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"ARROYO GRANDE LIONS HAVING FUN HELPING THEIR COMMUNITY"

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Observations of the Editor:

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

Club Events

- October 6th -- Eye Screening for Lucia Mar School District
- October 14th -- Board Meeting at Mike Furman's home
- October 18th -- Saint Josephs – Health Fair
- October 24th -- Arroyo Grande Hospital – Health Fair
- November 11th -- Board Meeting at Lion Terry's house
- November 15th -- Turkey Trot at the High School
- November 15th -- Turkey Festival at Lopez Lake
- December 16th -- Family Christmas Party

District Events

- November 6th and 7th - Ventura Cabinet Meeting

Multiple District Events

- February 5-7, 2010 MD-4 Convention at Riverside

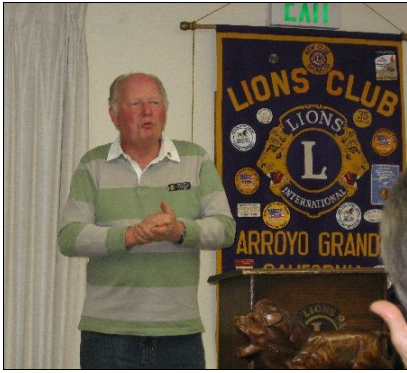
International Events

- Lions Work Day in the Community

Club news:

October 7th – Regular Meeting

On our 1st meeting of the month Lion Jack introduced as the guest speaker Lion Charlie, our Sight Chairman. He reviewed the contributions that our club has made to the local community



over the last year.

The club helps sponsor the eye mobile which tests Lucia Mar School eye site screening of both high school and elementary school children. We also support screening at local private schools. (Both Nipomo Lions Club and Pismo Lions Club also support the screening within our community.)

The trailer is owned by the Atascadero Lions Club and local doctors man the trailer during the screening. The doctors are paid a stipend that is funded by the different clubs throughout the County. Last year we paid \$590 for the screening. Going to our Board Meeting section below, you can see that this year we added to that amount \$1,250.



The club also pays for exams and glasses for students that are referred to the Lions Club by the school nurses. The number of exams varies greatly from year to year depending on a number of factors, such as the availability of insurance.

The club has also supported other patients who have been referred to us. This may include people released from prison that need glasses to be able to work.

For exams and glasses our club paid out \$4,500 for people that live in our community.

The club has the capability of referring patients to the Southern California Lions Eye Institute for more difficult treatments.

As well as the items mentioned above, the club has also helped out with eye screening through the Catholic Charities Health Fairs. We have also referred clients for exams and glasses.

October 21st – Regular Meeting

On this meeting we inducted two new members; Lion Ben and Lion Cesar. One of the proud sponsors looks on while our



President reviews the goals of the organization and the expected work the new members will be undertaking.

October 21st – Board Meeting

The club checkbook was at \$25,786 as of the meeting. All bills had been paid.

After the regular meeting the club adjourned to a Board Meeting. The main item on the agenda was to consider making a donation to the Lucia Mar School District to help make up for a shortfall for eye exams. The district budget had been cut this year and Lion Charlie was asking the club to consider a donation to help out. After discussion a motion was to donate \$1,250 to the school district and approach Pismo and Nipomo Lions Clubs to donate \$650 each.

District News

The District will be having a cabinet meeting in Ventura on November 7, 2009. The business portion of the meeting will be held at Ventura College. Simi Valley - Moorpark Lions Club will be hosting a continental breakfast at 8:00 AM and the cabinet meeting will start afterward.

If you want to make a weekend out of it, come on Friday and go to the First Nighter's Party at the Marina Park. On Saturday evening there will be a dinner and you can attend the Ventura Football Game and watch our Governor in action (from the sidelines of course).

See Lion Terry or George for a reservation form or look on line at www.lions4a3.org/.

Lions Club International news:

This issue of the newsletter has been primarily about sight conservation, so I am spotlighting a program that LCIF is supporting and that our club has been participating in LCIF for the last few years. We have donated \$2,000 each year into LCIF.

This article is from International and has been edited due to space constraints.

Program Celebrates Saving Sight in China

OAK BROOK, Illinois, USA, September 29, 2009 – SightFirst China Action celebrates 10 years of preventing and reversing blindness, having helped more than 4.5 million people. Through Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), the SightFirst China Action program celebrates its 10th anniversary as a nationwide program. The program built upon the successes of SightFirst pilot projects that began 16 years ago and has a successful history of saving sight for millions in China.

“SightFirst has been fundamental in helping prevent and reverse blindness in China,” said LCIF Chairperson, Al Brandel, “Through LCIF, local Lions and our partnership with the Chinese government, we have been able to save the sight of millions who would have otherwise gone blind.”

Prior to SFCA’s establishment in China, vision impairment was very widespread and the need for vision care services were vast. In 2002, there were an estimated 5 million blind people in China, with more than 40 percent of blindness resulting from cataract. In a country where the number of blind people is expected to increase four times by 2020, SightFirst is making a significant impact.

LCIF has invested more than US\$30 million to build up eye care services and eradicate preventable blindness, and the Chinese government gave over US\$250 million to this effort. Completed in 2002, Phase I supported 2.1 million cataract surgeries and established surgical eye units in 104 rural counties that previously had none. SFCA Phase II assisted even more people.

SFCA has grown to be one of SightFirst's largest and most successful sight initiatives to date. The program was established when LCIF partnered with the China State Council Coordination Committee on Disability and two of its subsidiaries, the Ministry of Health and the China Disabled Persons' Federation. The partnership forged a strong relationship between Lions Clubs International (LCI) and the Chinese government.

Lions have a long history of working with the Chinese government to provide humanitarian service, and the success of SightFirst China Action helped establish LCI in 2002 as the first and only international volunteer service club organization to be officially recognized by the Chinese government. Today, there are 2,674 Lions clubs members in 115 clubs in China in addition to 1,407 Lions in 64 clubs in Hong Kong and Macau. These Lions played a significant role in the development and success of SFCA.

"When Lions first started in China, there was an enormous need for vision care services due to the large number of blind" said Wing-Kun Tam, Second Vice President of Lions Clubs International, "Although there is still a great need, significant progress has been made due to the success and achievements of SFCA."

To mark the official 10-year anniversary of SFCA, a celebratory event will be held in Beijing to thank and recognize the many doctors and medical personnel who have volunteered their time to make the program such a success. A press conference and media promotion will further support the celebration throughout China. In addition, three teams comprised of Lions' leadership, local Lions and World Health Organization (WHO) staff and LCIF staff, will visit three project areas in Tibet, Sichuan and GuangXi.

SightFirst remains committed to fighting preventable blindness in China through its SFCA program. LCIF, along with local Lions and their partners have made a tremendous impact on the lives of thousands of people.

SightFirst China Action (SFCA) Results:

- Supported more than 4.5 million cataract surgeries
- Equipped 210 hospitals in rural counties that previously had none
- Eye care infrastructure strengthened by creating secondary eye care units at hospitals in underdeveloped counties, provinces and Tibet
- Trained 55,000 ophthalmologists, para-ophthalmics, community workers and hospital in the western and northern provinces to ensure sustainable eye care services
- 558 medical teams traveled across the country to provide surgeries, establish hospitals and conduct trainings
- Established 31 training centers
- SFCA II made possible 298 provincial level medical team missions that carried out 294,211 cataract surgeries in 1,375 Chinese counties. This greatly surpassed the original goal for SFCA II of 100 teams.

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with more than 1.3 million members in 45,000 clubs in 205 countries and geographical areas around the world. Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired and made a strong commitment to community service and serving youth throughout the world.

Lions Clubs International Foundation is the charitable arm of Lions Clubs International. LCIF was ranked by a Financial Times study as the #1 non-governmental organization with which to partner. Established in 1968, LCIF has been involved with blindness prevention and treatment for more than 15 years through the SightFirst program. Learn more at www.lionsclubs.org and www.lcif.org.

Arroyo Grande Lions Club working within the community

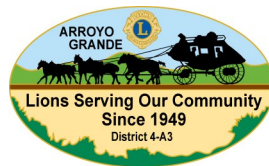
October 21st - Health Fair at the Arroyo Grande Hospital

Here you can see Lions at work within the Community. Lion George is screening a client and then Lions George, Mike and Terry are posing during a break.

We also collected glasses during the event and they



will go to Avinal Prison for sorting and cleaning before being sent to another country for fitting and then given to a new owner.



Humor

Amish Humor

Sign behind an Amish carriage:

"Energy efficient vehicle. Runs on grass and oats.

CAUTION: Avoid exhaust!"

Ketchup

A mother was struggling to get the ketchup out of the bottle when the phone rang. She asked her four year old daughter to answer it. She heard her daughter say, "Mommy can't come to the phone. She's hitting the bottle."

The Police

A policeman was taking a vandalism report at an elementary school when he was interrupted by a six year old girl. She looked up and down at his uniform and asked, "Are you a policeman?"

"Yes, I am," he said.

"My mother told me that if I ever needed help I should ask a policeman. Is that right," the girl asked.

"Yes it is," said the policeman.

The girl extended her foot to the policeman and said, "OK, then, would you tie my shoe?"

More Police

At the end of the day, a policeman parked his van in front of the station. As he was gathering his equipment, his dog started barking. The policeman looked up to see a puzzled looking little boy. "Is that a dog you have back there?"

"Yes, it is," said the policeman.

"What'd he do?"

