



“Roaring Loudly—Gently Serving”

MD4-A3 District Newsletter

July – September 2016 - First Quarter

DISTRICT GOVERNOR’S MESSAGE

Mission Statement

Lions Clubs International

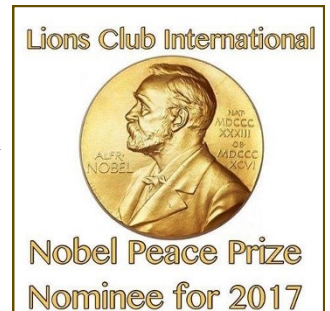
To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions Clubs.

As we celebrate our Centennial year, we need to pause and reflect on our organization’s Mission statement:

Volunteer: We do give of our time as we serve our communities in a variety of ways; we involve ourselves in projects and events that benefit our communities. As volunteers, we provide service on a one to one basis or we join a group to assist a larger segment of the population. Our compensation is the satisfaction that we receive by helping others.

Meet Humanitarian Needs: We volunteer to help improve the lives of other people. Other words that describe humanitarian are “benevolent”, and “public-spirited”. As we move forward to positively make a difference in the lives of others by focusing on the four challenges presented to us by Lions International – Vision, Hunger, Youth and the Environment - we are definitely meeting the humanitarian needs of others.

Encourage Peace: Clubs participating in the Peace Poster Contest as well as in the Peace Essay Contest are doing their part in promoting peace. But these club projects that Lions International wants us to promote are only a part of the overall effort to help promote peace throughout the world. Lions International’s involvement with the United Nations as well as lending a hand to other nations when disasters strike, in addition to providing medical as well as vision services around the globe, puts the organization in the role of peace keeper. As a matter of fact, Lions International is one of the **nominees for the Nobel Peace Prize** this year. The fact that our organization was nominated is a huge testament of the work that we do worldwide.



Promote International Understanding: Promoting peace in the world, as mentioned above, plays a large role in fostering international understanding. By gaining access to the current 210 countries, Lions International has established itself as a noble organization which has gained the respect of the majority of the world’s nations. An example is that Lions International was the first service organization allowed inside China.

As you go about providing service to others, be proud to belong to not only the largest service organization in the world, but the best!

Yours In Lionism,
Jose Nichols, District Governor

2016/2017 Cabinet Officers

Jose J. Nichols
District Governor

Norm McDaniel
1st Vice District Governor

Dave Hubbard
2nd Vice District Governor

Richard Davis
IP District Governor

PDG Chuck Cassy
GLT Coordinator

Mark Westfall
GMT Coordinator

Juanita Nichols
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Mary-Catherine Henggeler
Cabinet Treasurer

Region Chairs

L—Terry Orton
I—Don Bock
O—Gene Wanek
N—Greg Steinmetz

Zone Chairs

1—Anthony Kalvans
2—PDG Dick Kane
3—Nancy Pacheco
4—Ann McCarty
5—Chase Gregory
6—Diane Ellis
7—Kalani Jose
8—George Graham



Second Vice District Governor Lion Dave Hubbard

“Aarrggghhh!” I want to thank all of the clubs and Lions who have offered me support since I began this journey through District 4-A3. I look forward to working with all of you over the next 3 years. For those of you who haven’t met me, I am Lion Dave Hubbard, your 2nd Vice District Governor. Although I am new to the district, I have over 35 years of experience sailing through District 4-L4 in Southern California. Currently, I am docked with the Cayucos Lions Club but am also an Associate Member of the Morro Bay Lions Club.

I am currently visiting all of the clubs in the district with Governor Jose. It has been an enjoyable journey thus far. It gives me an opportunity to get to know the Lions in the district and what you do. So far, I have met a lot of great Lions, heard about a lot of great projects, and have seen a lot of Lions in action. I bring with me a lot of experiences from my old district that I hope to share when deemed advisable. I don’t really want to change things but, maybe, make them a little better.

One of the exciting things that has happened recently is the founding of the California Lions Foundation (CFL). Immediate Past District Governor Richard Davis was a major contributor to its founding. The CFL was created to provide small grants to clubs in MD-4. These grants are meant to help club initiate projects in their communities. They can also be used to provide matching money for grants from LCIF. The grants are for up to \$9,999. LCIF grants start at \$10,000. As a 501-C3 foundation, it is looking for donation to build to body of the fund. MD-4 has donated \$5,000 to help start this. If you can help, it would be appreciated. Additionally, requests for grants can be forwarded to me for approval by the foundation. I will be serving on the board as the director from District 4-A3 for the remainder of the year.

I will be working with Gov. Jose and 1st VDG Norm to develop stronger leadership in the clubs and district. With it, we hope to increase membership to strengthen our clubs and be able to provide more service in our communities. I get excited when I hear of new projects being established by our clubs. In this, our centennial year, this is a great time to create a new project that will leave a legacy in your community as a result of your club’s efforts.

If you have problems, questions, or need assistance, I will try to make myself available to your club. I hope that our journey together will be filled with success and fun. I hope to see more of you on our journey through the district, at district, region, and zone meetings. Join with me a “be a partner in service”.

*“If your actions create
a legacy that inspires
others to dream more,
learn more, do more,
and become more,
then you are an
excellent leader.”*

*--Dolly Parton,
Songwriter/Singer, etc.*

**There are some great upcoming Lions
Leadership opportunities coming up.**

**2016-2017 MD4 LEADERSHIP INSTITUTES:
(Mark your calendars)**

• **January 14-16, 2017 Leadership Institute
Sacramento (Sacramento Doubletree)**

• **March 4-6, 2017 Leadership Institute
Ontario (Ontario Radisson Hotel)**

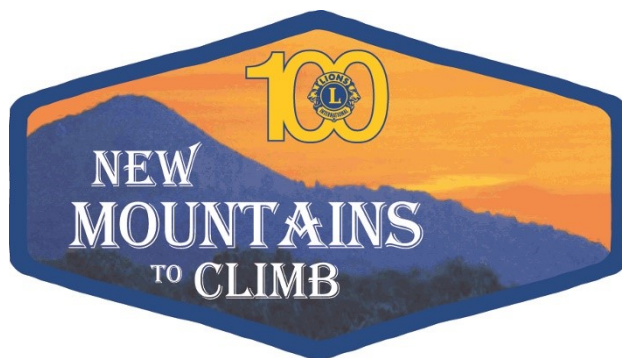
**2016/2017 ADVANCED LIONS
LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**

November 12-14, 2016 Houston, Texas

**2016/2017 EMERGING LIONS
LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**

January 21-24, 2017 Chicago, Illinois

Dear Lions of District A-3,



I hope I'm not too presumptuous if I make some recommendations on how to have a "perfect club." Ask yourself, would I join my club? I think most of us know we can make our clubs better, but we just get complacent. It isn't rocket science, and some simple steps can make our clubs so much better.

First, Lions don't talk to each other. How are we going to get better if we don't talk about how we can improve and change? The best way to do this is to have a retreat with a facilitator to guide the discussion. The club can then come up with a plan to succeed. At the minimum, clubs should set aside time each year to talk about the health of the club and how to get better. Talk to me as your GLT Coordinator.

Second, ask the question - are we doing service projects? The key here is are your projects fundraisers and not service projects? Lions join to do service and too many clubs think fundraisers are service, but they are not. Lions need to do service. It is how we connect with the community. Service is how we as Lions feel good about what we do. My opinion is that every club needs to do a service project at least once a quarter. If your club is not, look to put service back into your club.

Most importantly, we need to grow as clubs. The majority of clubs have little or no membership activity. We know we need more "hands and hearts," but we just don't do anything about it. Our projects are our best recruiting tool. Why not ask members to invite prospects to projects? They'll see what you do and the fun you have together. Try it! They'll join.

I'm also shocked how seldom we use our projects as public relations. Why not have a "brag board" at every event? Put Lions information on it and pictures about what you do. Every event should have brochures and a Lion prepared to talk to prospects about joining us. What about a sign that says "Ask me about Lions?" People in the community are interested in service. Try something new, you'll be surprised at your success.

If your club is struggling, why not ask for help? Your Zone Chair, Region Chair and District GMT and GLT are more than happy to help! Why not start today, to make your Club the "Perfect Club?" There is no better time.

Yours in Service,

PDG Chuck Cassy
District GLT Coordinator

*"Move out of your comfort zone. You can only grow if you are willing to feel awkward and uncomfortable when you try something new."
--Brian Tracy*

First District Meeting of MD4-A3 is a Roaring Success — Region I Chair ~Lion Don Bock



District Governor Jose Nichols and Region I hosted the First District Meeting and Cabinet Installation of MD4-A3 over two days; August 26 and August 27 in Santa Maria. With the Santa Maria Sunrisers taking the lead in putting on the event, Vandenberg Village Lions Club provided the most integral element-Lion Ann McCarty who served as emcee and Tail Twister. Zone Chair Ann carried out her role with great aplomb.

On Friday, August 26th, DG Jose's cabinet was installed at the beautiful Presqu'ile Winery to a backdrop of evening sun setting over the hills in Santa Maria. With numerous dignitaries, including several Past District Governors, Past and present Council Chairs and Club officers in attendance, the affair was one to remember for the 70 plus Lions and guests. After a tasty meal of tri-tip steak and chicken prepared by Matt Dwyer and his staff accompanied by Presqu'ile wines, ID Howard Hudson and Lion Lynn Hudson performed the installation. ID Howard cleverly used the Centennial theme of Feeding the Hungry to frame up his presentation. Each of the cabinet officers was presented with a food item that should remind them of their roles in the coming year. Items such as A-1, yeast, and flour were presented to the officers in hopes of growing MD4-A3 during the 2016-2017 Lion year. Each officer accepted their role and committed to growing Lions in the Multiple District and assuming leadership positions that make a difference. The evening concluded with dancing and socializing.



On the following morning, the officers reconvened for the First District Meeting at the Historic Santa Maria Inn. After conducting normal business and introductions, Lion Don Greenberg shared with the group information about the Ventura Collective project in which several clubs have collaborated. The purpose of the Collective Project is to provide vision assistance and care to infants. The group is also looking to expand the Project to include adults. Afterward the attendees were treated to a presentation by PDG Ken Echeberry, entitled Bullets, Beans and Band aids. In the presentation, PDG Ken covered the elements of leadership integral to growing leaders and clubs. He pointed out that for a leader to be successful, he or she must seek first to understand, then to be understood. This is one of the basic tenets of leadership. We cannot lead if we cannot listen. PDG Ken also shared with the group a Power-Point presentation demonstrating the capabilities of the Lions Camp at Teresita Pines. He showed several of the original cabins and facilities both in the past as in the present to show how the camp has grown to accommodate more groups.

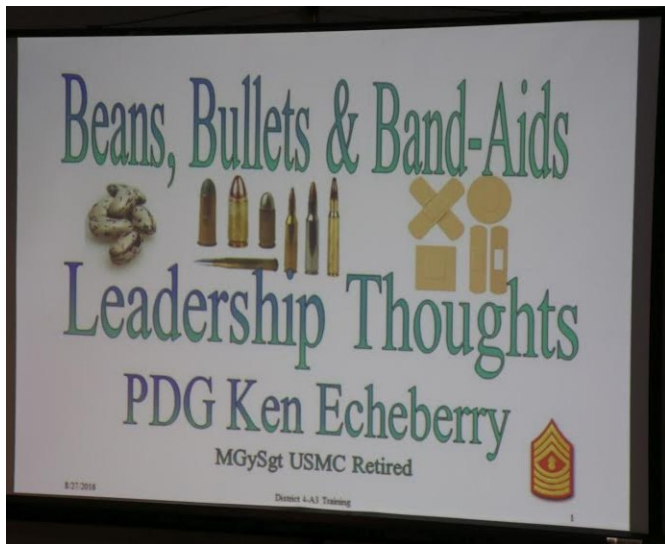




ID Howard Hudson & DG Jose special acknowledgment to members and participating clubs of the Ventura Collaborative.



1st VDG Norm and 2nd VDG Dave having some fun with DG Jose as the Three Caballeros



2nd VDG Dave Hubbard and MD4-C4 Governor Rod Mercado



Members of the Camarillo Amber's Light enjoying their visit with visiting District Governor Rod Mercado.



PCC George Stewart and 1st Vice District Governor Norm McDaniel



CASSY

For Lions International Director ☆



PDG CHUCK CASSY

"SOARING TO NEW HEIGHTS"

Endorsed by District 4-A3

Soaring to New Heights with PDG Chuck Cassy for International Director

It's a GREAT day to be a Lion! That has been my motto for a long time and I believe it to the very core. As the endorsed candidate from District 4-A3, seeking the endorsement of MD4 for the office of International Director, I am committed to the Campaign for this great office. The WHY is simple! Great leaders from our Multiple District encouraged me to be a candidate, and upon reflection, I determined that because of my beliefs in this amazing organization as well as my trusted abilities as a leader, I became a candidate. Our organization has survived for 100 years because of strong, passionate leaders and I believe there is a great need for such leadership that is enthusiastic and motivational to continue if we are to sustain ourselves for another 100 years. I believe I can deliver that. The opportunities I have had to serve in both the Jaycees and Lions have taught me leadership, mentorship, membership, and the value of friendship. I will draw on all these skills to serve our organization to the best of my ability. As we progress into the future, the need for leadership has never been greater. While I won't be around when the next Centennial occurs, I'm determined that my leadership today will have a positive impact on the future of our multiple district and Lions worldwide. While serving as MD4 GMT Coordinator, District GLT Coordinator, District Governor, Zone Chair, Club President as well as being a Keynote speaker, trainer and mentor in almost all California's 15 Districts, I have discussed with many Lions the need for positive change and growth. We cannot wait any longer. As leaders, we must make our Lions Clubs stronger and grow our organization. We must train our leaders to be the finest they can be to ensure the future success of our multiple district and ultimately our organization. I believe I am part of the process. With over 15 years of service to the organization, I have motivated and inspired countless members. I invite you to "Soar to New Heights" with us because I believe that our greatest success is yet to be.

Matteo's Dream

A Playground for Children of All Abilities

Concord, California



Concord resident Liz Lamach and her son, Matteo, had a dream. They dreamed of a playground where children who could not walk, see or hear, could play safely alongside children who could. The playground opened May 16, 2007. The actual build took 2000 volunteers 10 days to accomplish. At the August Council of Governors, all Partners In Service had an opportunity to meet with Liz Lamach and PDG Bill Ridle. We were very fortunate to be able to tour this project. It was an incredible story. The 2014 Rose Parade float "Lions Built Matteo's Dream" received the Tournament of Roses Special Trophy for exceptional merit in multiple classifications.



Check out these websites for additional information.

www.ci.concord.ca.us/matteosdream/index.htm (Ctrl+Click to follow the link)

www.ci.concord.ca.us/recreation/parks/matteo/index.html (Ctrl+Click to follow the link)



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

OUR FOUNDATION

Dear Lions,

[World Sight Day](#) is fast approaching. On October 13, 2016, organizations around the world will shine a light on preventable blindness. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has been supporting Lions-led initiatives for decades to prevent blindness and empower those who are blind or visually impaired.

Our [Sight for Kids](#) partnership with Johnson & Johnson Vision Care Companies (JJVCC) is just one way we are working to provide vision care. The Sight for Kids program has screened the vision of more than 23 million schoolchildren in Asia Pacific, Kenya and Turkey. These children might not otherwise have access to vision screenings. This program provides glasses and follow-up care as needed and is for free to children in need.

As your club prepares to recognize World Sight Day, please keep LCIF and Sight for Kids in mind. For every photo you share through the [Donate a Photo](#) app (USA, United Kingdom and Japan only), Johnson & Johnson will give US\$1 to the Sight for Kids program. You can also download the [Charity Miles](#) app and raise money for Sight for Kids just by taking a walk. Both are easy ways to make a big impact around the world. Please join LCIF and your fellow Lions by showing your support on World Sight Day and every day.



Sincerely,

Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada, Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

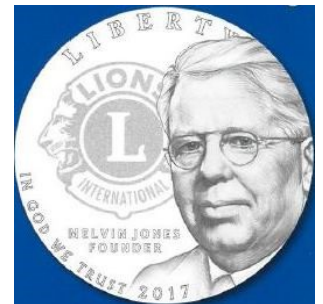


Share Your Passion for LCIF

You believe strongly that LCIF strengthens all Lions. You follow the LCIF blog and share the stories with your friends and fellow Lions. You encourage everyone you know to financially support the Foundation. You have been looking for a way to get more involved with your club and LCIF. You sound like a great candidate for the new Club LCIF Coordinator position! Now is a great time to tell your club president that you are interested in filling this position.

Lions Commemorative Coin Available Soon

The Lions Clubs International Century of Service Commemorative Coin will provide a worthy tribute to the millions of Lions who have served their communities during the last 100 years. The US\$1 coin will be available in early 2017 to celebrate Lions Clubs International's 100th anniversary. In addition to highlighting a century of charitable services to people in need, a surcharge of US\$10 for every commemorative coin sold – without any cost to taxpayers – will be donated to Lions Clubs International Foundation. These funds will support ongoing Lions programs that assist the visually impaired, disabled, youth and those affected by major disasters. Watch for updates as we get closer to the launch of the coin.



LCIF's Disaster Relief Work is Ongoing

August 2016 was a month wrought with disaster. When torrential rains led to devastating floods in Louisiana, USA, LCIF responded with two US\$10,000 emergency grants and a US\$100,000 Major Catastrophe grant. Days later, when a massive earthquake shook central Italy, LCIF answered with another US\$100,000 Major Catastrophe grant. With the generous and ongoing support of Lions, LCIF continues to be a beacon of light in some of the world's darkest hours.



NEW MOUNTAINS TO CLIMB

Dear Lion,

We recently reached the 100 million people served milestone in the Centennial Service Challenge. This incredible accomplishment is proof that when Lions join together for the benefit of humanity, there's nothing we can't achieve. I hope you'll join me in celebrating this achievement in true Lions style—by renewing your commitment to serving the people who need us most. The Centennial Celebration is a great opportunity for every Lion to get involved in service. You can plan a project for the Worldwide Weeks of Service, dedicate a Centennial Community Legacy Project in your community, and continue supporting the Centennial Service Challenge by hosting youth, vision, hunger and environmental projects. And keep reporting your activities to LCI so we can share our impact with Lions and the world. I'd like you to take a minute to watch our [100 Million Served video](#) and reflect on the millions of lives changed by your service. Then keep serving to see how high we can climb!



Very truly yours,
Chancellor Bob Corlew
Your International
President

Lions Clubs International

Celebrating 100 Years of Service

Our Centennial Celebration brings Lions together to celebrate 100 years of life-changing humanitarian service.

Starting with the kickoff in July 2014 and ending in June 2018, Lions in clubs around the world will join in the celebration by expanding our community project work and inspiring others to join us in service.

It's an exciting time to be a Lion. Let's celebrate together!



Ways your Lions club can celebrate and serve



Lead through Service

Organize Centennial Service Challenge projects to benefit youth, vision, hunger, and the environment. Share your successes with your local media and on MyLCI.



Invite for Impact

Participate in the Centennial Membership Awards by inviting new members and sponsoring a new club. Encourage your new members to participate in Centennial service projects.



Connect with Community

Identify needs in your community and plan a Centennial Community Legacy Project to make a lasting local impact. Share your Centennial projects through social media with the #LIONS100 hashtag.

Start your Centennial Celebration

1. Talk about the Centennial with your club and invite them to join the celebration.
2. Choose a Centennial Club Chairperson and/or committee.
3. Create a plan for your club to Lead through Service, Invite for impact, and Connect with your Community.
4. Share your plan with your District Centennial Coordinator — other clubs can benefit from your ideas.
5. Report your service on MyLCI so we can share the global impact of Lions.

Visit Lions100.org for centennial resources and media for your celebration.

Club Presidents and Club Secretaries:

Please make sure you are correctly reporting your Centennial Service Challenge projects on your monthly activity reports. You want to make sure you are credited for each completed service project. If you need any kind of assistance, please feel free to contact Cabinet Secretary, Lion Juanita.

MD4-A3 Calendar of Events

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Region N – November 11-12, 2016
Camarillo/Somis/Pleasant Valley
Region L – February 24-25, 2017 Cambria
Region I – May 5-6, 2017 Santa Maria

DISTRICT CONVENTION

May 5-7, 2016
MD4-A3 Convention, Radisson, Santa Maria

DISTRICT CONTEST DEADLINES

July 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017	Contest Period
April 1, 2016-March 31, 2017	Visitation Contest
April 10, 2017	Reporting Deadline
April 30, 2017	Yearbook Deadline

IPDG ROAST

IPDG Jose Nichols July 2017

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

White Cane Day October 7, 2016
Peace Poster & Peace Essay Contest:
November 15th 2016: *Postmark deadline for a Club to send one winning poster (per contest school/youth group sponsored) to the District Governor*
Peace Poster & Peace Essay Contest:
December 1st 2016: *Postmark deadline for a District Governor to send one winner poster to the Multiple District Council Chairperson.*
Lions Flag Day February 17-19, 2017
Lions City of Hope Day March 26, 2017

STUDENT SPEAKERS CONTEST

On or Before February 20, 2017	Club Contest
On or Before March 13, 2017	Zone Contest
On or Before April 3, 2017	Region Contest
On or Before May 1, 2017	District Contest
On or Before May 22, 2017	Area Contest
June 3, 2017	MD-4 Final Contest

MD4 AND INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

MD4 COUNCIL OF GOVERNOR (COG) MTGS.

October 28-30, 2016 Fall
(DoubleTree Hilton Hotel) Burlingame, CA; 4-C4
February 8-9, 2017
Mid-Winter – (Red Lion) Redding, CA; 4-C1
June 2-4, 2017
Joint – (Hilton Pasadena) Pasadena, CA; 4-L2

MD4 CONVENTIONS

February 10-12, 2017
(Red Lion) Redding, CA; 4-C1

February 2-4 or 9-11, 2018
San Diego, CA; 4-L6

MD-4 LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

January 14-16, 2017
North: Sacramento DoubleTree West Hotel

March 4-6, 2017
South: Ontario Radisson Hotel

MD-4 LEO LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

March 31-April 2, 2017
Lions Camp at Teresita Pines

USA CANADA FORUMS

September 21-23, 2017	Portland, Oregon
September 20-22, 2018	Columbus, Ohio
September 19-21, 2019	Spokane, Washington

2016/2017 ADVANCED LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

November 12-14, 2016 Houston, Texas

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January 21-24, 2017 Chicago, Illinois

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

June 30-July 4, 2017
(**Centennial**) Chicago, Illinois, USA
June 29-July 3, 2018
Las Vegas, Nevada, USA
July 5-9, 2019 Milan, Italy
June 26-30, 2020 Singapore
June 25-29, 2021 Montreal, Canada



MD4-A3 District Governor Visitations



Month	Date	Day	Club	B/L/D	Time
Aug	2	Tues	Goleta Lions	L	12:00 Noon
	2	Tues	Oxnard Channel Islands	D	7:00 PM
	9	Tues	Pismo Cities Lions	D	7:00 PM
	11	Thurs	El Rio	D	7:00 PM
	12	Fri	Oxnard Noontimers	L	12:00 Noon
	18	Thurs	Ventura Downtown	L	12:00 PM
	18	Thurs	Saticoy	D	6:30 PM
	25	Thurs	Vandenberg Village	L	12:10 PM
Sept	1	Thurs	Santa Barbara Host	L	12:00 Noon
	1	Thurs	Carpinteria	D	7:00 PM
	7	Wed	Santa Maria Noontimers	L	12:10 PM
	13	Tues	Camarillo-Somis-PV	D	7:00 PM
	22	Thurs	Santa Paula	D	6:00 PM
	27	Tues	Paso Robles Lions	D	7:00 PM
	28	Wed	Ojai Valley Lions	D	6:30 PM
Oct	3	Mon	Fillmore Lions	D	7:00 PM
	5	Wed	Santa Maria Sunrisers	B	7:15 PM
	5	Wed	Orcutt Lions	D	7:00 PM
	10	Mon	Camarillo Ambers Light	D	6:30 PM
	20	Thurs	Lompoc Host Lions	D	7:00 PM
	25	Tues	Simi Valley-Moorpark	D	7:00 PM
Nov.	17	Thurs	Nipomo Lions	D	6:30 PM
	18	Wed	Arroyo Grande Lions	D	7:00 PM
Jan-17	19	Thurs	San Miguel/Shandon	D	7:00 PM
	23	Mon	Santa Margarita	D	7:30 PM
	25	Wed	Atascadero Lions	D	7:00 PM
	26	Thurs	Morro Bay Lions	D	7:00 PM
Feb	2	Thurs	Templeton Lions	D	7:00 PM
	13	Mon	San Luis Obispo Lions	D	6:00 PM
	14	Tues	Cambria Lions	D	7:00 PM
	28	Tues	Cayucos Lions	D	7:00 PM
Campus Clubs to be Scheduled in the Fall					
TBD	TBD	TBD	Allan Hancock Campus		
TBD	TBD	TBD	UCSB Campus Club		
TBD	TBD	TBD	Cal Poly Campus		
Contact their club Secretary to confirm visitations.					

Please notify District Secretary Juanita Nichols if a club event conflicts with the District Governor's visitation.

A Note of Thanks and Appreciation

District Governor Jose and Lion Juanita would like to thank and express their sincere appreciation to all of the clubs visited up to this point. We thank you for making us feel welcomed and for your hospitality. So far as of September 28th a total of 15 clubs have been visited. With each visit we learn so much about your club as well as the community you serve.

Some clubs have presented Governor Jose with a donation to the charity of his choice (Student Speaker Foundation or LCIF). The donations are very much appreciated and especially by those who will directly benefit from your generosity.

During some of the club visitations, Governor Jose has had the opportunity of inducting and welcoming new lions members. He also had privilege of inducting new Leos Club Members sponsored by the Santa Paula Lions Club and the new Los Osos Bay Branch Club sponsored by the Morro Bay Lions Club.

Now that college classes are in full swing, we look forward to scheduling and visiting the district's campus clubs.

We look forward to each visitation and in meeting the club members at each site.



New Member Induction at El Rio Lions Club

MD4-A3 District Activities

Pismo Beach Cities Lions Club

We are a bronze sponsor of an event for **"Anthony's Seeing Is Believing"** to support a young boy with a rare eye disease, (LCA) Leber's Congenital Amurosis. Walk/run event was held on September 17th. Bakersfield Lions are major sponsors this event when held in their area. This is their first event in Pismo Beach.



We are a golf hole sponsor for **The Pismo Beach Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament.**

One of our members is doing a fundraiser for the **Mustang Wildlife Foundation** that we have donated to.

We have done a benefit/training pancake breakfast for the **Community Presbyterian Church of Pismo Beach** where we have trained them so they can take this knowledge back to their Church to be able to make free breakfasts for homeless individuals and also earn funds to keep their building in repair.

We have members who volunteer for: **Salvation Army Food Distribution, The Clark Center (Arroyo Grande) events, and The Five Cities Christian Women's Emergency Food Pantry,** doing stocking and food distribution.



We have given **VSP Certificates** to two individuals in need of assistance in obtaining eye glasses.

We have given five \$500 **Scholarships** to local students who have gone on to enroll in college.

We have donated to **LCIF** in the name of our District Governor requesting the funds to toward the California Fire Disaster Fund.



We have purchase a **Lions Rose Parade** patch and pins to support this event.

We purchased 17 tickets to support the **Atascadero Lions Reverse Drawing** on September 24th, raising money to support the Lions Vision Trailer. We took our "traveling bar" to this event.

The Five Cities Leo Club scheduled their second year of promoting **Children's Cancer Awareness Day** on September 25th. We are so proud of our Leo Club.....we are "Team Mateo". Mateo is a three year old child who is undergoing cancer treatments and our Leo's have followed his story since they held this event last year for him, and have attended the fundraising events for him since then.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lion Connie Rose
Pismo Beach Cities Lions Club



MD4-A3 District Activities

Nipomo Lions Help Food Bank Distributed Food

Nipomo Lions have been doing a monthly food distribution at Dana Elementary school since Sept. 2013 with food provided by the Food Bank, which includes a bag of USDA dry goods and usually a package of frozen meat plus a bag of locally donated and/or purchased produce and other items, which may include bread, juice, eggs, milk, or various other items. Nipomo Lions provides the labor, usually with about a dozen volunteers, often including some of the high school Leo club members, and serve as many as 192 families each month. Many of the same families who need assistance come each month as well as new families as the need throughout the community grows. The program at this site started with enough food to serve an initial number of 80 families and the numbers have grown to a high of 192 families. The distribution occurs in the parking lot at Dana Elementary, 920 W. Tefft St. from 4 – 6p on the 4th Tuesday of every month and helps a number of people who may not be able to stretch their food budget through the month.

According to Lynn McGill, Lions Chairperson for this project: we have handed out over 5,000 food allotments since we started in 2013.

In the photo (r to l): Chairperson Lynn McGill far right, Wendy Lewis of the CLO County Food Bank, Fourth



District Supervisor Lynn Compton (who stopped by to help) and members of the Nipomo Lions Club.



Morro Bay Lions Club

July was a busy month for the Morro Bay Lions Club. 4th of July activities included raising approx. 30 flags around Tideland Park for the holiday ceremonies. A bike parade followed. From there club members headed to the Vet's Hall to serve dinner to the community less fortunate. The club serves approx. 80-100 meals the 1st Monday of each month. This is an ongoing club service project.



Lion Ed Smith celebrated his birthday in July, 100 years young.

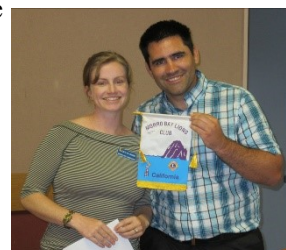


Lion Bill Todd received a Melvin Jones at our club installation. Thank You to San Miguel Lions who cooked their famous ribs at the installation.



1st VP Kaitlyn Crizer presided over the 2nd meeting of the month. "President in Training". Outstanding job. She is presenting Pieter Neethling the club banner. He presented a program "Family Care Network, Inc." (www.fcni.org). Excellent Program.

Five of our members attended the Northern District Club Officer Training. Lion Kaitlyn was one of those in attendance. We have 2 new members that were inducted at our 1st August meeting. Several members participated in our fundraiser - Snack Shack over Labor Day weekend.



Respectfully submitted,
Lion Gail Hubbard



MD4-A3 District Activities

Welcome to the New Los Osos-Bay Branch Lions Club



September 12, 2016 saw 7 Lions clubs welcoming the new Los Osos-Bay Branch Lions Club. The celebration was held at the Sea Pines Resort in Los Osos. District Governor Jose Nichols inducted 5 of the 8 charter members. Unfortunately, one had to work and two were at a planning session for the vision screening of students in San Luis Obispo County schools. International Director Howard Hudson and Lion Lynn were there to welcome the new Lions as were over 30 Lions and guests.

The club was approved on 28 June, 2016 by Lions Clubs International but the celebration was delayed until September to insure that our district officers would be available to perform



the induction. In the meantime, the club collected 846 pairs of glasses and frames, agreed to act as security for the Los Osos Chamber Oktoberfest, agreed to cook for the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Village Children's Center in Los Osos, and begin raising money for the rebuilding of the Baywood Pier which will be their first legacy project.

President Juston Olson accepted the bell and gavel from PDG Dick Kane and the members received their Centennial pins and name tags from club liaison PDG Dick and President Ray McKelvey of the host Morro Bay Lions Club. Among the members attending were Lion Bob Crizer (former president of the Bay Osos Lions Club), Lion Fe Iron-Eyes, Lion Kevin Maylath, Lion Pres. Juston Olson, and Lion Steve Vinson (president of the Los Osos Chamber of Commerce). Absent were Lion Gabe Quiroz, Lion Dr. Brent Wells, Secretary/Treasurer for the club, and Lion Dr. Steve Jio.



Vandenberg Village Lions Club

Invites you to



Dinner in the Dark is a unique dining experience aimed at heightening your senses while bringing awareness to the issue of blindness. Sight conservation is the mission for Lions Clubs International and the Vandenberg Village Lions Club is conducting its 4th Annual Dinner in the Dark to raise funds to assist individuals in our community with sight and hearing needs.



Saturday, October 15, 2016

5:30pm—8:00pm

La Purisima Parish Hall

213 West Olive, Lompoc

Cost: \$30

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

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

MD4-A3 District Activities

Amber's Light Lions help playground get started

A groundbreaking ceremony took place Thursday, Sept 9th for the universally accessible playground equipment to be installed at Community Park in Camarillo. This is a joint project with Camarillo Amber's Light Lions, Camarillo Kiwanis and the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Parks Foundation. The wheelchair accessible Rockin Ship Glider will be installed along with 4 musical panels and a generational swing (toddler and parent face each other and swing together). Amber's Light Lions would like to thank the other Lions Clubs who helped make this happen – Pleasant Valley Lions, Satcoy Lions, Santa Paula Lions and Steve Strachan with Orcutt Lions who will be installing the equipment.



8 members of Camarillo Amber's Light Lions at the Ribbon Cutting ceremony, with Kiwanis and Park and Rec staff.



MD4-A3 District Activities

Santa Maria Noontimers Lions

The Santa Maria Noontimers Lions are nearing the end of their 24th year of fundraising at the Santa Maria Raceway (formerly Speedway). We have a core group of members who volunteer at nearly every race throughout the season: Jill and Mitch Caldwell (often with their sons, Sheldon and Ryan), Roger Selken, Ron Selken, and current Club President Paige Smith. Other members help when they can, and even Lions from other clubs, especially Joe Knudsen of the Pismo Beach Cities Lions. Through the end of August, more than 536 hours of service have been provided in raising funds for our various service projects.

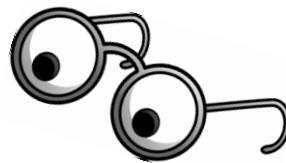
We continue to prepare dinner for the Good Samaritan Homeless Shelter six times a year. We generally provide a “home-cooked” meal to 140 to 150 people each time.



As a member club of the Lions Sight Conservation Foundation of Santa Maria, we often volunteer for activities to support this organization. In early August we gathered with other Foundation Lions and “Lions to be” to sort more than 1200 pairs and parts of eyeglasses collected over the past few months.

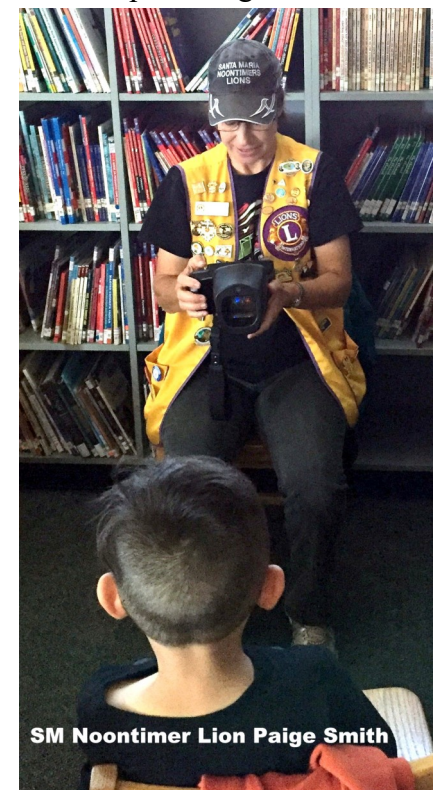


On August 21, two members volunteered with other local Lions at Santa Maria's Family Day in the Park, providing vision screening to about 60 people.



And now, as school has started, we are again actively assisting with vision screening in Santa Maria and Orcutt. This is always a huge undertaking, screening thousands of students from pre-kindergarten through high school. Our recent purchase of a WelchAllyn Spot™ Vision Screener (primarily through funds raised during our participation in last year's Santa Maria Elks Rodeo Queen contest) will help expedite the screening.

In addition to fundraising and volunteering our time to serve others, we also celebrated being Lions by installing Paige Smith as our new President and welcoming Ruth Christen, a long-time, devoted Lion who transferred into our club from the Santa Maria Valley Lions!



MD4-A3 District Activities



1st Annual Santa Maria Sunrisers Lions

ROARING FOR SIGHT!



CAR SHOW AND CHILI COOKOUT

Saturday, October 22, 2016
Santa Maria Elks Lodge
1309 N. Bradley Road, Santa Maria



Registration: 7:00 – 9:00 am



Show: 10:00 – 2:00 pm



Awards: 2:00 pm

Proceeds to Benefit the
Lions Sight Conservation Foundation of Santa Maria

Food * Prizes * Raffle * Music by Frankie G

FREE T-SHIRT WHEN REGISTERED BY OCTOBER 7TH

Info: Mike Miranda 805.680.2738
Louis Magdaleno 805.314.1484



**Gladly accepting event Sponsorships
And Door Prizes**

**Please contact event co-chairs:
Lion Mike Miranda or
Lion Louis Magdaleno**

ENTRY FORM - ONE FORM PER VEHICLE

Please complete and return this form and non-refundable entry fee of \$30 by October 7, 2016 includes free T shirt.
Registrations WILL be accepted after this date, including 'drive-ups' on the day, space permitting.

Limited to first 150 entries. Pre-registration strongly encouraged. Preferred parking not guaranteed.
Please arrive together if you wish to park with your group.

Year/Make/Model: _____
Description of Vehicle: _____
Judging Class (see list): _____
Club Affiliation: _____
Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____
E-Mail: _____

Signature (required): _____

By signing I accept all liability and consent to the policies on this form and Santa Maria Sunrisers Lions Club.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Entrant agrees to abide by all rules to be set forth by the Santa Maria Sunrisers Lions Club. **RAIN OR SHINE. NO REFUNDS.**
Entrant/Vendor accepts all liability and agrees not to hold either group or representatives of the same liable for theft, injury, or any other damages. Additional information and forms available at www.lscfsm.org. Rules subject to change without notice at the discretion of the Santa Maria Sunrisers Lions Club. Onsite check in begins at 8:00am. This is a rain or shine event. No refunds will be issued for any reason. The Santa Maria Sunrisers Lions Club is a community service organization. Profits from this event will benefit the **Lions Sight Conservation Foundation of Santa Maria**. Privacy Information: Your contact information will only be used regarding show communications for this and future shows. Your information will not be shared with anyone. This is an alcohol-free event

Award Categories with Contestant/Peer Judging
Best: 30's, 40's, 50's 60's, 70's, on steroids, ancient antique, raddest truck, lowrider, stock, new muscle old muscle, most edible paint, best back seat, engine you could eat off of, oddest, rat rod, street rod, pro street rod, el camino, tin lizzie, gm, mopar, ladies choice, peep's choice, kids choice,

Entry Fee Cars/ Trucks/ Motorcycles \$30 After October 7th \$35

Tee Shirts Preorder (quantity/size) S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___ @ \$ ___ each = \$15

Make Checks Payable to "Santa Maria Sunrisers Lions Club" TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Send entries to:
Santa Maria Sunrisers Lions Club
P.O. Box 514
Santa Maria, CA 93456

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Pismo Beach Cities Lions Club

Pancake Breakfast



Saturday

October 22nd

Clam Festival Weekend

7:00 a.m to 11:00 a.m.

Joe L. Rose Memorial Building
Pismo Beach Cities Lions Clubhouse
corner of Cypress and Addie Streets
(Behind 7-11 Store in Pismo Beach)

**Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage,
juice and coffee**

Adults: \$6

Children: \$4

Veterans eat for free. Courtesy PDG Tony Manuel.

Proceeds from this event will be used for building repairs.



Next District Meeting (Mark you calendars.)

November 11-12, 2016

Hosting Clubs from Region N

Camarillo-Somis-Pleasant Valley

Camarillo Amber's Light & Simi Valley-Moorpark

Additional information and
details soon to follow.



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www.lions4a3.org

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Upcoming Deadlines for future

Newsletter Articles/Information/Pictures/Events, etc.

2nd Newsletter—Cut-off: November 18th to

Publish: December 2nd

3rd Newsletter—Cut-off: March 3rd to

Publish: March 17th

4th Newsletter—Cut-off: May 12th to

Publish: May 26th

Please send articles in one of the following formats:

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Write-ups/Articles: preferably in Word format.

PDF is O.K.