



Arroyo Grande Lions Club



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Greetings from the Prez



The President Speaks (writes).

If you are like me (and few are!) you just barely got all your income taxes calculated and sent off to the proper bureaucracy. April 15th came much too early this year! But that is behind us!

And speaking of 'behind us' let me tell you about the glorious wild flowers that Pam and I saw at the Shandon Campout! The GOLDS, PURPLES, YELLOW, ORANGE, RED, and GREEN were spectacular! I have never seen such a display of wild flower color since I've lived in the County. It truly was a highlight of the weekend. Another highlight of the Campout was touring the Camatta Ranch. Water buffalo, foreign goats, a herd of Bison (maybe 50 head), and some weird geese and ducks were aplenty. Also there were some Tortoises (150 pounds each!) and babies that maybe weighed in at 2 pounds! (Editors note: fortunately for us Lion Jack always carries his bathroom scale with him) It was fun for Bob and Lori, Joe and Jeanne, George and Lynn, and Pam and me. We all had a fine time. And the food wasn't bad either! The weather was nice during the day, but mornings were 'kinda' frosty. Anyway it was fun - next year maybe more of our Lions will go!

The District Student Speaker contest was held in Carpinteria on April 10th. The speaker representing Region L, Elizabeth Alquist, was a runner up. Pleasant Valley

sponsored the winner so it's onward for our District!

Get ready for Laughlin! The District Convention is just a hop, skip and a jump away! Be there or be square when GEORGE gets elected as District Governor! Our Club is going to have a great year just like George is going to have a great year. We all should be very proud of the Arroyo Grande Club. We have come a long way, baby!

The Prez and King Lion, Jack Gatz

Club News Changing of the Guard



President Elect Bob Carr is getting ready for his year as Lion President. Please offer Lion President Elect Bob your support. If you would like to lead or be on a committee let Lion Bob know. You are needed; use your leadership skills to make our community a better place to live. Let's make this another great year for the Arroyo Grande Lions Club.

Good Luck on another successful year!

Community Interest News The San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden



The 12th annual Garden Festival will be held in El Chorro Regional Park on May 3 & 4, 2003. The Central Coast's foremost show for gardeners and plant lovers of all ages will include Mediterranean garden ideas and landscape design inspiration, specialty nursery offerings brought together for SLO County's largest outdoor plant sale, and great shopping in the Mediterranean Marketplace and many garden shops. There will be free garden advice and solutions, giveaways, contests, and competitions, garden-related arts and crafts, lectures, demonstrations, Mediterranean food and entertainment, and plenty to do for the kids. Parking will be on the south side of Highway 1 at Cuesta college. Buses will transport you to the Garden Festival entrance. Tickets are \$5, children under 12 are free.

If you're not going to be in Nevada, you are welcomed to visit the Garden.

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Lion Clem Lambert By Ken Levine



Lion Clem Lambert is one of the longest continuous members of our Arroyo Grande Lions Club. Clem joined the club in 1958, and served as president in 1963.

Clem and Amanda have been married for 54 years. They have three grandsons. Their daughter, Susan, and her husband in San Luis Obispo have two sons. Daniel and his wife also live in San Luis Obispo and have a son. Now Peter and his wife, who live in Newport Coast, are expecting a baby. Maybe Amanda and Clem will get a granddaughter!

Clem was born in Bishop, California, and then moved to Los Alamos when he was two years old. When he was six years old his family moved to Arroyo Grande.

Clem had an automotive repair business for 40 years before retiring. He now keeps busy working on the rentals in the old church building where Amanda has her interior business. Clem also enjoys "playing at" tennis and golf.

Clem feels that our work with sight conservation is the most important thing that we do as a club.

Club Current Events Calendar



April 30	Meeting – Guest
Lisa Fraser	Child Care Abuse
May 2-4	4A3 Convention
May 3 & 4	SLO Botanical Garden Festival
May 7	Meeting
May 14	Board
May 21	Meeting
June 5	BBQ@Regional Ctr
Ctr	

Lions International News

Annual Lions Clubs International Convention



June 30 - July 4, 2003
Denver, Colorado, USA

Each year, in late June or early July, Lions club members from more than 100 countries come together for the Lions International Convention. For at least five days, Lions conduct association business, share fellowship and enjoy the sights of an international city.

Typically attended by nearly 20,000 Lions and their family members, the Lions International Convention is one of the largest annual gatherings of its kind in the world.

Please check the Lions International website for more information about the 86th International convention in Denver Colorado

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More International News

A Fifteen Dollar Dues Increase Initiative



A Fifteen Dollar Dues Increase: a hardship for our members, but a lifeline to the millions of people "We Serve."

Fifteen dollars for a family of four in southeast Ohio, whose father is out of work, it could be the difference between dinner and going to bed hungry. Fifteen dollars for a child in Central America, it means a new pair of eyeglasses, perhaps enabling sight for the first time. Fifteen dollars in many parts of the world, it means school supplies for an entire year. Fifteen dollars the price of a bus ticket home for a runaway child, living on the street. On the Lions International Website, you'll be able to discover what a \$15.00 dues increase (phased in over 3 years) means to the future of Lions Clubs International. Read it. Absorb it. Then decide. Fifteen dollars it's a lot of money – to you – to Lions Clubs International, but especially to the millions of people we serve, each and every day. Fifteen dollars we're counting on you, because our future is now. See http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/dues_increase.pdf for the full story on the recommended dues increase.

District News

Lion George Stewart, Vice District Governor



This time next month we will have returned from the district convention in Laughlin and I will be the District Governor Elect. It is hard to believe that so much has happened since I was asked to become a Lion in 1967. It has been an exciting year. Lynn and I have met so many wonderful people. We have seen sad times and joyous times. We have had experiences that we will never forget. Unfortunately the commitment has taken us away from our personal family and our Lion family. The commitment has given me an opportunity to experience the exchanging of new ideas and being motivated to encourage the expansion of our community service out reach. I see the need to extend our involvement with the youth of our communities. Hopefully what I have experienced and the generation of new concepts and approaches to "serve" will be incorporated in each of our lives. I have enjoyed the visits to other clubs within the district even when traveling alone. I encourage others to travel with me next year. I have my visitation schedule for next year pretty well established. We will start soon after returning from Denver and have most of the visits completed by the first of October. Make time to join me and see how much fun it is to travel to the southern part of the district.

Hopefully I will be able to complete the series on my objectives for next year (my seven step plan) in a future edition of our newsletter. However for now I would just encourage you to attend the District Convention in Laughlin and the International convention in Denver. I'm looking forward to a successful year and the continuation of your support.

Lion Tom and Prez Jack



Lions Bob, John, Charlie and Dan



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