

**ARROYO GRANDE LIONS CLUB**  
**THE ROARING LION**

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**President's COMMENTS:**

December came and went very quickly and now we are about to begin the New Year. We have several major projects coming up in the January and February and will need all members to put in some time. The first is the Boys Basketball Tournament then the Recreation Departments Volunteers Appreciation Dinner. Then the Girls basketball will take place at the end of February and of course the Student Speakers contest. Also in February are the MD-4 Convention in Fresno and the Cabinet Meeting in Carpinteria. Several of us will be attending the Healthy Club Workshop in Glendale in January too. It is also the time we should be asking next year's president Dan Walker what we can do to make his year(s) successful. Let us also put April 14, 2007 on our calendar as this is the California Deer Association's Banquet. WE have suggested some changes to their board and they have agreed to our recommendations. I wish each of you a prosperous and happy New Year.

***I would like to extend a special "thank you" to Lion Thor, his wife Diana and their crew for the great job on the table. Pres. Terry***

**SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS:**

January 3- Regular meeting  
January 4 - Nipomo Lions 8:00 AM Blacklake  
January 10 – Board Meeting at Lion John's  
January 13 – Healthy Club Workshop in Glendale  
January 17 – Regular Meeting  
January 18 – Nipomo Lions 12:00 noon Blacklake  
January, 26, 27 - Boys Basketball Tournament  
January 31 – 5<sup>Th</sup> Wednesday club meeting "Guest Night"  
February 1 – Regular meeting  
February 2 – Nipomo Lions 8:00 AM Blacklake (Student Speakers Contest)  
February 3, 4, 5 - MD4 Convention Fresno  
March 25 – Lions tribute day at the City of Hope

**Club news:**

**December 6 Regular meeting:** Lion Charlie was asked to talk to us about Don Talley a prominent member of the community who had recently passed away. He told of Don's love for farming and the visions he had to develop a vineyard and winery to the Arroyo Grande valley. He related his passion for education with his involvement on the Cuesta College Board and with furthering the education of the children of the farm workers that worked for him. Don also served on the city council of Arroyo Grande. Don loved flying and the outdoors. Don's brother Ken had been a member of our club and passed away at a very young age.

**December 13 Board meeting:** Lion Jack hosted the meeting. We were sorry to hear that Tom Woodsworth had resigned from the club. We discussed Flag Day and hope to have the opportunity to make a presentation in one class in February. February 9 is the scheduled night for the Recreation Department's annual appreciation dinner. The boy's basketball tournament will be January 25, 26, & 27 with the girl's to be February 22, 23, & 24. The student speakers contest was reported to be February 7; however we are still having the typical problem of getting any response from the speech teacher at the high school.

**December 20 was our annual Christmas Party:** There were 73 adults and 19 children (12 years & under) in attendance. We also had several members of the Nipomo Lions Club and their guests in attendance. VDG Bill & Margaret attend too. All had a great time and enjoyed a feast of various pot luck items as well as turkey with all the trimmings.



Santa with Lily Stewart



Lions & guests enjoying the Christmas party

**January 3 – Regular meeting:** Carl Hansen from the Food Bank spoke to us and informed us that they had taken over the "Harvest Bag" and would be utilizing the warehouse in Oceano for the storing and distribution of food items in the South County area. The Food Bank of SLO county began in the Paso Robles area and serves the entire county.



Carl Hansen of the Food Bank speaking to us



Lions Jack & Bill talking to Carl Hansen

No visitations were scheduled.

**Visitations:** Because of lack of interest in visiting clubs all future visitations will be scheduled just prior to any visitation.

## Lion's information:

### *Lions Clubs International History*

The international Association of Lions Clubs began as a dream of Chicago businessman Melvin Jones. He believed that local business clubs should expand their horizons from purely professional concerns to the betterment of their communities and the world at large.

Jones' group, the Business Circle of Chicago, agreed. After contacting similar groups around the United States, an organizational meeting was held on June 7, 1917 in Chicago, Illinois, USA. The new group took the name of one of the invited groups, the "Association of Lions Clubs," and a national convention was held in Dallas, Texas, USA in October of that year. A constitution, by-laws, objects and code of ethics were approved.

Among the objects adopted in those early years was one that read, "No club shall hold out the financial betterment of its members as its object." This call for unselfish service to others remains one of the association's main tenets.

Just three years after its formation, the association became international when the first club in Canada was established in 1920. Major international expansion continued as clubs were established, particularly throughout Europe, Asia and Africa during the 1950s and '60s.

In 1925, Helen Keller addressed the Lions international convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, USA. She challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." From this time, Lions clubs have been actively involved in service to the blind and visually impaired.

Broadening its international role, Lions Clubs international helped the United Nations form the Non-Governmental Organizations sections in 1945 and continues to hold consultative status with the U. N.

In 1990, Lions launched its most aggressive sight preservation effort, SightFirst. The US\$143.5 million program strives to rid the world of preventable and reversible blindness by supporting desperately needed health care services.

In 2005 Campaign SightFirst II was started with a goal of \$150 million to be raised in 3 years.

In addition to sight programs, Lions Clubs international is committed to providing services for youth. Lions clubs also work to improve the environment, build homes for the disabled, support diabetes education, conduct hearing programs and, through their foundation, provide disaster relief around the world.

Lions Clubs International has grown to include 1.4 million men and women in 46,000 clubs located in 193 countries and geographic areas.

### ***DISTRICT 4-A3 ACTIVITIES:***

The third cabinet meeting will be held February 16 & 17 in Carpinteria. Check the web site [www.lions4a3.org](http://www.lions4a3.org) for further information.

### ***MULTIPLE DISTRICT FOUR (MD-4) ACTIVITIES:***

There will be a Healthy Club Workshop in Glendale on January 13, 2007. See Lion PCC George for further information.

The next Council of Governors meeting will be held in Fresno just prior to the MD-4 convention. There will be some major changes to the Constitution & By-laws on the ballot at the convention in Fresno. This information should be available from John in the near future. Registration information should be available from John or check the MD-4 website ([www.md4lions.org](http://www.md4lions.org)) for further information on the convention which will be on February 2-4, 2007. International President Jimmy Ross will be attending. Also the candidate for Second International President will be there. Who is he/she? Attend and find out.

### ***LIONS INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES:***

The December issue of "The Lion" was a special photo edition illustrating some of the activities of Lions around the world. Maybe we can hold an "egg on a spoon" race. See pages 10 & 11. If anyone is planning to go to the International Convention in Chicago you should make your reservations soon. Further information can be found on the LCI web site [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)

### **Nipomo Club News:**

Several members of the Nipomo Lions club and their guests attended the Arroyo Grande Lions family Christmas party on December 20. There was lots of good food and fun for all. Santa arrived with gifts for the children.

Lion Wally presented names of new members which will be inducted soon. Wally would encourage all to continue recruiting new members.

It was suggested by Lion George that members should present ideas for club projects.

Lion John Donovan reported that he had an opportunity to be the State Farm agent in Atascadero which is close to home and had accepted. He will be leaving the club the first of February. We will miss you John and hope to see you as a transferee to the Templeton Lions.

Lion Bob McGill will take over the First VP position. A new Second VP will be announced soon

Lion Rolf Monteen will be the program at the January 18 meeting. He is associated with the Project Lifesaver.

HUMOR?



Laugh a minute! Ha! Ha!



Did you know?

There is only one satisfying way to **boot** a computer.

When my kids become wild and unruly, I use a nice safe playpen. When they're finished, I climb out. *Erma Bombeck*

Recent club Photos:



Lion Charlie speaking with passion about Don Talley



Pismo Beach President Tim Yeager visitation to our club



Lions Terry & Frank discussing Lions projects



Lion Jack showing his Christmas trees at the December board meeting



More Lions & guests at the Christmas party



Another one of those beautifully Stewart grand-daughters



You guessed it another Stewart grand-daughter (editor's choice)



VDG Bill & Lion Margaret

## Presidents January message from the LCI web site:

### **90th Anniversary Calls Us Both to Cherish What Works And Change What Doesn't**

by Jimmy M. Ross  
President  
The International Association of Lions Clubs

When a loved one reaches their 90th birthday, we usually can proudly say he or she has lived a rich, full life. This year we celebrate the 90th anniversary of something near and dear to all of us - Lions Clubs International, founded in 1917 in Chicago by businessman Melvin Jones. Yes, we've had a rich, full history, marked by service unmatched by any other service club. But the best is yet to come.

I witness firsthand in my travels around the world the stunning energy and vitality of Lions. In small towns and big cities, we are out in the community aiding youths and the elderly, providing vision and hearing screenings, collecting and distributing eyeglasses, offering food, water and blankets after floods and tornadoes, and teaching job skills to those with disabilities. We do serve. And we will serve for generations to come.

But we will be tested and we are facing challenges. We can't stand pat and do what we always do because that's how we've always done it. We need creativity, inspiration and ingenuity, not mere imitation or repetition. What worked decades ago or even a decade ago may not work today. Even if it works today, it may not work tomorrow. What we need is a willingness to be flexible, to embrace a paradigm shift if necessary. We have to be willing to do is nothing less than a club renewal, a reinvention of our club if that's what's needed?

If it isn't broke, don't fix it, of course. If your club is flourishing, then be satisfied and stay the course. But if you think you or your club can serve your community better, then go ahead and raise your hand at the next club meeting and get the process of change started. The great advantage Lions have always possessed is our ability to read the signs of the times and take steps in new directions. This happens on every level of the association. You may be the one who comes up with the next great idea to invigorate your club, district or even the association as a whole. Good ideas carry their own momentum. At the least be willing to engage in open and constructive discussion at your club. The only really bad idea is the notion that change is not feasible.

I'm not suggesting a radical transformation of Lionism. We will always be Knights of the Blind. But it's the little things that count such as how clubs recruit members, hold meetings, publicize accomplishments and engage members in service. Clubs need to regularly assess their how they do business and be ready to drop less successful practices and adopt new ones after careful study and planning.

It's important to know that you are not alone in your quest for club betterment. International Headquarters, including its Membership, Leadership and International Activities and Program Planning divisions, has an array of effective, efficient programs to jumpstart your renewal and help guide it. These divisions are in touch with the challenges and obstacles faced by clubs. Our new Baby Boomer recruitment methods and Family Lions Club program are two great examples of innovative initiatives to energize clubs and districts. We're not standing still. We're moving forward. That's what it will take to keep our momentum as Lions and to ensure that we remain vital and active.

Please don't wait for other Lions to take the initiative. The possibility of change and growth rests with individual Lions. Please read the LION and check the Web site regularly to stay on top of what's available. Chances are quite good that your specific needs can be filled by these initiatives.

We've come a long way since 1917, never resting on our laurels or settling for second-best. Lions have always put service first and that's reflected in the depth and range of our programs today. I am certain that Melvin Jones would be astounded at how Lions clubs have grown and prospered. Thanks to all the Lions who came before us, we are positioned for continued success. Let's blow out the candles, grab the piece with the extra whipped cream and then return to our lives of service.

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### Lions information:

The Motto of Lions International is, "**WE SERVE.**"

The slogan of Lions is "**Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nation's Safety."**

Thus **LIONS.**

#### Lions official colors:

The official colors are purple and gold. Purple stands for loyalty to friends and to oneself. It also stands for the integrity of mind and heart. Gold symbolizes sincerity of purpose, liberality of judgment, purity in life and generosity in mind, heart, and pursue toward one's fellowship.



#### The Lions emblem:

The emblem consists of a gold letter "L" on a circular gold area with two Lion profiles at either side facing away from the center. The word "Lions" appears at the top and "International" at the bottom. Symbolically, the Lions face both the past and future...proud of the past and confident of the future.