



# Arroyo Grande Lions Club

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## LIONS ROAR

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### Greetings from the Prez The President Speaks (writes).

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our Lion year isn't yet two months along but I'm sure many of us are feeling like it has been eight or nine. I know I am. George must be, for sure. And Frank 'the ON Visitor' Freitas. But it has been great so far. Terry is doing a yeoman's job in pulling the District meeting together and it looks as though we will have a good turnout. The B-B-Q Team keeps hopping with those steaks and chickens, and several of you are supporting DG George, and the Club, by going on visitations to other clubs. That has been great fun and has, I believe, enhanced the image of our A.G. Lions Club within the District.

Developing goals for the year has been a good experience for the Board and the membership. The lively discussion we had at our July 16 meeting was healthy, and resulted in significant changes to the original goals the Board developed. We will finalize our goals on August 20. While the exercise has been important, the proof of the pudding will be in our commitment and ability to complete them. I think we can! Already we are moving ahead with increasing membership; we are on our way to a Club Long Tail award; several of you are working on individual Short Tail and Long Tail awards; almost all of our committee and events chairs have been filled, and most of the committee member slots as well. Thanks to each of you who have taken George's vision to heart and got involved this year.

Good communication amongst us is critical to our effort to achieve our

goals. I hope you are being well informed of everything you need or want to hear about. If not, please let me know so that we can make improvements. Or, bring it up at a Club meeting and we can sic the Tail Twister onto your President.

Much enjoyment comes from giving, and we are in the age group that knows this value. Please do keep on enjoying.

Lion President Bob Carr

### Club News VISITATIONS

We are still "traveling with George!" He has already made over half his visitations (see his message). The list keeps growing of those who have been helping him keep awake on his many visits. To name a few of those 'traveling with George' they are: Jack, Terry, Bob C., John, Frank, Dan, Les, Joe, Stan, Tom, Clark, Ken, Colin, and Bob P. Be sure to let me know if I have not included you in the visit list. (Lynn goes on visits too. Maybe we should make her an honorary member and then she would count for a Club visit. (I don't know that to be true but it might be worth a try!) As a Club we visited the Orcutt Lions Wednesday the August 30<sup>th</sup>. We had Ken and Gaby, John and Marilyn, Les and Locksy, Bob and Jamie, and Jack and Pam. We had a good time and the fellowship was fun.

### THE HARVEST FESTIVAL

Be prepared to work the last weekend of September at the annual Harvest Festival. It's at the usual spot and we need your help for setup Thursday evening, then Friday evening and all day Saturday we will be selling Tri-Tip sandwiches. As you all know, it is a **LOT** of work, but it's **FUN** too! As they say, 'Be there, or be Square!'

BARBEQUEING – (for fun and \$)

The barbeque for the South County Real Estate group went really smooth. The fire got started early, the chicken cooked to a scrumptious wonderfulness and the tri-tip a bit rare (but that's the way Tom likes it!) and the beans and salsa boiled to perfection. What more can I say but **BRAVO** to all that worked. John, Cecil, Vern, Bill, Tom, Frank W., Joe (on his imitation motor cycle), Jack, Dan, Terry, Les, and Bob.





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### INTERNATIONAL NEWS DENVER

International President Dr. Tae-Sup Lee's theme: Innovation is the Gateway to Our Future!

As related in the Lions magazine President Lee believes that because ours is the largest service club organization in the world we need to respect and celebrate our diversity, joining together in the unity of ideals and purpose that have defined Lions Clubs International for more than eight decades. "Indeed," he states, "we must embrace change without abandoning our heritage. By expanding our reach," he proclaims, "we will also deepen our roots. All this is possible, indeed, necessary, in fact, if this Association is to continue to enhance its magnificent mission of service." Dr. Lee is emphatic in his view that all this requires extraordinary commitment if we are to achieve our objectives. Each and every member, worldwide, has to be involved if Lions Clubs are going to continue to be a successful, dynamic service organization.



Six of us in Denver.  
L to R: Nancy, Terry, Pam, Jack, Marilyn, and John

### District News Lion George Stewart, District Governor

August 2003

I wish to express my sincere thanks to each club member for their assistance in making the first Cabinet meeting and installation such a success. Thanks to Jamie for the beautiful decorations Saturday night. I heard nothing but compliments for the fantastic food and gracious hospitality. Thank you Jack for the outstanding continental Breakfast provided. Also for Pam's help. It was a very successful weekend. I heard several who said it was the best Cabinet meeting that they had ever attended and I believe that the club was one of the main reasons.

I have completed over half of my club visitations and wish to thank all who traveled with me. I see many Lions within the club getting more involved and I appreciate that. Let us continue our involvement and extend it into the community. I challenge each member of the club to increase their participation in our attempt to make this a better place to live. Let's make our presence and involvement known by all within the Arroyo Grande area. I also challenge each member to reach out and extend a hand to prospective new members. Increase membership provides us with the opportunity to do more for the community and do it better. While visiting the Cayucos Lions we were informed that they have about 12 new prospective

members. If a small community such as Cayucos can do that so can we. I would also like each member to be alert for new opportunities for new projects. Present your thoughts at a board meeting and let's expand our service. The "membership committee" met recently and has targeted October as new member month, let's take that first step and get involved in membership expansion. Once again thank you for your support.

### THE DISTRICT MEETING!

A *thunderous ovation* to all the members that worked the District Meeting August 22-23. Everything I heard from the attendees was an exclamation of **GREATNESS!** In my opinion this District meeting raised the bar of excellence about six feet. We did a wonderful job of hosting the District to the first formal meeting of George's year as the DG. The Friday night dinner was excellent, the Saturday morning continental breakfast was right out of Gourmet magazine. Lunch Saturday was another huge success. And dinner that evening was beyond superlatives. (Weren't Marilyn's potatoes great?)

