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Presidents Comments:

No comments from our president this month, he must be in the kitchen doing the dishes.

Editor's Comments:

A new year is about to begin and I hope that we are able to initiate some new community projects. So far I have not heard of any, although we are still pursuing the Lions' Quest program. I would like to see some new type of fund raiser. I know that Lion president Dan would appreciate any suggestions and request that you present your thoughts at the next board meeting scheduled for January 9, 2008. Personally I would like to see something other than a barbecue plus we need to do some type of work project(s) in the community to get exposure.

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 5- Regular Meeting
December 6- Nipomo Lions 8:00 AM Blacklake
December 12- Barbecue for hospital auxiliary- no board meeting
December 19- Family Christmas Party
December 20- Nipomo Lions 8:00 AM Blacklake
December 25- **Merry Christmas to all**
January 2- No Meeting Scheduled
January 3- Nipomo Lions 8:00 AM Blacklake
January 9- Board Meeting
January 16- Regular Meeting
January 17- Nipomo Lions 8:00 AM Blacklake
January 18- Recreation Department Appreciation Dinner
January 30- Extra Meeting (to be scheduled)

Club news:

November 7 Regular meeting: Lion Bill Cockshott spoke and gave us an update on the current status of the local real estate market. Then he gave a brief autobiography of how he grew up in Arroyo Grande attending local schools and graduating from Cal Poly and entering a career in journalism. He worked in Lompoc and the state of Washington until he returned to the central coast working for the Tribune until he went into real estate.



Lion CT Jack reporting at the cabinet meeting



Lion Bill Cockshott

November 11: Club members participated in the 30th annual Arroyo Grande Lions. A. G. Recreation Department's Turkey Trot for the youth of the community with turkeys be awarded to the winners in each category, a chicken to second place, and a game hen to third place winners.

November 14, Board meeting: The board meeting was hosted by Lion Terry with Lion President Dan, Lions George, Terry, John, Jack, & Matt attended. The primary area of discussion was centered on the up coming Christmas Party. Other items discussed was the Lions Quest program where we are still waiting for additional information and the hat bands which we should have information soon.

November 21: No meeting scheduled.

Visitations:

Lions Terry, Jack, Matt, and George visited the Shandon Valley Lions on November 11 and Lions Terry, Jim, & George visiting the Paso Robles on November 27, 2007. Other visitations will be scheduled over the next few months.



P. R. Pres. Tom with Lions Jim, George, & Terry at Paso Robles



Lions Matt, Jack, Shandon Valley Pres Jack, DG Bill, Lions Terry, & George at Shandon Valley Lions

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Lions Information: MD-4 History Part 1

Lionism in what is now known as Multiple District Four had its beginning in Oakland with the organization on February 27, 1917, of the first Lions Club on the west coast. It was not until nearly four months later on June 7 that the International Association of Lions Clubs was organized at the Hotel LaSalle in Chicago by Melvin Jones. The first president of that first Lions Club in California was Jesse Robinson, destined in 1919 to become the president of Lions Clubs International.

California and the states adjoining it formed what was then known as the First District. That district was of tremendous size, extending from the Mexican border to the Canadian line and from the Pacific Ocean to the Utah state line. It embraced California, Oregon, Washington and Nevada.

On September 8, 1918, the second club became part of the First District -- the Lions Club of Los Angeles was admitted to International with 100 charter members. The third club was Berkeley organized on June 14, 1919 with a charter membership of 65.

By the time of the International convention in Denver in 1920 there were nine Lions Clubs in the First District. The additions were: Sacramento, San Francisco, San Jose, Stockton, Fresno and Pasadena. The First District convention was held at Oakland on June 7, 1920.

In 1921 the First District was divided. Oregon and Washington became District 19 and the new District 4 consisted of California, Nevada and Hawaii. The first club in Nevada was organized between the 1920 and 1921 district conventions.

In 1924 Nevada had three Lions Clubs and the first "Deputy District Governor" was appointed and given sole charge of Lions Clubs in that state.

In 1925, at the eighth annual International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, an address by Miss Helen Keller changed the direction of the growing International Association of Lions. Miss Keller stood on the stage of an auditorium filled with Lions and in a ringing voice, unaided by electronic gadgets, she challenged her audience to help the world conquer her own affliction -- blindness. Touched by her humanitarian appeal, the Lions promptly made her an Honorary Member, the only woman so honored in the history of the all-male association.

The fifth annual convention of District 4 (the seventh convention for Lions in California) was scheduled for San Jose in 1926. The leadership voted to change the location to San Francisco so it could be held in conjunction with the International Convention there that year. The highlight of that convention was when 45 of the 46 members of the Covina Lions Clubs registered and attended. At that same convention, the delegates endorsed the Junior Lions Club movement, the forerunner of the Leos Clubs. By the 1917 convention, ten Junior Lions Clubs had been formed in California.

Part 2 will appear in December's newsletter.

DISTRICT 4-A3 ACTIVITIES:

The second Cabinet meeting was held in Orcutt/Santa Maria on November 16 & 17, 2007. Friday night was a fun night for all that attended. Saturday's event included training in the morning and the Cabinet meeting with committee reports given in the afternoon. Attending were Lion President Dan, Lions Elliott, George, Jim, Jack, Terry, John, and Stan. It is suggested that more club members attend both Friday and Saturday's events at the Paso Robles Cabinet meeting scheduled for February 15 & 16 2008.

MULTIPLE DISTRICT FOUR (MD-4) ACTIVITIES:

MD-4m is gearing up for the third COG meeting and the MD-4 Convention in Modesto with the COG meeting to be held on January 30 & 31, 2008 and the convention on February 1-3 2008. There will be Leadership training on Friday and Saturday with our International President Mahendra speaking at the Saturday Luncheon. Get your registration in ASAP. Check the MD-4 web site www.md4lions.org for further information. This issue be the first part of the history of MD-4, see page 3.

LIONS INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES:

LIONS INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES: International President Mahendra Amarasuriya, stated in his monthly message, "My presidential theme is Challenge to Change. Note the two concepts. We Lions need to change and it is indeed a challenge. We Lions have been highly successful for more than 90 years and the tendency is to keep doing what we do-because that's how we've always done it. But the world around us has changed and we need to change, too." "Lions, be creative. Use your imagination. Dream up new ways of holding meetings, attracting new members and doing service. Respond to your community with a fresh approach and bold ideas. Be practical and prudent but don't hesitate to improvise and experiment. No one likes change. But everyone relishes success. Push aside the invisible barriers we erect-the box that regulates our actions. Yes, it's an overused phrase but think outside the box. The world wants us and needs us. Our service is indispensable. It's up to us to remain relevant." *These quotes were Taken from "The Lion" magazine the November 2007 issue.*



Wanted: Your Eyeglass Collection Locations

Lions clubs are encouraged to submit community eyeglass collection locations to strengthen their recycling efforts. A list of collection sites is being added in the "Club Locator" on the Lions Web site to assist people in finding the drop-off location nearest to them. Please complete and submit the [Lions Recycle For Sight Club Participation Form](#) to include your Lions club's eyeglass collection sites with your club's listing in the Club Locator. For more information, e-mail the [Health and Children's Services Department](#).

HUMOR?



Laugh a minute! Ha! Ha!



Did you know?

What are the only two countries whose names start with "A" that don't also end with "A"?

See page 6 for the answer.

Recent club Photos:



Lions Vern & Isaac



Lion ZC2 John & Lion Matt at Shandon Valley



Lions gather at our meeting- Lions Clark, Isaac, Bob, Matt, Len, Bill, & Jack



Lions John & Pres. Dan at the cabinet meeting



Paso Robles Lion Wally Ohles receives community awards from club Pres. Tom and ZC2 John



Lions Bill, John, & Terry



More Lions information:

Newly adopted Vision & Mission statement from Lions International:

Vision Statement

To be the global leader in community and humanitarian service.

Mission Statement

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.

Why Should I become a Lion?

As a Lions club member, you can:

- Make a difference everyday in your community. Whether it is providing support locally or reaching out internationally, you will have an opportunity to serve.
 - Be a part of a worldwide organization carrying out community and humanitarian projects.
 - Grow personally and professionally by participating in our programs, community service projects and events.
 - Gain an understanding and have an impact on local and international humanitarian issues.
 - Develop relationships with both local and international community and business leaders.
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- Have access to membership discounts and services.

Plan for Glaucoma Awareness Month

Glaucoma is a group of diseases that can damage the eye's optic nerve and result in vision loss and blindness. It is not curable, vision loss cannot be regained and there are no warning signs. For this reason glaucoma is sometimes referred to as the "sneak thief of sight." It is the second leading cause of blindness in the world, according to the World Health Organization. Join with other Lions during the month of January to spread the word about the importance of a comprehensive eye exam for early detection and treatment of glaucoma. Clubs or districts are encouraged to collaborate with local healthcare organizations or agencies to organize [glaucoma screenings](#). Learn more about glaucoma from the [Lions Eye Health Program \(LEHP\)](#), the [National Eye Institute](#) or the [Glaucoma Research Foundation](#).

Answers from page 5:

Azerbaijan & Afghanistan



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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.

