



"THE ROAR"



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Happy New Year Lions!

I just received word that this years Lions Float entry "Matteos Dream" was awarded the Rose Parade "Special Trophy" for *Exceptional Merit in multiple classifications!* Matteo's Dream was designed from a Children's Playground in Concord, California that was built for Disabled children.



Matteo's Dream is a special Children's park in Northern California that was built at the request of a disabled child named Matteo. Matteo's Dream was to be able to play like a normal child in a playground and so the idea was born to build a playground that would not only be for healthy children but also for children who were born with or have disabilities. Pictured is a photo that I took at Matteo Park in Concord, California.

Rebecca and I had the privilege of visiting Matteos Park in Concord last August. I discovered that the construction of this park was not only a Lions project (Crockett Lions), but a community project as well. With donations from the local businesses and organizations throughout the Concord area and many hours of volunteering in the construction of the Playground by many members of the community, Matteo's dream became a reality and is now used by children regardless of their disabilities. Matteo Park is open to the public and I would highly recommend that if you are in the Concord area, to stop by and visit Matteo Park you will be amazed.



TODAYS MEETING



Club 1st Vice President Lion Jamil Nushwat started today's meeting by having Lion Bob Line lead us in song. Lion Pat Harrison led us in the Pledge to our Country's Flag and Lion George Fry led us in a prayer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

EYE VISION SCREENING
NO EVENTS SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME.

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January 18-20, 2014 Ontario, Ca.

3RD DISTRICT CABINET MEETING, SELMA, FEBRUARY 21ST & 22ND 2014. Register online at 4a2lions.com

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 4 STATE CONVENTION FEBRUARY 14-16, 2014. Register on line at md4lions.org

VISALIA HOST LIONS ANNUAL CHILI MOTORCYCLE RUN TBA

District 4A-2 Lions Annual Convention. CAYUCOS, May 2-4 2014. Back to the 60's" theme and International Food fair. District Student Speaker Contest. Melvin Jones Luncheon.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Since we did not have a Program last Friday, I thought a look back on last year would be appropriate.



FIVE DOLLAR WINNER
LION BOB LINE



Donated to the Chili Run

LOTTO SCRATCHERS
LION VICKI WHITEHOUSE



MARBLE DRAWING
LION JANET MCCLINTOCK



FREE AD
LION ALLEN VENTLING



LION ALLEN SAYS HAPPY NEW YEAR AND THE BEST OF HEALTH IN 2014.

THIS WEEKS GUEST SPEAKER
KIMBERLY JENSEN
QUAIL PARK