

# DISTRICT GOVERNOR RON HURD

# **March 2005**



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### DISTRICT CABINET MEETINGS

Santa Maria ----- April 29, 2004

### DISTRICT CONVENTION

Santa Maria ----- April 29,30, May 1, 2005

### DISTRICT CONTEST DEADLINES

Official Contests: March	31, 2005
Certification & Reporting Forms April	15, 2005
Scrapbook Entry April	15, 2005
Scrapbook Judging April	16, 2005

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Spring ------ Mailed March 15, 2005 Final "Thanks for a Great Year! Issue May 10, 2005

### SPECIAL ACTIVITIES DATES

City of Hope ----- April 3, 2005

### STUDENT SPEAKER CONTEST COMPLETION DATES

Zone	March 14, 2005
Region	April 11, 2005
District	May 2, 2005
Area	May 23, 2005
MD-4 Final	June 4, 2005

MD-4 COUNCIL OF	<b>GOVERNOR MEETINGS</b>
Brea	June 3-5, 2005
Visalia	August 5-7, 2005

#### MD-4 Convention Riverside ------ February 3-5, 2006

USA/CANADA FORUMS

Peoria, Illinois------ September 21-24, 2005

### International Convention

Hong Kong, China -----June 27—July 1, 2005

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District 4-A3	
District 4-A3 Convention April 29, 30, May 1 Register TODAY!	
April 29, 30, May 1	
Register TODAY!	

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Secretaries

All PU101's (2005-

2006 officer report-

ing forms) are due in April.... PLEASE

be certain to mail

and PDG Diane

Lions International

(District Secretary)

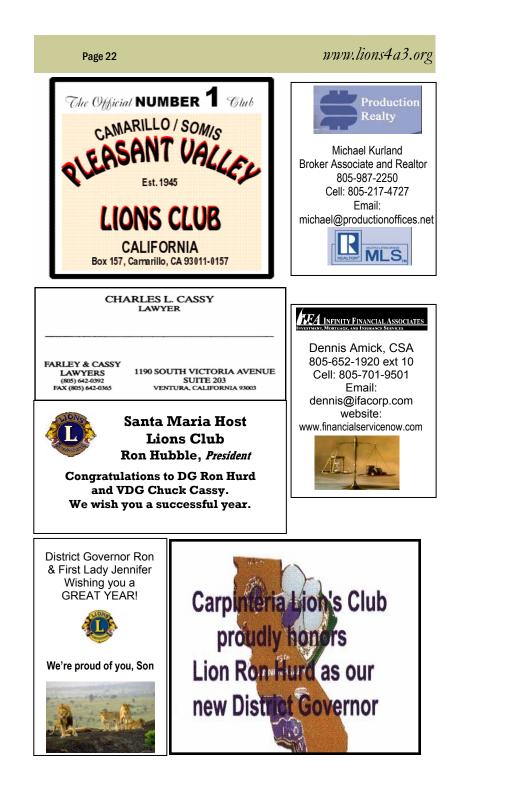
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ASAP!

# District 4-A3



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Congratulations and Good Luck District Governor Ron &

Vice-District Governor Chuck

Council Chairperson George Stewart & Lynn





Congratulations to DG Ron and VDG Chuck We've got your caboose!

The Dynamic Duo. Donna & Tony Manuel



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## District 4-A3

2004 District Lion of the Year



MY HEART-FELT THANKS TO THE LIONS OF DISTRICT 4-A3 FOR BESTOWING THIS HONOR TO ME.

My Congratulations to District Governor Ron and his 2004-2005 Cabinet

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"Lion Power" at Lions District 4-A3 Convention 2005



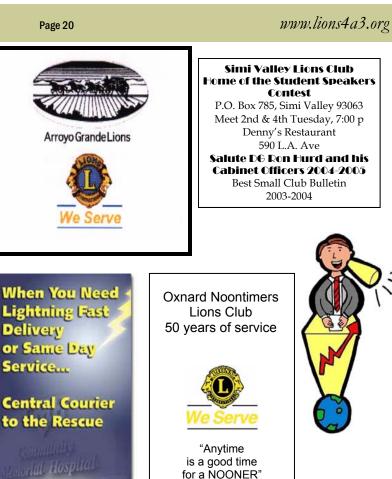
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DG Ron Hurd

April 29, 30 & May 1, 2005

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# District Governor Ron Hurd



### Fellow Lions:

The MD-4 Convention held lots of surprises! Congratulations to PDG Howard Hudson for receiving the Presidential Medal from President Clem Kusiak . VDG Chuck Cassy received the Presidential Leadership medal at the same recognition dinner.

Presidential Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Lions Bill Redding, Elvie Marfil and Toby Scott for their on-going service to Lions International. The convention

was very well attended and there was a very good showing from our district.

Delegates approved a constitutional amendment and two by-law changes. PDG Dana Biggs from 4-A2 was endorsed as MD-4's candidate for International Director. Dana has been a good friend to our district and we should all actively support her candidacy. Good luck, Dana.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Cabinet Meeting in Fillmore was a GREAT success, despite heavy rains, washed out roads and a three day weekend. Almost 100 very brave and committed Lions met in Fillmore for the third cabinet meeting. Socializing, training and furthering the objectives of Lionism was at the top of the agenda. Many thanks to President Dorsey Smith, the Fillmore Boy Scouts and the very gracious Lions of Fillmore who made sure that the event was memorable. I heard a number of very good comments. It is always a pleasure to visit with the Lions of Fillmore.

Lion Dennis Pedersen of the Lions in Sight Foundation gave an informative slideshow and talk on the work of the Foundation. Dennis came all the way from Vallejo to fill us in on the great work of his group. Dr Bill lannacone, who had been scheduled to speak, was sent on a mission to the tsunami area of south East Asia to lend a hand with the recovery efforts. I'm sure that we can get him to return to our district in the future with some first hand observations.

By now you have completed the club, zone and region Student Speakers contests. Plan on being present and hearing the district level finals in Santa Maria at the 4-A3 Convention on April 30th. The Convention Management Committee has planned a wonderful weekend for you and I would sincerely like you to attend and support the district student speakers as they compete for the big scholarship awards. Looking forward to seeing you in Santa Maria at the Airport Radisson Hotel.

DG Ron

# District 4-A3

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Visiting DG Litta & VDG Scott

Pcci award to Lion Paula



Fun times learning





# Youth award to Lion Mark

Thanks for accepting the challenge!

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# 2005 CONVENTION AGENDA

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### SUNDAY

7:00-8:45	Registration and Certification	Foyer
7:00-9:00	Voting	Discovery Room
8:30	Memorial Service PDG Howard Hudson	Enterprise A
9:30	Brunch / Buffet	rise B, C, Columbia
10:00	Fourth Convention Session District Contest Awards Special Presentations – Special DG Remarks from Visiting Lion Dignitarie Election Results Introduction of 2005-06 DG-Elect and Raffle Grand Prize Raffle Convention Adjournment - HAVE A SAFE	Enterprise B & C Awards es d VDG-Elect



The February District Meeting included leadership and membership training in these areas:

### SO, YOU'RE GOING TO BE PRESIDENT

Presented by Lion Donna Manuel & VDG Chuck Cassy

# **Alzheimer's Bracelet Project**

Presented by Lion Rolf Monteen

# Everything you wanted to know about the District Contests, but were afraid to ask

Presented by Lions Tom Blattel & Bill Brotherton

How to Revive your Club Presented by PDG Howard Hudson & VDG Chuck Cassy

# Member Orientation

Presented by PDG Diane Van Trees

Sharing Success; Club projects & programs Presented by VDG Chuck Cassy

# District 4-A3





Dear Lions,

As I share my thoughts with you, I just returned from attending the San Luis Obispo Lions Student Speakers Contest. There were two young women speakers and they were <u>wonder-ful.</u> Their wisdom regarding "Attitude the Key to Success" was way beyond their years.

As I returned home, I reflected that our "attitude" as Lions very much determines our success in our service to our

Communities. If your Lions Club has developed a bad "attitude", I've got a solution and a new rule. No one says anything negative. We just talk positively, and we look for the positive. I believe that within a month everyone in your Club will feel positive and be positive.

Don't we feel good about Lions? Well, we should. Anyone who attended the Cabinet Meeting, hosted by the Fillmore Lions and participated in the Sharing Successful Programs and Projects portion of the meeting, realized the great service and variety of Community needs we meet in District 4A 3.

The vision I would share with you is; we must be positive! And be positive about sharing the success of Lions Service. Everyone who serves is a success. If you need help, however, please don't forget that there are caring committed Lions willing to help. You have a Great and Caring District Governor, Ron Hurd. I'm willing to help, as well as your Region and Zone Chairs. It's never too late to begin making positive changes that will allow Lions to serve even better. We all have a significant portion of our Lions year to take positive steps. If your meetings aren't what you'd like, make the effort to have fun, informative meetings the rest of the year. Not had a project for awhile? Plan and have a project, no matter how small, before the year is over. If you need to, combine forces with another Lions Club or Non-Profit organization to run projects, etc. Why not be positive? Recruit 3 new members. <u>You Can Do It.</u> Call Community leaders and ask for referrals. Go to some of your Community businesses and ask them to join. Ask your members to commit to bring a prospect to a meeting. You Can! Be Positive! Make Positive things happen!

Leadership takes Courage! Have the Courage to make positive changes in your Club. There is no time like now. The changes you make will soon begin to result in more fun, more success and more service. It's up to you!

> Your Friend, Chuck Vice District Governor

# District Reports

- Convention Report: PDG Bill Cady, Our annual District 4A3 convention is fast approaching. The convention kicks off on Friday 28 April and will conclude at the Sunday brunch on 1 May. Packages were distributed at the Fillmore Cabinet meeting to members of the Cabinet. Club secretaries and the PDGs. The packages were mailed to those that missed the meeting. ... the printed registration form was missing the hotel information that is shown below. ... That registration form is now available at our DISTRICT web site, www.lions4a3.org. It is very important that you reserve your hotel room by 1 April. That is to get our \$99 room rate and to make sure you have a room. Seems like hotel rooms are filling up fast on some days based on the triall going on in Santa Maria. For room reservations, call the Santa Maria Radisson Hotel at 1-866-292-4676 or 805 928-8000, or go online to www.radisson.com/ santamaria. Mention Lions Convention for special \$99 rates. Rooms are reserved for Lions Club Members until April 1, 2005.
- LCIF REPORT; CC PDG George Stewart. Contributions made to the tsunami relief fund by March 31, 2005 will qualify for a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Closer to home; LCIF gave assistance to the wild fire victims last year. The San Luis Obispo Lions have applied for a grant for Project Life Saver, a program that will supply tracking devices to size of a wrist watch to assist the Sheriff's Department in locating lost individuals with Alzheimer's. These projects would not be possible without your donations. Honor a member of your club, your family or a community leader with a Melvin Jones Fellow-

ship. There are 355 MJF's in our district. Please continue the good work.

 USA/CANADA Leadership Forum.
"Passion to Excel".
September 22-24 in Peoria, II.



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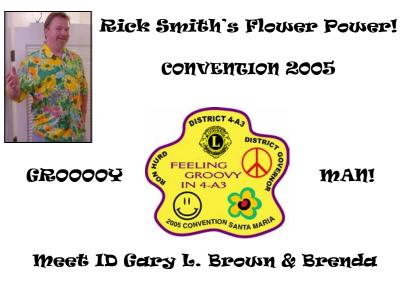




Fellow Secretaries, this has been quite a year! Each of you has done the best possible job you were able to do. Some, have been able to commit more time and energy, which will earn them special recognition at the District Convention. I would like each of you to know, that no matter what kind of time you have been able to devote; your time and energy are appreciated by your

club and your district. Thank you for making my job easier. PLEASE remember that the April convention is not the end of the year. PU 101's must reach Lions International between mid April and mid May. These forms tell us who your officers are and how to reach them. Please copy me all forms you send International, so I may get them to the Roster Editor.

Membership and Activity reports are still to be sent to me (if hard copy) up until July. This means the June report (due July 3) must be sent to me. See you all at the Convention!





Hails from Urbana, Ohio



# April District Convention Registration



## Radisson Hotel Santa Maria

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3455 Skyway Drive, Santa Maria CA 93455 **Reservations:** (866) 292-4676 **Telephone:** (805) 928-8000 **Fax:** (805) 928-5251 Ask for Lions Convention rate \$99/night

On Line Reservations: www.radisson.com/santamaria

Check-in Date:	
Check-out Date: 01 May 2005	
Adults	Children
Promotional Code (optional):	Rooms will be reserved for our Lions Convention until April 1, 2005. Make your reservations soon!

# VDG Candidates

**Our Candidates are: Lion Melody Archebald** home club Ventura East Lions and **Lion Jeff Roundy** home club Ventura Downtown Lions





Nominating



Will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2005, 3:00 pm. The Radisson Airport Hotel, Santa Maria (District 4-A3 host hotel). Be there to support YOUR **Candidate!** 



# VOTE!

Sunday, May 1. Registration and Certification closes at 8:45 am for delegates. Your vote is important. Be there or be square!

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◎ Our very own Zone 7 Chair, Rick Smith, is proud to announce:

On January 13, 2005, Rick Esai Smith made his entrance at Community Memorial Hospital in Ventura, much to the joy of his parents, Mary and Rick Smith. He was 7 pounds, 10 ounces and 19 inches long.

Rick was able to attend the birth (see picture page 23), which must have scared the heck out of the doctors. Mary wasn't supposed to have Esai for another two weeks, but when the rain hit and they couldn't get out of Ojai, Mary started feeling anxious -- and then pain. After a trip to the emergency room at Ojai Valley Hospital, things were definitely moving along. Next day, they visited the OB, who said, "Today would be a good day. .. No, wait. It's not for two more weeks!... Today would be a good day."

And so it was. The doctor was ready. Esai was very ready. The hospital was ready. Rick and Mary weren't ready. But they didn't have a vote. At least after he was born, his parents were allowed to indulge in a bottle of Rick and Mary's favorite bubbly in their room (yes, the hospital was silly enough to let Rick stay). Naturally, they needed it. But Esai is doing great. And his parents are nearly recovered from the shock.

UPDATE FROM FEBRUARY 18TH SCARE: Hypertrophic Pyloric Stenosis, where food is prevented from emptying out of the stomach (gastric outlet obstruction); occurs in 1 in 200 first born white males, was diagnosed with surgery performed shortly thereafter. Esai came through with flying colors, although the experience left Mommy and Daddy exhausted, but happy with the results.

We all love you, Mary, Rick and Esai. Continue to care for each other through-out your life-time together. Your friends and family... District 4-A3 Lions.

- Shandon Valley Lions Annual Campout...April 8, 9, and 10. Friday set up and enjoy a potluck dinner. Saturday Morning Tour Camatta Ranch (4 hrs), gather wood for the night, fly your kites or ...., Dinner is the Lion Famous Shandon Valley Lions BBQ (top sirloin, camp beans, bread, salad and hordevours. Bon Fire and "sing a long" to follow. Sunday is the Widl West Morning breakfast. Check out is Monday at noon. Cost: \$60 per couple. The tour is an additional \$5 per person. Contact Leonard Witstrom at 238-0333 to make reservations.
- C LPCCI; Lion Maggie Snyder has sold 33 of the new LPCCI Dog Pins. She also had a great time at the February District Meeting selling LPCCI puppies for only \$10 each. GREAT job Lion Maggie! Thanks for all the work.

# 2005 CONVENTION AGENDA

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FRIDAY				
Time	Activity	Location		
10:00- 4:00	Registration And Certification	Foyer		
10:00- 4:00	Scrapbook Viewing	Discovery Room		
12:00	Lunch	Enterprise B & C		
1:15	Raffle			
1:30	Fourth Cabinet Meeting	Enterprise A		
	Welcome and Introductions			
	Reports: Secretary, Treasurer, Charitie			
2:30	First Convention Session	Enterprise A		
	Speaker ( <i>Tentative</i> )			
	Resolutions of Appreciation			
	District Contests Awards			
4:00	Hospitality Room	Individual Suites		
6:00	No Host Cocktails	Enterprise A		
7:00	Dinner	Enterprise A		
8:00-9:30	Contests: dance, costume-name that tune-o	decoration?		
9:40	Raffle			
	SATURDAY			
7:30-8:30	Continental Breakfast with ID Gary L. Bro	own;Enterprise B & C		
8:00-4:00	Registration and Certification	Foyer		
8:00-4:00	Scrapbook Viewing	Discovery Room		
9:00	Second Convention Session	Enterprise A		
	Video Parade of Banners by PDG Jo	el Keyte		
	Constitution and By-Laws Report, Dis	trict Contest Awards		
10:00-11:30	Student Speaker Contest	Enterprise A		
11:30-1:00	Food Fair	Hotel Parking lot		
1:00-2:30	New Officer Training	Club House Room		
2:30	Third Convention Session	Enterprise A		
	2006 Convention Hotel presentations, Distri	ict Contest Awards		
3:30	Nominations and Electioneering	Enterprise A		
4:30	Hospitality Room	Individual Suites		
6:00	No Host Cocktails	Enterprise A		
6:30	Governor's Banquet	Enterprise A		
6:30	March of Dignitaries (Line up at 6:00 in Cold	umbia Room)		
7:00	Dinner	,		
Awards – MD-4 & International				
Keynote Speaker - Int'l Director Gary L. Brown				
	Raffle	(cont. pg 18)		

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# lions international news

The 88th Annual Convention will be held June 27 - July 1, 2005 in Hong Kong. It will feature several of the traditional favorites - flag ceremony, parade, international show - as well as new events like the International Academy Awards Banquet and a number of complimentary tours. Registration forms are



available at www.lionsclubs.org. Just click on the convention logo and follow the yellow brick road!

- OAK BROOK, Illinois, USA, January 13, 2005—Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) will donate \$5 million to tsunami victims in South Asia for long-term reconstruction of homes, schools and child welfare centers for orphans. LCIF, the grant-making arm of Lions Clubs International, will award the funds to Lions members in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, India and Malaysia for locally led rebuilding efforts. Lions in South Asia already have spent an estimated \$820,000 on relief, including \$220,000 sent to them by LCIF. As the world's largest service club organization, Lions have nearly 1.4 million members worldwide, with thousands of members in the effected areas.
- Celebrate Eye Donor Awareness Month, March is Eye Donor Awareness Month. There are approximately 60 Lions Eye Banks worldwide that provide quality eye tissue for corneal transplants, research and other medical purposes. At the conclusion of 2003-04, Lions Eye Banks reported that they provided more than 25,000 corneas for sight-saving transplants and 12,000 eyes for research and education.
- Participate in Lions Worldwide Induction Day The eighth annual Lions Worldwide Induction Day will take place Saturday, April 16, 2005. Commemorative certificates bearing International President Kusiak's signature are available for presentation to the new inductees during your Worldwide Induction Day ceremony. Determine the number of participants and request by <u>e-mail</u> the correct number of certificates needed. Or, fax an order form to New Clubs and Marketing Department at 630-571-1691. The form can be found on page 13 of the <u>Lions Worldwide Induction Day Club and District Planning Guide</u>.

# LEO/Youth Corner

LEOS from Buena High School and Ventura High School walked the "CROP WALK" on March 13, 2005. Joining them were Ventura Downtown Lions Club 2nd Vice President, Lion Joellen Flannigan and PP, Zone 6 Chairperson and VDG Candidate Lion Jeff Roundy.



The Crop Walk started in 1947 to help farmers after World War II. These many years later, the Walk (which is in cities around the country) benefits programs around the world through Church World Service. CROP stands for Community Reaching Out to People. Now... doesn't that sound familiar? The Ventura Walk will benefit Project Understanding,

Food Share, the Catholic Relief Fund and other local community projects. GOOD JOB LEOS AND LIONS, working together in support of other organizations supporting our Communities.

- St Bonaventura LEO Club installed their officers and Board of Directors on February 23 at St Bonaventure High School.
- Five Cities LEO Club of Pismo Beach is working on more members. Charter Night will be announced soon.
- 125 LEOS/youth attended the MD4 Youth Outreach Symposium in San Diego. They enjoyed games, eyeglass clean up, and Valentine Card making. Jim Brogan (former NBA player) was the guest speaker. He touched on goals, courage and attitude.
- ✤ Youth Exchange Program: Looking for HOST FAMILIES. In the south ,

students are picked up from Lions Camp at Terisita Pines on July 30. They are scheduled to depart from LAX on August 13. Please contact Lion Elvie at 818-980-7010 x 22 or 818-800-1060.



Staying on track with District Governor Ron & Jennifer Have a GREAT YEAR!

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86th Annual MD-4 Convention February 11-13, 2005





Awards & Recognition

- PDG Howard Hudson received the Presidential Medal from \$ President Clem Kusiak
- VDG Chuck Cassy received the Presidential Leadership Medal
- Presidential Certificate of Appreciation presented to Lion Bill Reddina
- Presidential Certificate of Appreciation presented to Lion Elvie \$ Marfil
- Presidential Certificate of Appreciation presented to Lion Toby \$ Scott
- ☑ A message from PCC Bob Hanson, Campaign Manager for PCC Marco Manor: Dear TAZ Supporters: It's been a few weeks now from the Convention ... PCC Marco is fine and doing his Lions work as usual. He has been delivering wheelchairs, working on his club's crab feed committee and just being the good Lion that we all have known. He also built some shelving for Irma, so life's looking normal (if that is possible) in Carson City. ... Marco and I would ask that each of you do the Lions work you have been doing so well for years ... Our candidate has been clear in his message that a good Lion does his/her Lions work and does it for the good of the needy. You all did such a great job during the campaign that those energies, put to work for the needy now, will make your clubs so much better following the campaign. Let's all do that in the name of our favorite candidate -The TAZ man! Thanks again for your support.

## District 4-A3





THE RESULTS ARE IN!

Dateline: San Diego, California February 13, 2005

# PDG DANA BIGGS

# Is MD-4's endorsed candidate for

# International Director

A message from PDG Dana: Fellow MD-4 Lions: Please accept a very sincere thank you for an energetic and spirited campaign. Both Marco and I had a wonderful opportunity to meet so many Lions within your own districts and to talk with you, one-on-one, about the issues that are important to you and to your clubs. To repeat what was said so eloquently at Saturday evening's Academy Awards Banguet at the MD-4 convention, although we all wore different campaign pins in support of the candidate of our choice, we all wear the Lions pin and share a common purpose. The election is over, as is the campaigning. We need now to come together, re-unite as Lions and turn our attention to, and focus on what we do best: serving our communities and those in need. My election to the International Board is a long way off and I'm asking that you please join me in continuing to support our current officer on the Board, International Director Bill Crawford and Lion Julie, who are doing a tremendous job of representing the Lions of California-Nevada.

Yours in Lionism. Dana Biggs, PDG