



Arroyo Grande Lions Club

Congratulations Lion District Governor George!

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LIONS ROAR

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Greetings from the Prez The President Speaks (writes).

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Seven years ago I started my first stint as President while still a pretty new Lion. Now here I am again, but things have changed! Although we have many of the same members, we now have a District Governor from our Club, and a Region Chairman and the District Song Leader. I have found already that things are much more intense under these circumstances as compared to the independent club we had seven years ago. In sixteen days I've already been on more visitations than in my entire earlier Lions career. District Governor George is doing a great job, and I get the sense that clubs look forward to his official visits. International and District visions and goals have a greater importance, and there is a sense of excitement about working together to reclaim the past level of greatness of the organization.

What a perfect time for our Club to build on our past successes! By setting some modest goals and working together to achieve them, we can provide even more service to our community, and help reach the goals of Lions International. At our July Board meeting Club goals for the year were discussed and agreed upon. At our regular meeting on July 16 these goals were brought to the full membership for concurrence, at which time suggestions for significant improvements were made. Of special interest was having more community service goals; this will be done at the August Board meeting. If we all take that first step and get involved, and if we are innovative in how we approach

completion of our goals, we will have a very successful year. I am looking forward to working with everyone this year, looking forward to the challenges we will face, and to the benefits that will accrue to others through our efforts.

To grow our membership it is important that our Lions Club be recognized throughout the community as a 'can do' (and 'will do') group that steps forward wherever needed. I think that to gain and maintain such recognition we need to toot our own horn a little more. One thing that we have not discussed much in preparing for the New Year is publicity. I'm hoping that someone will step up and take on the job of Publicity Chair, form a committee or work with the Board, develop a publicity program, and really take advantage of the opportunities we have this year to let our light shine.

Let's roll.....

Lion

President Bob Carr

Club News VISITATIONS

Along the way some of us have been following our Governor to different Clubs in the District. Those of us who have been going have been able to hear the many caring sides of Lion George. He always has a twist to his message and he has been able to tailor it to the Club he is visiting. To name a few of those 'traveling with George' we are: Jack, Terry, Bob

C., John, Frank, Dan, Les, Tom, Clark, Ken, Colin, and Bob P. If I have missed anyone let me know. As a Club we are visiting the Orcutt Lions Wednesday the 30th. We are anticipating about ten members with spouses/significant others making a total of about 20 of US visiting Orcutt.

+ IN MEMORY OF +

Our Charter President Art Mesquit passed away last Friday. Services are to be held at 10:00AM Friday August 1st at St. Mary's Church in Santa Maria. (414 E. Church St.) The Club has been asked to do a BBQ after the services. John, Cec, and Vern will be there, they need your assistance! Please contact John if you can help. The Family has asked that donations be made to the A.G. Lions Sight Conservation fund in lieu of flowers. (Contact Lion John if you want to donate.) Lion Art was a Lion for over 54 years, but of greater significance, he and his wife Gladys were married for more than 63 years. As you all are aware Lion Art was our honorary president for our 50th anniversary. We all extend our sincere sorrow and sympathy to his family. May they find comfort in the fact that many grieve with them because of his passing.

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Club Current Events Calendar

August 6	Club Meeting
August 12	Visit Simi- 3:45P
August 14	Visit El Rio- 3:45P
August 20	Club Meeting
August 20	Visit Ojai- 3:45P
August 21	S.B. Host- 10:30A
August 22/23	Dist. Mtg. at A.G.
August 28	Carpinteria-3:45P

(Note: All the Visits leave from the Woman's Club at the time shown.)

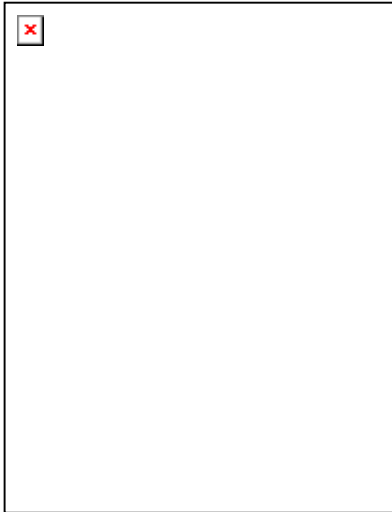
District News Lion George Stewart, District Governor

The pictures at the left were from the International Convention. The new District Governor with a Past DG Howard Hudson and his wife Lynn. (The other Lion I do not know.)

And the bottom picture is of George and Lynn marching in the never ending parade... but it was fun!

AND DO NOT FORGET THE DISTRICT MEETING THAT OUR CLUB IS HOSTING AUGUST 22 AND 23.

This is going to be one event that the Club will need all it's members participating. We have two dinners and a lunch to prepare for and host. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** And we will be counting on your support. It's going to be a **FUN** time.



My thanks to your former Bulletin Editor! Without his help this first edition would still be in the *type-writer!*

If there is information you want to get in the Bulletin – get it to me and I'll do it! Thanks.