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***"ARROYO GRANDE LIONS HAVING FUN HELPING THEIR COMMUNITY"***

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### Presidents Comments:

Each month it gets harder to pass on a few words of wisdom or encouragement; however I'm encouraged when I see how each member steps forward and assists on our projects whether it is "Adopt-a-poll," helping at a barbecue, or putting in time on the youth basketball tournaments. What a great bunch of Lions! Just keep up the good work for the rest of the year. We do so much for our community, which we do not get enough credit, and it is all because of your efforts. Thanks once again.

### SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 1- Charter night Ojai Valley Lions Club  
March 5- Zone Student Speakers contest (we are hosting)  
March 6- Nipomo Lions 8:00 AM Blacklake  
March 8- Simi Valley Lions 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner  
March 12- Board Meeting  
March 13- Visitation to Morro Bay  
March 16- Nipomo Lions rummage sale, barbeque, and eye screening (Rabobank Nipomo)  
March 19- Regular Meeting  
March 20- Nipomo Lions 8:00 AM Blacklake  
March 20- Lions Tribute at City of Hope  
March 24- Visitation to Santa Margarita  
March 25- Visitation to Cambria  
April 2- Region Student Speakers Contest  
April 3- Nipomo Lions Blacklake 8:00 AM  
April 9- Board Meeting  
April 16- Regular meeting  
April 17- Nipomo Lions Blacklake 8:00 AM  
April 18, 19, 20- District Convention in Oxnard  
April 30- 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday possible extra meeting

**Club news:**

**February 6:** We conducted the club level Student Speakers contest with four speakers. The topic is "Immigration – My Solution." The levels of the contest are: Club, Zone, Region, District, Area, and Multiple District, the final winner will have earned almost \$21,000 for their efforts. Let's support our winner though out the contest.



Lion Bob and the participating students at our Student Speakers Contest



**February 13:** Board meeting hosted by Lion President Dan. Lion Len will chair the Flag Day program to be presented to the students at Grover Elementary School on February 22, 2008. The board approved a donation of \$2,500 to the Arroyo Grande Hospital Cancer Center. The board also discussed a barbecue for the Clark Center, additional information at a later date and approved \$300 for computer training for an individual through the Independent Living program. We discussed our scholarship program and how the names are selected for each presentation. Lion John Murray made a presentation on using a "shopping network" connected with our web site as a possible source for additional revenue. It was suggested that LCI legal department be contacted prior to pursuing the program any further. Question was brought up about the program that was presented on sending books to the Philippines and if we should provide any financial assistance. The girl's basketball tournament will be held February 21-23 at Paulding Middle school.

**February 20: (Regular meeting)** Lion George, with the assistance of Lions Tom and Matt did a fish & chips dinner. Although dinner was served a little late everyone had plenty to eat.



Lions Matt, George, & Tom working on the fish fry dinner



Lion George "heating up" at the fish fry dinner



Lions Jim & John

**Visitations:**

No visitations were made during the month of February.

## Lions Information:

### Helen Keller's Speech

**1925 International Convention  
Cedar Point, Ohio USA June 30, 1925**

Dear Lions and Ladies:

I suppose you have heard the legend that represents opportunity as a capricious lady, who knocks at every door but once, and if the door isn't opened quickly, she passes on, never to return. And that is as it should be. Lovely, desirable ladies won't wait. You have to go out and grab 'em.

I am your opportunity. I am knocking at your door. I want to be adopted. The legend doesn't say what you are to do when several beautiful opportunities present themselves at the same door. I guess you have to choose the one you love best. I hope you will adopt me. I am the youngest here, and what I offer you is full of splendid opportunities for service.

The American Foundation for the Blind is only four years old. It grew out of the imperative needs of the blind, and was called into existence by the sightless themselves. It is national and international in scope and in importance. It represents the best and most enlightened thought on our subject that has been reached so far. Its object is to make the lives of the blind more worthwhile everywhere by increasing their economic value and giving them the joy of normal activity.

Try to imagine how you would feel if you were suddenly stricken blind today. Picture yourself stumbling and groping at noonday as in the night; your work, your independence, gone. In that dark world wouldn't you be glad if a friend took you by the hand and said, "Come with me and I will teach you how to do some of the things you used to do when you could see"? That is just the kind of friend the American Foundation is going to be to all the blind in this country if seeing people will give it the support it must have.

You have heard how through a little word dropped from the fingers of another, a ray of light from another soul touched the darkness of my mind and I found myself, found the world, found God. It is because my teacher learned about me and broke through the dark, silent imprisonment which held me that I am able to work for myself and for others. It is the caring we want more than money. The gift without the sympathy and interest of the giver is empty. If you care, if we can make the people of this great country care, the blind will indeed triumph over blindness.

The opportunity I bring to you, Lions, is this: To foster and sponsor the work of the American Foundation for the Blind. Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness; no little deaf, blind child untaught; no blind man or woman unaided? I appeal to you Lions, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind. Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?

I thank you.

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen nor even touched, but just felt in the heart."  
- Helen Keller, 1891



Helen Keller mid  
1920's



Helen Keller early  
1900's

***CLUB ACTIVITIES CONTINUED:***

**February 5:** Members participate in the "Adopt-A-Poll" election program with many Lions and spouses assisting.

**February 21, 22, 23:** Club sponsors and operate the ticket sales for the girl's 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball tournament. This weekend turned out to be another successful event by the club supporting youth activities in the community.



Lion President Dan with one of the winners (picture on left) and Lion Jim with another winner



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

The final cabinet meeting and district convention will be held at the Casa Sirena in Oxnard on April 18, 19, 20, 2008. The high light of the weekend will be our International Director who will share some of his thoughts at the breakfast on Saturday as well as speak to us on Saturday night. In the morning (Saturday) will be the district level of the student speakers contest and in the afternoon the food fair. Also check how "Dancing with the stars" on the district web site as an event at the convention. Get your reservations in now.

***DISTRICT INFORMATION:*** Last week this publication listed the various positions within the district; do you know who they are? Check it out there could be a quiz at the next meeting and a prize for the winner.

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

The next Multiple District Cabinet meeting will be held in Visalia June 6-8, 2008. At this meeting the newly elected Vice District Governors meet their council and have a chance to "bond" with each other. This is also the time when the incoming governors elect the next council chairman. Our DG Bill has thrown his hat in the ring. Good luck Governor Bill, you will make a fantastic CC. Probably the best since the 2004-2005 council chairman.

***LIONS INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES:*** International President Amarasuriya in his February "Message from the President" We Lions don't serve others so we can gain applause and admiration. We serve because our hearts compel us to help others. But we do need to recognize those Lions among us who excel at what they do....One award may spark a renewed passion for service among hundreds of Lions." He goes on to address his International Challenge to Change Awards and what criteria exist for these awards. "He closes with these remarks, "We learn from each other and follow the path of those with ingenuity and extra dedication. Here is your golden opportunity to have your service project, vision or passion affect Lions and members of the public from far outside your own community." *From February 2008 Lion*

HUMOR?



Laugh a minute! Ha! Ha!



Did you know?

“If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music that he hears, however measured or far away. *Henry David Thoreau*”

Recent club Photos:



Lion Ken & Gaby at the polls



Lion Bob with our student speakers contest winner



Lion PDG Stan reporting on CampaignSight First II



Lion Elisabeth being inducted by PDG Bill (with Lion John her sponsor)



PDG Howard & PCC George discussing “How to form new clubs” at the cabinet meeting



Lion president Dan with one of the winning teams from the boy's basketball tournament



Lion Tom, Pam, Lion Jack, & Sue at the “Adopt-a-Poll”



Action at the boy's basketball tournament



Lion John receiving the Model Club patch from PDG Stan

### THE LIONS MONTHLY BARBECUE

Every member of a service club  
sure knows good things to eat,  
With ample varied viands  
every menu is replete  
Yet no club can make comparison  
in steaks, chops, roast or stew  
With the 'Royo Grande Lions  
and their monthly barbecue!

The chosen member scurries round  
for choicest cuts of meat,  
And a special grain and type of wood  
to furnish proper heat;  
Then with secret magic formula  
he swabs each portion through  
To prepare these tasty morsels  
for the monthly barbecue!

Then they're bowls of salad  
to provide the best of greens,  
And ample juicy helpings  
of delicious baked beans  
And pots of steaming coffee  
in aromatic amber brew—  
Lions purr in smug contentment  
at their monthly barbecue!

Now when at last my time arrives  
to talk with good Saint Pete,  
And he, mindful of my comfort, asks  
"What shall we have to eat?"  
I'll say, "For food delectable,  
the best that we can do  
Is join the Arroyo Grande Lions  
in their monthly barbecue!"

*Lion Rex Truman about 1955*

### LIONS PREPARE FEAST FOR HARVEST FESTIVAL

When autumn browns the distant hills  
and brings the air a twang,  
We hold a harvest festival  
to give our town a bang!  
With decorations, stunts and clothes  
we strive in many ways  
To glorify our pioneers,  
relive the "Good old Days."

The Lions have in this event  
a special job to do  
To serve the 'sembled multitude  
a tasty barbecue;  
The chairman takes his pen in hand  
and studies through the roster,  
Assigns each member to a task  
to make the 'casion prosper.

The ladies in this gala time  
a special interest take,  
Preparing salad, serving meat,  
and bringing luscious cake;  
And thus the Lions 'vite their friends  
from north and south and east  
To join our Harvest Festival,  
enjoy the Lions feast!

*Lion Rex Truman about 1955  
From his publication  
"Ballads of Arroyo Grande"*

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#### Lions' information:

## 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.

