



Arroyo Grande Lions Club

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LIONS ROAR

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Greetings from the Prez

Saint Patrick's Day has come and gone! Not so the day the Club raises the ROOF over the barbecue! Forever etched in the lore and mystic of the Arroyo Grande Lions Club will be March 22, 2003. A WORK day without parallel. As the saying goes, be there or be square! We can use all the Lions we can get this Saturday to participate in this HISTORIC event. Gigantic thanks are due some of our members: Lion Thor for his manufacturing of this giant tinker toy! Lion Terry for the engineering of this intricate design! Lion Bob Carr for his first thoughts and follow through for getting the ball rolling! Finally, to all the COOKS who braved the elements outside, when preparing food without a roof was like standing in your shower, only OUTSIDE! Remember this Saturday, 9AM, at the Women's Club. Be there for this historic event!

Thanks too are due our Student Speaker Chairman, Lion Frank Workman. Lion Frank (and Lion John, too!) made the effort to run a good contest. Even though there were disappointments along the way and other concerns about logistics and areas, Lion Frank did his job and the Club thanks him for being there and participating! I will be going to Morro Bay on March 27th to hold the Region Contest and to Chair the Region meeting immediately following the Speech Contest. The winners from Zone 1 and Zone 2 will speak, so it should be fun!

Clean up your camping gear, get it out of the closet and join your fellow Club members at the second annual

SHANDON CAMPOUT April 4, 5, and 6. Just off Shell Creek road at the Camatta Ranch is the location. Wild flowers, fresh air, quiet, companionship and camaraderie are all available. So come along and enjoy the weekend! You'll love it!

It was great to see Lion Cecil and Lion Bill back at the Club! Lion Bill will be having a special procedure performed on the eighteenth of this month at French Hospital. Keep him in your thoughts as he continues his quest.

BE THERE SATURDAY FOR THE 'RAISING THE ROOF,'

Your Prez, the Lion King

Club News

Bob Misteale, Principal of Nipomo was unable to make the program for the March 5, meeting, but Lion President Jack improvised and we had an enjoyable time talking about the future of our club and the upcoming event of installing the BBQ pit cover.

Your suggestions for programs are welcomed.

Work Progresses on the new Barbeque Cover!

Thanks to Lion Thor and crew, coming up on March 22, 2003 the "raising of the roof", the BBQ roof that is, will occur.

Bring, your electric screw drivers, work clothes, and elbow grease. Get you face in the photo.

More Club News Changing of the Guard

Officers Elected
2003/04

Bob Carr President
Daniel Walker 1st.V.P.
Clark Channing 2nd.V.P.
Rich Awalt 3rd. V.P.
John McInerney Sec/Treas
Vernon Frederick Lion Tamer
Jack Gatz Tail twister Bulletin Program Chair
Bill Pierson Director 1 yr
Bill Cockshott Director 1 yr
Clem Lambert Director 2 yr
Frank Freitas Director 2 yr
Cecil Montgomery Director 2 yr
Terry Orton Visitation / Membership
Charlie Cabassi Sight Conservation

Good Luck on an other successful year!

District News Student Speakers Contest

Sponsored by the Simi Valley Club
Rancho Santa Susana Community Center
5005 C Los Angeles Avenue
Simi Valley
(805)584-4456

District Student Speaker Contest
April 12, 2003

Door open at noon, contest starts at 1PM. Light refreshments will be available. Chairman: Robert Ruiz. Work phone: 805-527-6535
Residence phone: 805-522-8617



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Member Profile Lion Tom Bonds By Ken Levine

Lion Tom Bonds has been a member of the Arroyo Grande Lions Club for 27 years. He joined in November of 1975, but is listed officially as joining in January of 1976. Apparently Lions International had trouble understanding the Texas drawl on the application.

Tom has been President of our club twice. He has also served as Zone Chairman. He was twice voted Lion of the Year.

Tom has chaired many committees, including organizing and chairing the Lions' Harvest Festival activities, several times. He has been in charge of innumerable fund-raising barbecues.

Thanks to Tom, Santa Claus has been giving out gifts to our own children and grandchildren at our Christmas party.

Tom and Sue have been married for 38 years. They have three children; Stacy, Tom and Bill. Stacy has given them three grandchildren; Amanda, Justin and Cortney. Tom has a daughter, Ashleigh.

Tom is employed at United Rental. He owned Van's Auto Parts for 20 years.

Tom has coached basketball, soccer and baseball. His hobbies are golf and the Lions Club. He would like to see our club get new, as well as younger, members.

Club Current Events Calendar

Mar 22	BBQ Cover Install
April 2	Meeting
Nipomo	Principal Mistele
April 9	Board
April 16	Meeting
Potential Members	Night
April 30	Meeting – Guest
Lisa Fraser or Ken Levine?	
May 7	Meeting
May 14	Board
May 21	Meeting
June 5	BBQ@Regional Ctr

International News Helen Keller Day



HELEN KELLER

History In 1971, the Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International declared that henceforth June 1 would be remembered as "Helen Keller Day." Lions around the world implement sight-related service projects on Helen Keller Day.

Helen Keller

Born Helen Adams Keller on June 27, 1880 in Tuscumbia, Alabama, USA, the child developed a fever at 18 months of age. Afterwards, Keller was blind, deaf, and mute.

At age six, teacher Anne Mansfield Sullivan of the Perkins School for the Blind was hired as Keller's teacher. The 20-year-old taught Keller sign language and Braille. The story of the teacher and her pupil has been retold in William Gibson's play and film, "The Miracle Worker."

At age 10, Keller learned to speak. Sarah Fuller of the Horace Mann School was her first speech teacher.

In 1898, Helen entered the Cambridge School for Young Ladies. In the autumn of 1900, Keller entered Radcliffe College. She earned a bachelor of arts degree cum laude in 1904.

Throughout the years, Sullivan remained at her student's side. She formed letters into Keller's hand for comprehension of textbooks, college lectures, and conversation

On June 30, 1925, Keller addressed the Lions Clubs International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, USA. She challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in this crusade against darkness." She said, "I am your opportunity. I am knocking at your door."

Keller made her last major public appearance in Washington, D.C., USA, in 1961. She received the Lions Humanitarian Award for lifetime service.



Don't forget April 10 either!

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