



Arroyo Grande Lions Club

Congratulations Lion District Governor George!

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LIONS ROAR *September 2003*

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Greetings from the Prez The President Speaks (writes).

By the time you read this I expect Harvest Festival 2003 will be over, the booth will be down and stored away again in Vern's barn, John will have deposited the receipts in the bank, and we will be looking forward to our next project. And I bet all went extremely well, with a great turnout from our members, and everyone working long and hard. I hope you took time during the festivities to watch the parade, swing with the big band, taste the chili in the cook-off, watch the Soap Box Derby, get into the pie-eating contest, see how big the pumpkins were in the Biggest Pumpkin Contest, or just pick up some fruit and veggies at Farmer's Market. If you didn't, well, there is always next year; take some time for yourself and enjoy our Arroyo Grande Valley heritage. And thanks for making our booth successful again this year!

Coming up in October are some special times for Arroyo Grande Lions. You'll have a chance to help the Boy Scouts at Camp French on October 11; there will be a Membership Enhancement program at our meeting on October 15 (bring a guest who may be a perspective member); and guest night on October 29, costumes optional (bring your spouse/partner/guest). While you're working at Camp French keep an eye out for additional projects we can take on as a Club in the spring.

This Lion will be enjoying a camping trip to Nevada in the earlier part of October, then to the East Coast in the middle of the month for a wedding. While we're there Jamie

do some visiting, see some sites and take in the fall colors. Take good care of things while I'm away.

Lion President Bob Carr

Greetings from the Governor! We had a fantastic time at the USA/Canada Forum in Portland.

Great seminars and wonderful speakers. A record was set for the number pre-registering for next year's forum in Reno. I hope that there will be several from our club attending next year. MD4 (California and Nevada) had the most in attendance (254) from one multiple district. Lynn made it okay with her motion sickness relief band. We had the opportunity to visit with friends that we have made in other districts as well as PID's an ID's. I believe this is what Lions is all about, making lasting friendships with others who care about their communities. I recommend the Forum to all Lions! See you at the Harvest Festival!

District Governor Lion George!!

The Governors Visit Schedule
Oct. 2, Santa Ynez 10:30AM
Oct. 9, Ventura Dtn. 10:00AM
Oct. 20, Simi 6:00AM
Oct. 20, Ojai (7PM Meeting)
Oct. 23, Morro Bay* 6:00PM
Oct. 28, Pleasant Valley ????

Times indicated are departing from the Women's Club.

* Lynn is going too!
Oct. 20th is a visit to two Clubs. Make sure you let Lion Frank Freitas know that you are going to go on a visit!

International News.

Have you noticed the new layout of the LIONS magazine? To me it is more readable and friendly. The articles have more impact and seem to mean more when you read them. This month the lead story is about the International Convention in Denver. There are pictures and a story about Gregory Smith. The fourteen year old boy that has goals and aspirations for the betterment of mankind. What were you thinking about when you were fourteen? For me it certainly was not 'how can I be of service to my fellow men?' But more likely it was, 'how am I going to pass my math test?' Also talked about is Tom Sullivan. The blind Association spokesman that spoke at the opening ceremony and inspired us all with his wit, wisdom, knowledge, and intelligence. YOU CAN DO ANYTHING IF YOU PUT YOUR MIND INTO IT AND COMMIT TO THE PROCESS! Tom Sullivan has done just that.

And, of course, the installation of the new International President, Dr. Tae-Sup Lee was a highlight. This man is also an inspiration. From Korea, he has forged a new life for himself after his country was devastated during the Korean War. His theme: *Innovation: Gateway to our Future* is more than appropriate. We need to think outside the box, and inside too, if Lions are going to continue to be successful. The Lions Delegates passed, with 79.3 percent in favor, the dues increase amendment. Denver is a GREAT city. Go there and have a great time!



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2003 HARVEST FESTIVAL

First there was the setup of the booth Thursday evening. A 'group' of Lions showed up and then left for Vern's Barn. If you've never been out there it is a WONDER to behold!

First you have to take your life into your hands to make a left turn across the southbound lane of Hiwy. 101. If that is a success, then wind your way up a short path to 'The Barn.' The booth is stored in an old dairy milk barn that is vintage Arroyo Grande about 50 years ago. Cooperative muscles load all parts onto the pickup trucks and head back to 'our' spot, which just happens to be behind the rest room at the setup area. But first, you have to integrate your truck loaded with parts of the booth into the 65 plus mile per hour traffic of Hiwy. 101.

Back at 'our' spot you see that within a few minutes the booth has been reassembled as if by magic!



Thanks to Lion Bill Cockshott we have a picture of the banner for all to see.

Friday it all came together. The meat trimmers were out in force. The barbeque crew was there with skewers at the ready. The meat cutters and sandwich makers knew exactly what to do and the sales force was taking care of the customer needs.

Sales initially were brisk but slowed and then they maintained steady until 8:30PM when the bread and cooked meat no longer existed (because we stopped cooking!)

Saturday must have been a good day too because the initial report indicated that the Club is (net) about \$2,500 richer! Thanks to all the Lions that helped (and spouses). Rich, Tom and Sue, Joe and Jeanie, Clark, Charlie, Bob and Jamie, Bill C., Les, Vern, Frank F., Jack, John, Terry and Nancy, Bob, George and Lynn, Dan, Tom W., Clem, and Dave. Sure hope I didn't miss anyone!



OCTOBER CLUB EVENTS

- Oct. 1, Regular Meeting
- Oct. 8, Board Meeting at Lion John's. 7:00PM
- Oct. 11, Camp French work day. (See Terry O.)
- Oct. 15, Regular Meeting But, bring a guest (possible member?)
- Oct. 23, Visit Morro Bay
- Oct. 29, Guest, spouse, night and wear a costume!
- Nov. 5, Visit **FROM** the Pleasant Valley Club – maybe 30-40 members!

(Special to Tom W. Trivia was never sick. A bit ill maybe, but not sick, so FINE is okay!)

