stephanie Braithwaite, Community Outreach Presenter for the Center recently provided a program on the importance of Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Child Abuse Prevention Month in relation to the work the Center does in the community. The VVLC has been a big supporter of the Center for many years, and Braithwaite, new to the organization, paid a visit to the Club's noon meeting to introduce herself and talk about activities at the Center. One important event on the horizon for the Center is Denim Day, approaching on April 27th. Denim Day is acknowledged up and down the state of California by Center's in an effort to show support to all survivors of sexual violence. Braithwaite also wanted to tell Club members about an upcoming fundraiser that she encouraged Lions to talk about with other Clubs in the district. The Center is sponsoring, along with major sponsor Allan Hancock College the 1st Annual Run to KNOW MORE! This

"colorful" 5K Run/Walk will be held at the Orcutt Community Park on August 6, 2016. All money raised goes back into the community by way of educational programs as well as intervention services. For more information, please email Stephanie at [stephanie@ncrccpc.org](mailto:stephanie@ncrccpc.org) or call 736-8535. Stephanie was honored to accept a \$500 donation to the Center for the work it does in the community.





## Region O—Zone 6

### VENTURA DOWNTOWN LIONS CLUB

Six dedicated Ventura Downtown Lions were honored with a Kay K. Fukushima Fellow. With these awards \$9,000 was raised toward the City of Hope Family Center. Thanks to Donald Greenberg for the time and energy he contributed to make this happen. Don was awarded a Kay K. Fukushima Fellow at the City



of Hope Lions Tribute Day.

Volunteers at Lion Serve Day helping Ventura Friends of the Library in the set up and sales of books for their "Rare and Not So Rare" book sale.

Thomas C. Lee M.D. was our guest in February. His message was an opportunity to hear



more about the partnership between the Ventura County Medical Center and the Los Angeles Children's Hospital. This partnership was many years in

the making and now our Lions club has joined the partnership. We are now raising donations to equip a pediatric eye clinic at VCMC.



24 Past Presidents from five decades were honored at our annual Past Presidents Day. All of them talented, hard-working and committed to serving Lions and bettering our community.



Members visited Oxnard Noontimers





Our club Student Speaker winner, Miranda “Mimi” Mize. She was the winner at zone and region and will be competing at the district contest in Orcutt. If there is a handsome man in the picture that would be contest Chair PP Charlie Burnham, who for years has produced excellent competitions for us.



March 19<sup>th</sup> saw four Lions clubs participating the Annual Lions Eyes Across California. Over 4,100 pairs of eyeglasses were collected; as well as cellphones, hearing aids, and food for Food Share. Our thanks to the Santa Paula, Saticoy and Moorpark-Simi Club members who joined with us and to the Channel Islands and Pleasant Valley Clubs for their support.



## Region N—Zone 8

### CAMARILLO AMBER'S LIGHT LIONS CLUB



Tupperware Fundraiser February 22nd: Family and friends of Amber's Light Lions Club members came out to support our Tupperware fundraiser. Aunt Cassie Rolle put on quite a show as "she" demonstrated the new items. Lots of Tupperware was purchased making this a very successful event.

Friends in Sight February 27th: Amber's Light members helped the Santa Paula Lions Club at the Friends in Sight Eye Screening. Over 400 people had their eyes examined and 329 received eye glasses.

#### Friends in Sight Eye Screening



Zone Student Speaker Contest March 2nd: Our Club winner Jessica Han also wins at the Zone Contest held in Simi Valley on 3/2



## Region N—Zone 8

Chamber of Commerce Service Organization of the Year March 4th: The Club was recognized as Service Organization of the Year at this year's Camarillo Chamber of Commerce Top 10 Awards Dinner. Seven Club members attended the event where 1st VP Judy and PP Terrie shared the history of our organization.

Charter Night March 12th: We celebrated our 5th Anniversary at a special diner/dance in Camarillo. We were honored to have a number of Lion dignitaries in attendance: international Director Howard and Lion Lynn, DG Richard, 1st VDG Jose and Lion Juanita, 2nd VDG Norm and Cyndee, PCC Bill and PDG Margaret, and PDG Chuck.



A slide show highlighted how active our young club has been. Fourteen of the original 27 Charter Members are still active in the club. This group is the Charter Members in attendance plus others with 5 years of service. There were raffle prizes, a reverse drawing and dancing to add to the evening festivities. Mary-Catherin Henggeler received a Melvin Jones Fellowship—our first recipient of this distinguished award at our Charter Night celebrations. Pictured with Lion Mary-Catherine are Past Presidents Samantha and Terrie and current President Ellen.



Lions Eyes Across California March 19th: Saturday morning, Amber's Light Lions were at the Camarillo Farmer's Market collecting eye glasses. 363 pairs of glasses were received that day plus 287 pairs of prescription sun glasses.

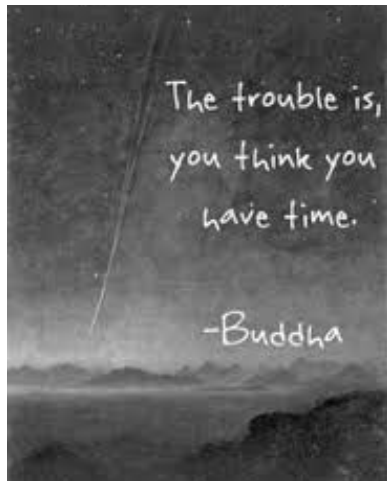


Easter Festival at Underwood Family Farms March 19th-27th: For 3 weekends, Underwood Family Farms puts on a Spring Festival where PV Lions barbeque burgers, hot dogs and roasted corn and Amber's Light Lions help with the cashiering and any other jobs that need to be done. It's a fun, family event and a fundraiser for us.



Food Share: And, we continue to support Food Share, sorting canned food items at the warehouse. March 16th we sorted 4,035 pounds of canned goods = 3,185 meals. Great Job Lions!





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

Rest in Peace Dear Lions

Louis E. Barnes—Cayucos

Steve L. Weaver—Cayucos

Lona Gilden—Saticoy

William F. Burgos—Camarillo-Somis-Pleasant Valley

Stanley J. Daily—Camarillo-Somis-Pleasant Valley

#### WHAT IS DEATH?

Death is nothing at all.  
 I have only slipped away into the next room.  
 I am I and you are you.  
 Whatever we were to each other,  
 that we still are.  
 Call me by my old familiar name.  
 Speak to me in the easy way  
 which you always used.  
 Put no difference in your tone.  
 Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.  
 Laugh as we always laughed  
 at the little jokes we enjoyed together.  
 Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.  
 Let my name be ever the household word  
 that it always was.  
 Let it be spoken without affect,  
 without the trace of a shadow on it.  
 Life means all that it ever meant.  
 It is the same that it ever was.  
 There is absolutely unbroken continuity.  
 Why should I be out of mind  
 because I am out of sight?  
 I am waiting for you,  
 for an interval,  
 somewhere very near,  
 just around the corner.  
 All is well.

~ Henry Scott Holland

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