



# Arroyo Grande Lions Club

*Happy Valentine's Day!*

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## LIONS ROAR

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### Greetings from "The Lion King"

Happy 2003 to you all! My hope and wish is that you all had a great holiday for two weeks! I also want you to know that it was a special time for me. My grandson joined Pam and me at the Polar Bear Dip in Cayucos on New Years Day. I was sort of disappointed that I didn't see any of the AG Lions in the Ocean. I figure that if an eight year old can jump in the Ocean, so can some of "us members." Anyway it was great fun and we all had a fine time!

We have a lot of exciting times to participate in within the next few weeks. The Basketball tournament, the Student Speaker Contest, the MD-4 Convention in Reno, the third District meeting in Templeton, and the list goes on and on! We also have received a notice from the AG Chamber of Commerce about their 42nd Annual Installation and Awards Dinner on Wednesday January 29th. Anyone want to attend?

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you in the New Year. I'm expecting a fine time for the last half of this year. Join me (us) as we strive to do the best we can for our Community, State, Country, and World.

LET'S GO ARROYO!

The Prez, Lion Jack Gatz

### Welcome New Members!

Welcome to Fred Sieling and Frank Wetzel the Club's newest members.

### Lions International News International Convention 2003

As described in recent issues of THE LION Magazine, Denver, Colorado, site of the 2003 International Convention (June 30-July 4), is practically bursting with history, culture and attractions. It seems that excitement and inspiration are tucked into every neighborhood and down every street. And this is just the downtown area!

Within a one-mile radius, downtown Denver contains:

- the state capitol
- three major sports stadiums
- one of the nation's largest performing arts centers
- three college campuses
- a diverse assortment of museums
- a mint producing 10 billion coins each year
- a river offering white-water rafting
- two amusement parks, and
- over 150 restaurants, brewpubs, discos and nightspots.

Denver's lively downtown can be divided into four distinct districts, each with its own character and flavor. Wander through these districts to discover the delights that await around every corner.

### Member Profile Lion Frank Freitas By Ken Levine

Lion Frank Freitas has been an active member of our club for thirty years. He has served in almost all offices, including president, and has been selected as Lion of the Year twice. Frank has been the editor of the *Lions Roar* for three years and will serve as district bulletin Editor next year.

Frank is currently employed as the County Treasurer, Tax Collector, & Public Administrator. Frank was sworn in on January 6 to his seventh elected term. In November of this year he will have completed thirty years of service to the County of San Luis Obispo.

### Current Events Calendar

Jan 15	Meeting
Jan 16, 17 18	Boys Basketball
Jan 17	Volunteer Dinner
Jan 29	Meeting
Feb 5	<b>Speakers Contest Guest Night</b>
Feb 6, 7 & 8	MD4 Convention
Feb 12	Board Meeting
Feb 19	Meeting
Feb 20, 21 & 22	Girls Basketball
Mar 5 & 19	Meeting
Mar 12	Board



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### District News Lion Vice District Governor

It seems like yesterday that I presented the first two steps in my program, "The first step – Get Involved". Thanks Frank for being on the ball. You will do a great job next year as the district bulletin editor. What a way to get out of "producing and editing" 12 bulletins. You will only have to produce 4 (normal), but I do get to choose the actual number.

I began my series with my "wish list" or "goals and objectives for 2003-2004. This month I will cover steps 3 and 4 of my objectives.

### Step 3--Inform our youth of Lions' Activities.

It is important if we are to be successful in our objective to "serve" that we must realize the number one avenue to success is our youth. We must make the youth of our community aware that we are here to serve. We must stimulate their interest to be involved in their community. They must know that we are the ones who support "eye screening", sponsor youth activities, such as basketball tournaments and turkey trots. We are responsible for the Lions club scholarship at the local high school. We must make the students aware that we are responsible for their opportunity to receive \$21,000 towards their education through the "Student Speakers" contest. This is our opportunity to educate possible future Lions. We must also seek to encourage our young people to join Lions and help to build a better world.

### Step 4--Promote "inter-club activities

Part of the fun in being a Lion is to have inter-club activities with other Lions within the district. Lynn and I have a fabulous time meeting other Lions in this district and through the world. I will encourage visitations and volunteering to assist other Lions Clubs in their community activities. Remember we are here because we have the desire to fulfill our motto, "We Serve". So I will continue to promote "inter-club activities." Clubs often fail because they cannot provide the service to their communities due to the limited number of members within their club. Let's not forget the most important contribution that we have to our community, and that is of fulfilling a need. Let's swallow our pride and ask for assistance when needed.

We have now covered two more of my seven steps to achieve next year's goals. More steps to come in my next club report.

### Thank You

Hopefully I will continue have you, my home club, support me next year. I believe that whether we receive an award or not the Arroyo Grande Lions Club is the number one club in the district. Thanks for your support and understanding.

### Coming Soon

Over the next 3 months I will be visiting 10 clubs within the district and will miss several meetings. I will see you as I can. Hopefully a number of you will attend the district meeting in Templeton on February 21 and 22. Jack will fill

you in on the details. I hope to see several of you attending the MD4 convention in Reno on February 7, 8, & 9.

### Important Dates

Please keep the **first weekend in May** on your calendars for the district convention in Laughlin. Hopefully I will be elected as your next district governor.

Then in August (22 & 23) we will be hosting the **installation and first cabinet meeting**. The installing officer will be PDG Dana Pagagni Biggs. Dana has been involved in training within MD4 and was the installing officer for PDG Howard Hudson at our facility in 2001. Dana was recently married to Past International President Bill Biggs who will be attending as a spouse not as PIP. We will need all of the help that we can get to make this a successful weekend, and we do want to have a successful weekend!

**"Take the first step - get involved."**

### Club News Meeting Report

Thanks to Lion Bob Carr we had the opportunity to look back at last year on what we predicted and what our resolutions were. Lion Bob put together an interesting program and gave us "food for thought". Thank you Lion Bob for a great program.

### No January Board Meeting

If you can, offer to host the board meeting in February. Call Lion Prez Jack and give him an invitation!