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"ARROYO GRANDE LIONS HAVING FUN HELPING THEIR COMMUNITY"

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Editor's Comments:

Once again I request your assistance in preparing our club newsletter. If you have any interesting information to share with our members please send email so that I can include it in the publication. I ask that Lion Jim include information on his trip to the US/Canada Forum for the September issue and Lion PDG Stan to include information on the PDG Reunion to be held at the end of the month. I would personally like to thank our wonderful organization for providing me with the opportunity to serve as a Lion for forty years I joined in July 1967). Lynn and I have had some great times with LCI and our club and made some great friends. It has been fun and rewarding for both of us. Thanks!

Note: Presidents comments are missing due to technical difficulty.

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sept. 5-Regular meeting
- Sept. 6-Nipomo Lions 8:00 AM Blacklake
- Sept. 12- Board Meeting
- Sept. 19 – Regular Meeting
- Sept. 20 – Nipomo Lions 8:00 AM Blacklake
- Sept. 20 – Nipomo Lions golf tournament
- Sept. 27- Set-up for Harvest Festival
- Sept. 28 & 29- Harvest Festival
- Sept. 28, 29, 30- PDG Reunion in Redding
- Oct. 3- Regular Meeting
- Oct. 4- Nipomo Lions 8:00 AM Blacklake
- Oct. 6- Healthy Club Workshop II **Location to be determined**

Club news:

July 18 meeting: District Governor Bill Dunlevy and Lion Margaret made their official visitation to our club. Governor Bill's theme is "No Limits" utilizing outer space as the "back drop" to help add fun to his goals. Governor Bill also introduced us to International President Amarasuriya's theme, "Challenge to Change." The importance of growth of new members and new clubs within 4-A3 was stressed too. Fun and friendship will be an integral part of the district this year with space ships prepared by clubs and be on display at each cabinet meeting. A new category for scrape books will be made available to clubs. Other LCI items discussed was new club dues payment penalties, student membership dues, CSF II progress, and family friendly clubs.

July 28 family picnic: All whom attended had a great time and no one left hungry. Thanks to Lion Stan and Mary Sharpe for their hospitality. We hope that more Lions and their families will attend next year's event.

Aug. 1 regular meeting: Lion John Villa from the SLO Lions spoke to us concerning the 1st annual Lions El Camino Real Bowl. The game pits the high school senior San Luis Obispo All County Team and the Northern Santa Barbara All County Team. All clubs are needed to pre sell tickets and assist on game night manning ticket booth, ushering, parking and security. The game is scheduled for Saturday December 15, 2007 at Cal Poly Stadium. More information will be provided in the future. This is a great opportunity to receive local recognition and join other Lions in a community activity.

Aug. 8 Board meeting: The meeting was hosted by Lion John McInerney. The budget for 2007-2008 was reviewed and approved. A copy will appear in the October newsletter. A club banner with Pres. Dan's motto was approved. Attending the meeting were Lions Terry, Tom B., Len, John, Stan, Jim, George, and Dan. Remember all club members are invited to attend any board meeting.

Aug. 15 Regular meeting: Carolyn Novak from the American Red Cross spoke to us about "Disaster Preparedness." She covered the 5 points of action for emergency preparedness. They are 1) Make a plan; 2) Build a Kit; 3) Get trained; 4) Volunteer; 5) Give Blood. A copy of the brochure covering these items can be obtained from their local office at 225 Prado Road, Ste. A, SLO, or www.slo-redcross.org BE PREPARED.

Aug 23 fund raising event: Club earned \$600 from barbecue for PGE retirees. Thanks to all that helped.

Aug 29 Special meeting: Lions and guest (26) attended the Melodrama and had a great time. Future social events will be discussed at a future meeting. Make your suggestion known to Lion President Dan.

Visitations:

No visitations were scheduled for August; however there will be up coming visitations to local clubs.



Lions information--New membership idea:

The Family Membership Dues rate began on January 1, 2007. This is a permanent program that was ratified as part of the Lions Clubs International Constitution.

Who Qualifies?

This program applies to existing or new Lions in and/or joining the same club and living in the same household related by birth, marriage and other legal means - such as parents, children, spouses, aunts/uncles, cousins, grandparents and in-laws of spouses.

How Does The Family Membership Dues Program Work?

The first family member (Head of Household – HH) is required to pay the full International Dues (US\$39.00) and any applicable entrance fee. Up to four more subsequent qualifying family members over the age of majority in the same household and the same club shall pay one-half of the standard annual dues (US\$19.50) and no association entrance fees.

When To Certify Family Units:

The Family Unit Certification is to be completed when reporting new members using the Web Monthly Membership Report (WMMR) or the Monthly Membership Report ([MMR – paper version](#)). Once a family unit is certified, recertification is only necessary when there is a change of address or membership status. The certifying of Family Units corresponds with the semi-annual per-capita billing cut-off dates of November 30 and May 31.

Filing on-line WMMR: The club secretary must complete the online family unit certification form verifying family unit information. Read the [Online Certification Instructions](#) for step-by-step directions to complete the form online. Club Secretaries who file WMMR reports may verify their family units by printing the Family Unit Report from the REPORT section of the WMMR site.

Filing by paper: Submit the printable [Family Unit Certification Form](#) with the [Monthly Membership Report](#) (MMR) in which the new member or a family unit is being reported. Download the form for complete instructions.

New Family Members

In order to receive all the benefits of the Family Membership Dues Rate, as new family members are added to your club's roster, the Family Unit Certification must be completed. Lions Clubs International will not issue a credit to clubs who submit the Family Unit Certification after the new member has been added; in these cases the family membership dues rate would take effect with the next semi-annual per-capita billing cycle and the club will be billed for the new member's entrance fees.

Existing Lions

Existing Lions who were certified as 2nd, 3rd, 4th, or 5th members of a Family Unit by November 30, 2006, received a reduced international dues rate on the January 1, 2007 semi-annual per capita billing, and do not need to be recertified as part of a family unit.

Existing Lions who are 2nd, 3rd, 4th, or 5th members of a family unit that were not certified before December 1, 2006, and were certified as part of a family unit before May 31, 2007 will receive the reduced international dues for the July 1, 2007 bi-annual per capita billing.

Is a Lion who is a member of a Family Unit eligible to seek club, district or international office? Lions that are a member of a Family unit are Active Lions, with all rights and privileges of an Active Lion. These Lions meet the qualification of an active Lion and are eligible to seek a position as a club, district or international officer.

DISTRICT 4-A3 ACTIVITIES:

The first cabinet meeting was held in Ventura with Lions, Terry, Jack, Stan, & George attending. Friday night was a social event with the installation of the new cabinet by PDG Tim Miskel. The meeting was attended by various aliens and foreign space travelers. (You had to be there to understand.) Saturday morning Lion Stan chaired a presentation concerning Campaign Sight First II with Lions Joellen and Sandy, group coordinators from the southern part of the district. Next the first business session was conducted by DG Bill.

MULTIPLE DISTRICT FOUR (MD-4) ACTIVITIES:

The First Council of Governors meeting was held in Santa Maria on August 3, 4, 5 at the Radisson Hotel at the Airport. The Santa Maria Valley Lions, directed by Lion Tony Manuel, did a great job host this event. Friday afternoon was the caucus, an informal meeting of the council and attendees have an opportunity to briefly present items that will be discussed and any action required will be taken during the regular business session. Saturday morning committees met with the Budget & Finance committee to discuss proposed budget items for the 2008-2009 Budget.

The introduction of the new Council Chair, George Skezas, and the Vice Chairs, Bill Dunlevy and Skip O'Brien, was the first activity during the business session. Then committee reports were made.

LIONS INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES: International President Mahendra Amarasuriya, stated in his monthly message, "It is my firm belief that we need to re-brand Lions clubs to be more relevant to the twenty first century. In the program I place before you are many challenges. The most fundamental of all is the 'Challenge to Change' our organization, wherever change is needed. But fundamental changes have to be facilitated both by the leadership (top down) and clubs (bottom up). Without a totally integrated effort with commitment from all concerned, the organization will not succeed in implementing change. There fore, I earnestly appeal to all Lions of the world for a positive response to the 'Challenge to Change.'" Let's take up this challenge.



HUMOR?



Laugh a minute! Ha! Ha!



Did you know?

Life is like a ten speed bicycle. Most of us have gears we never use. *Snoopy*

Recent club Photos:



Lion Ken receiving his Melvin Jones presented by Lion John



Lion Pres. Dan



Lion Isaac



Lion Frank (grandpa)



Aliens invade cabinet meeting



Lion PDG Stan receives the Lion of the Year award



IPP Terry gets the gavel back from Nipomo Pres. Denise



DG Bill & Lion Margaret visit at club



Our new motto banner



Mocha & Sheba

Lion's information:

In 1994, UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) and UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization) assembled school supplies in a large box for use by teachers in Rwandan refugee camps.

Since then, UNICEF's School-in-a-Box program has provided educational supplies to teachers in areas affected by civil unrest, earthquakes, hurricanes, and tsunamis.

Each UNICEF School-in-a-Box includes teacher supplies and materials for up to 80 students when classes are taught twice each day to 40 students each. Teachers can use the inside cover of the box as a chalkboard.

In 1996, Lions Clubs International signed a Memorandum of Understanding with UNICEF to support the School-in-a-Box program.

In 2005, Lions helped to distribute UNICEF School-in-a-Box kits to victims of Hurricane Katrina in the US Gulf Coast states.

Each UNICEF School-in-a-Box costs approximately US\$198.00. Donations can be sent to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF); 300 W. 22nd Street; Oak Brook, Illinois 60523-8842; USA

Lions clubs that donate US\$500 to LCIF for the UNICEF School-in-a-Box program will receive a banner patch award. Lions clubs will receive a chevron patch award for additional donations of US\$500.

LIONS AND HEARING AWARENESS:

Lion clubs appoint one member to serve as their Hearing and Speech Action and Work with the Deaf chairperson. On the district level, a Lion is appointed as District Hearing and Speech Action and Work with the Deaf chairperson.

Both club and district-level chairpersons develop service projects which aid persons who are deaf or hard of hearing. Before implementing a service project, it is suggested that Lions contact local government and private agencies (including Lions hearing foundations) for the deaf or hard of hearing. This can eliminate the duplication of services. In addition, local agencies that have ongoing projects may be in need of additional assistance.

Lions help educate the public about hearing loss.



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OBJECTIVES

- **TO CREATE** and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- **TO PROMOTE** the principles of good government and good citizenship.
- **TO TAKE** an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.
- **TO UNITE** the Clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.
- **TO PROVIDE** a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest: provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by Club members.
- **TO ENCOURAGE** service minded men and women to serve their community without personal financial rewards, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry professions, public works and private endeavors.

