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**The News of Lions Club**  
***District 4-C4***

## PERFECTION



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***San Francisco to Palo Alto, CA***

**October 2013**

### **A message from your District Governor Steve Picchi**



Fellow Lions:

As this month draws to a close I have completed the last club installation and have visited 23 clubs so far. It has been a busy month. Lady

Rosie and I will be

heading to San Diego to attend the Council of Governors Joint meeting on October 25th and I have one more visitation and a Budget and Finance meeting to finish up the month.

Growing and maintaining membership is one of my major goals this year. Along with trying to start new clubs in the district, I want to challenge you to bring in more new members than you have dropped this year. Since the beginning of the year we have dropped 55 members but on the high note

we brought in 59 new members, so we are at a plus 4. Keep up the great job !!

Your Global Leadership Team (GLT) headed by PDG Ken Ibarra and Global Membership Team (GMT) headed by Erik Winkler are here to support and assist you in building your clubs. We are also offering new member orientation classes, what a wonderful opportunity. I encourage you to invite new members to participate in this valuable program. Feel free to contact me with any of your questions. You can reach me at 650.726.8682 or [spwinemaker@comcast.net](mailto:spwinemaker@comcast.net).

Remember the 2nd Cabinet meeting on November 9th at Mission Blue. You are invited to join us the night before for the Lions Night at the San Francisco Bulls Ice Hockey game. This is not a fund raiser but a FUN and affordable way to extend fellowship and family time. It is also a way of having an

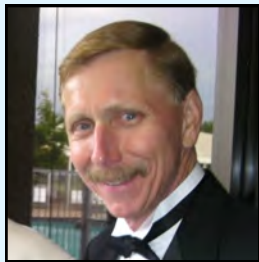
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Articles & photos may be submitted to Lion 4-C4 Bulletin Editor John Gill for publication in this ***Blended To Perfection*** Newsletter via email to [lions4service@gmail.com](mailto:lions4service@gmail.com) and must be sent no later than the 20th day of each month for inclusion in the next issue . Thank you for your support.

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## A message from 1st VDG Jack



Fellow Lions:

As you know, our Lions District Family suffered the sudden and unexpected loss of one of our dear Lions, Lion Yola Picchi, of the Half Moon Bay Lions Club. Lion Yola, the mother of Lion DG Steve and Lion Executive Director Rich, was the Matriarch to her great immediate and extended family, many of which are Lions with the Half Moon Bay Club. Please remember to keep Lion Yola, Steve, Rich and all of their loving family members in your thoughts and prayers.

Our District Governor and his Cabinet have been very busy with club visitations, installations and new member inductions. I personally had the honor of inducting 3

new Lions into the Castro Club earlier this month. An additional 5 new members are also going to be inducted into their club in November. Our District Governor has also had the pleasure of inducting a number of new members into various clubs in the past month. ***Great Job Lions!*** So, all clubs please keep up the great work attracting new members into your respective clubs.

Our District had a very successful **"Guardian Angel" Program** CPR/AED Class on Saturday, October 19, 2013. 20 Lions volunteers from throughout the District attended and there are another 11 lions on the "waiting list" for the next class to be held in the next couple of months. Also, there is a 4 hour Lions District 4-C4 Disaster Preparedness Program "Basic Partner Sheltering" Class being offered by the American Red Cross

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## A message from 2nd VDG Macy



My Dear Fellow Lions of District 4-C4:

For September, it was a very busy month for me and Lion Michael Chan. We attended the USA/Canada Leadership Forum in Overland Park, Kansas with 2500 other Lions from around the world – a total of 6 Lions from District 4-C4 attended. There were many valuable learning sessions especially the session on Youth Exchange Program which help us to understand and gave us the drive and information on initiating a U.S./China YE Program between San Mateo Lions Club and Guangdong Yueqi Lions Club. The attendants also had the pleasure to listen to Patrick Hughes, an invited motivational speaker whose son has vision and physical im-

pairment. Next year, please make sure to mark your calendar for the USA/Canada Leadership Forum. It will be in the fun and beautiful city of Puerto Rico on Sept 11, 2014.

I went to most of the visitations with our DG Steve and his team except when I was not in town.

For September, most notably and most memorable was the opportunity to attend a twinning ceremony between San Mateo Lions Club of which I am an Associate Member and Guangdong Yueqi Lions Club in China together with Past President Lion Michael Chan, Zone Chair Margaret Lee (another AM of SMLC), and Lion Sherman King of S.F. Chinatown Lions Club. Their District is D381, with over 4000 Lions and 117 Lions clubs. It is very big District. Their dues are US \$1600 and even that, their District is growing fast.

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## A message from the Editor's Desk

Greetings Lions of District 4-C4!

It's been a busy month of Long Tail and Cabinet visitations, Bingo Feeds and club events, a funeral, and studying around the clock get my CA Real Estate Broker's License renewed by state deadline. When I managed to attend two Lions meetings in the same time period in opposite cities, I realized a small glimpse into the life of a District Governor.

This month's PCL Photo is Brisbane Lions, who donated \$50,000 to Lions Eye Foundation for their new building fundraising campaign.

If you wish to submit an article please do so by the 20th of the month. District Governor Steve is firm on this deadline. Please email your brief article or pictures to me in a timely manner...the sooner the better. I'll be posting & writing articles for our new District Blog, too.

From Lion John Gill ~  
District 4-C4 Bulletin Editor  
Peninsula Council of Lions Secretary / Editor  
Immediate Past President, San Mateo Lions Club



*Left to Right DG Steve, LEF Ex. Director John Schroeder, IPDG Skipper Bob, Brisbane President Dave Crocker, and other Lions.*

## District Governor's Message Cont... 1st VDG Message Continued..

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"overnight" cabinet meeting.

Lion Rich, myself and our family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for all of the cards and expressions of sympathy during this difficult time with the loss of our dear mother, Lion Yola.

She will always be known to the Half Moon Bay Lions Club as the "Good Picchi". She will be truly missed.

Lion Steve

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on Saturday November 2, 2013, in Burlingame, from 9am - 1pm. **Lions must take this class to join our District Disaster Preparedness Program.** To reserve a seat in either of these classes please email your name, club name and phone information to me at: [disasterpreparedness4c4@gmail.com](mailto:disasterpreparedness4c4@gmail.com). More information about these classes can be

located on our District Website and (or) Informational Thread.


Remember the District's VSP "Vision" Program provides FREE Eye Examinations and FREE Prescription Glasses and Frames to underprivileged children and their families who qualify for this benefit. For additional information,


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District 4C4 Second Cabinet Meeting  
November 9, 2013  
Mission Blue Center, Brisbane  
9 AM to 2 PM



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS

 District 4-C4  
2nd Cabinet Meeting  
November 9, 2013



Don't be left behind:  
Please join DG Steve Picchi  
and  
Hear what is going on and what is on the horizon for District 4C4!  
Hosted by Region 3

Times:  
8:00 A.M. - Continental Breakfast  
9:00 A.M. - Meeting (Club-in-Order)  
11:00 A.M. (approx.) - Lunch  
2:00 P.M. (approx.) - Meeting Adjourns

Low-ations:  
Marian Blue Center  
475 Main St. Bldg. One  
Burlington, Ct 06906

Fun - Fun - Fun  
Network Old Relationships  
Meet New Lions  
Certification - Meet Club Members Present  
Lots of Raffle Prizes

Reservations:  
Mail to Lion Clinic Lee  
2089 Quivira Lane  
San Mateo, Ca 94402  
Contact Information: email: dca@lionsclubs.org Cell: 607 226-4766

Club  
Name:  
Name:  
Name:  
Name:

Location:  
875 N. Ballou Avenue Ste  
507 00 at the Corner  
Chicagoyla Plaza  
Lions District 4-C4

Additional Names can be written on the back

San Carlos Lions Club  
14th Annual  
**TRI-TIP**  
ROUND-UP DINNER  
**SAT, NOV 9, 2013**

Mohang Hall, 1386 Arroyo, San Carlos  
Hors d'Oeuvres & Wine 5:30p  
Dinner 6:30p

\$30 per person  
Table of 8 receives 1 Free Ticket  
TICKETS (650) 593-1777 or  
Ask a Lion

**GRUB:**  
Salad, Tri-Tip, Corn on  
the cob, Cowboy Beans,  
Cornbread, Dessert  
NO HOST BAR

Raffle \* Auction \* Music

[SANCARLOLIONS.ORG](http://SANCARLOLIONS.ORG)

All proceeds go to San Carlos Valley &  
Community Activities. Dinner served by  
Guests \$10 \$40 Cash

**PACIFICA LIONS CLUB  
BURGER BINGO**

November, 10th, 2013  
11:30 AM to 4:30 PM

To benefit our Annual  
Christmas party for the  
Homeless Children of the  
Shelter

TICKETS ARE \$25 IN ADVANCE  
\$50 AT THE DOOR

**CONTACT:**  
PRESIDENT SHIRLEY GIBBS  
850-355-0825

**PACIFICA MOORE LODGE**  
775 BRADFORD STREET  
PACIFICA, CA 94044



For these flyers and more in  
PDF form on District 4C4  
Web Site at  
[http://www.lions4c4.org/  
events.html](http://www.lions4c4.org/events.html)



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please refer to our District Website and (or) Informational Thread. Also, take advantage of the outstanding Leadership Forums and related training - refer to our website or the threads for additional information.

Our District Governor, 2nd Vice District Governor, other DG Team members and I will be off to San Diego next week (10/23-24 to 10/27) for our State MD-4 Council of Governors Meeting and Training.

**Quote of the Month:** "Dreams are the Touchstones of our Character" Henry David Thoreau

As always, thank you and God bless **YOU** for your unselfish commitment to serve those who need our help and assistance. Please never forget the fact that through **YOUR** efforts as a Lions Club Member, you **DO** make a positive difference in the lives of those in our communities, our district, our nation and our world!

Lion Jack Van Etten,  
1st Vice District Governor

**"TO PROTECT AND TO SERVE"**

**Proven Leadership, Experience and Personal Integrity**

## Obit of PCL PP Tony Montes' M-I-L



**EVELYN LENARDON RAFFIN**  
Late of Millbrae

Born in Alliance, Ohio December, 1921 and died October 16, 2013.

Beloved wife of the late Fred Raffin for 45 years. Loving mother of Betty Arnold (late husband Jim), Nancy Montes (husband Tony), the late Eileen Donahue and Bill Raffin (wife Irene). Dear sister of the late Nelson Lenardon (wife Marilyn). Cherished grandmother of Sonya Wodopianov, Jimmy and Steven Donahue and Marc Raffin.

Evelyn worked as an executive secretary for many years, under the President of Southwest Airways and West Coast Construction Manager of F.W. Woolworth to name a few. Her true passion was classical music as she studied opera as a young woman in New York and later took piano lessons for 12 years during retirement. A member of the Peninsula Chorale & St. Dunstan's Church Choir for 20 years, Burlingame Music Club and Hillsborough Guild of the Peninsula Symphony for 25 years holding positions of VP and Entertainment Chair. Cooking family dinners, baking her prized lemon meringue pies, crocheting, knitting, embroidering, painting and gardening were all very important to her. She also loved traveling through the U.S., Europe, China and Mexico.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, October 28, 2013 at 10:00 AM at Saint Dunstan Catholic Church, 1133 Broadway, Millbrae. Committal will follow at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in Colma. Visitation on Sunday, after 2:00 PM at the CHAPEL OF THE HIGHLANDS, El Camino Real at 194 Millwood Drive in Millbrae, with a Vigil Service at 3:00 PM.

As a two time survivor of cancer, in lieu of flowers she requested contributions be made to the American Cancer Society.

CHAPEL OF THE HIGHLANDS, Millbrae  
(650) 588-5116  
[www.chapelofthehighlands.com](http://www.chapelofthehighlands.com)

## Burlingame Lions Host 1st Night Meeting with Leos & Lions



On October 23, Burlingame Lions held their first ever night time meeting. Attended by over 40 Lions, Leos, and guests, including visiting dignitaries, District

Sunshine Chair, Cindy Smith, BASO President Sharon Bagley, Region 3 Zone 2 Chair, Debbie Kiely, and District Bulletin Editor, John Gill. A few city council candidates were also in attendance. PDG's Don Stanaway & Ray Kliwer came, too. Program speech was given by District Student Speaker Contest Chair & Burlingame PCP, Toni

Nava, who told the young kids in attendance about scholarships and advised the entire audience about how to let go of life's burdens. She held a glass of water and quizzed the audience on how heavy the glass is and how it will get heavier the longer she holds it. Her message was that life's burdens get heavier the longer we hold on to them.

Lion Erik Winkler served as Tail Twister, fining members for being late, having stories, and making announcements. The fun evening was chaired by President Kevin Kiely and caterer served delicious BBQ ribs, pasta, salad, fruit, and ice cream. Burlingame is planning another night meeting, likely in January.



## Half Way on the Long Tail Journey Update—FC, PAH, SFMNB & SB

As the District Governor visit is the only program of the evening for clubs, I'll only write about clubs where I did a normal visitation for the Long Tail. This month's update includes: Foster City, Palo Alto Host, SF Marina North Beach, and San Bruno. SF Geneva Excelsior, Half Moon Bay, Pacifica, SF Fil Am and MP Live Oak were attended on the DG Visitation, off uniform per contest rules. 20 clubs in, 21 to go.

Sept. 24—Foster City Lions. One of my favorite Lions clubs, I was an active visiting Lion at FCLC events when I was SMLC president. A few of my mentors in Lions are members. A very experienced club membership, many members have been Lions for over 10-20 years. **Attendance:** I lost count at 54 present, about 38 I recognized by name. 2 guests were visiting, plus visiting San Mateo Lions PP Marlin Gill & I. **Venue:** Foster City Recreation Center with beautiful views of Central Lake & Ryan Park. Food catered by Ning, featured buffet of turkey, gravy, veggies, fruits, soft drinks & snacks before meeting, all for \$18. **Agenda:** Last March, I supported a FCL fund-

raiser because I liked the charity they supported. It was called CORA, Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse. It was very cool that CORA was the program and I got to learn about what they do, how they serve victims of domestic abuse, and hear details about their operations: 22 beds in one shelter, they plan to open a new shelter. People in dire need can stay 2 months. They provide transitional housing up to 2 years. Sad news that they turn away 800-1100 families a year. 50% of funding comes from private donations. They offer a 40 hour training program for volunteers & require a 1 year commitment. FCL presented CORA reps with a donation check of \$1025.

Oct. 8—Palo Alto Host. **Attendance:** 16 members, 2 guests.

**Venue:** University Club in Palo Alto near PA Veterans Hospital. Food served was buffet and included chicken, pasta, string beans, potatoes, and bread. Cost was \$20. Dessert was a cake.

**Agenda:** Lions Eye Foundation (LEF) Executive Director Lion John Schroeder came to talk about the building fundraising campaign and other LEF facts.

He spoke about the \$35 Million,

88,000 SQF building LEF is buying to meet earthquake safety standards and how members can help by buying Don Stanaway Fellows at either \$250 or \$500 level, and naming rights for large donors. In addition to a well documented presentation, he presented Palo Alto 1st VP Dennis Daly with the Helen Keller award his club honored him with for long time service to the club.

Oct. 9—SF Marina North Beach.

**Attendance:** 6 members and I.

**Venue:** Daly City Sizzler. Order off the menu, no minimum or additional fee to visitors.

**Agenda:** Club business included discussion of 75th Anniversary Party held Sept. 27, upcoming health fairs, student speaker contest, and collection of lotions for USO and Lions Veterans Charities.

Oct. 15—San Bruno Lions.

**Attendance:** 22 with 3 guests & 1 visiting Lion. **Venue:** 16 mile House restaurant, the site of an old saloon in town. \$25 for non-members, \$10 for members. Meal was meat loaf, mashed potatoes, veggies with free bottles of wine

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## Lions Veterans Charities Report

By PDG Roger Chinn, Lions Veterans Charities

We are in the final stages of organizing our annual "USO Night", our only fundraiser for our service-men and women, veterans, USO/SFO, and patients at our local VA Hospitals. If you are able to attend and help, please let Lions Pat Hughes, Sandee Ige or Roger Chinn know. We are looking for a sell-out and have planned for a full evening of fun, recognition of our veterans, Ning's prime rib buffet, and live music from not one but two groups, from a seven piece "soft" music group and then, dancing with music by a four piece trio with vocalist!!

You Are Invited to  
**LIONS VETERANS CHARITIES, INC.**  
"USO NIGHT"

\*USO NIGHT is not a sponsored USO event but a facsimile of the events our  
Service-men and Women enjoyed while in service to our country.  
Proceeds to benefit Lions Veterans Charities, Inc. a 501-c3 Organization

**Lions Veterans Charities, Inc.** Honoring Our Vietnam War Veterans

**Saturday, November 16, 2013**  
5pm Cocktails - 6pm Program - 7pm Dinner  
Entertainment, Raffle and Dancing to follow  
**William Walker Rec Center**  
650 Shell Boulevard, Foster City

**\$45 per person**  
Buffet Dinner with plenty of food!  
Enjoy the music of the West Bay Saxet through dinner  
then get ready to dance the night away to the  
Herb Perez Band

**West Bay Community BAND**  
Welcome Home Troops  
Thank You

Please RSVP and send your check payable to: (LIONS VETERANS CHARITIES, INC.  
No later than Wednesday, November 6, 2013 to:  
Lion Steve Moore, 1819 Monterey Street, Foster City, CA 94044  
For questions or raffle item pick-up contact Co-Chair Lion Pat Hughes at 650-415-7601 or Lion Sandee Ige at 650-426-7631

CLUB NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
GUEST(S) \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ \$45 PER PERSON X \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_  
I AM UNABLE TO ATTEND BUT WOULD LIKE TO DONATE \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
All Funds & Raffle Items Donated are Tax-Deductible



## Club Events on District Tumblr Blog

Club Events Covered on District Tumblr Blog  
<http://district4c4.tumblr.com/>



Lion Bruno Lion Club Bingo / Pasta Feed for Veterans Charities - October 26

Our District Public Relations Chair, Lion Alison Wilson, created a blog for the District on Tumblr. She

has asked me to post articles to the blog on a regular basis. Since your Bulletin Editor is attending numerous Club and District events throughout the

District and can only cover a portion of them in the 16 page District Bulletin each month, club events not covered in the bulletin but attended by

your Editor may be featured on the District blog. Read up on Bingo feeds, club anniversaries, and other Lions events not included in the bulletin. Your club may also submit content to the blog by email: lions4service@gmail.com. Ideally, this blog will feature news and not upcoming events. We have the Thread, Web Site, and Bulletins (District & Council) to cover upcoming events. But once you have your event and want to share the recap with the District, please feel free to send us your article. It will end up on either the blog or the District Bulletin or perhaps even both.



Foster City Wall of Honor for Veterans



## Sunshine Committee Report



It is with a very heavy heart that I report the loss of two of our

Our District thoughts, love and prayers go out to them at this most difficult time.

Viewing for Lion Connie's granddaughter will be at Duggan's on 17th and Valencia on Friday 11/1/2013 2-6pm and the Memorial service is Saturday 11/2/2013 1pm at Bayview Church of Christ on Revere @ Hawes in San Francisco, CA. Connie knows many people did not know Jaz and appreciates your prayers during this trying time. She was waiting a heart transplant at UCLA.



Lions beloved family members. Nancy and Tony Montes lost their dear Mother Evelyn Raffin. The service will be Monday Oct 28 at St Dunstons Catholic Church at 10 am. Lion Connie Bridge-water lost her grand daughter this weekend also.

## Yola Picchi Funeral

At 94 years, full of vigor and still independent, District Governor Steve's mother, Yola Picchi, retired into eternal peace. On the night that her son was to do a District Governor visitation to San Mateo Lions Club, District officers and Lions from San Mateo and around the District came to pay their respects to the Governor's mother. She was a long time Half Moon Bay Lion and was a frequent participant until her final days. The visitation was held from 4 - 7 PM on a Thursday night at Miller Dutra Coastsides Funeral, a block from the church. Rosary was at 7 PM.

Seen in attendance at the Friday morning funeral were PDG Lions Ken Ibarra, Mel Philips, Al

Russell, Don Stanaway, Esther Lee, and IPDG Skipper Bob



Wilson. Other visiting Lions included Cabinet Treasurer Rich Lee, Region 4 Zone 1 Chair Martha Sandy, PCL 1st VP Chris Cheshire, PCL Secretary & District Bulletin Editor John Gill, PCL PP Al Hernandez, Region 1

Zone 2 Chair Leland Lee, GMT Erik Winkler, District PR Chair Alison Wilson, and Lion Sandee Ige. At the wake the evening before, both VDG's, Jack and Macy, PCL President Ora Seyler, District Tail Twister Gil Busitichi, & Photographer Lion Michael Chan. I didn't stay for the Rosary, as my club had a meeting that night. Could have been more Lions in attendance at both events and HMB Lions did have a few Lions at the funeral.

An accident cleanup on Devil's slide closed the tunnel, so the funeral procession to Holy Cross Cemetery took 92, while I stayed back in town to shop with my mother, who attended with me.

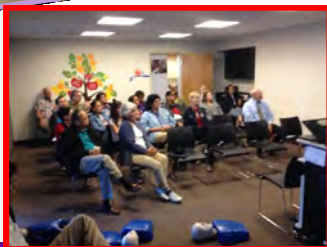
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## District Training / PCL Photos

Photos of District Training for CPR and Membership Forum; PCL 1st Meeting at Nick's Restaurant in Pacifica



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The reception took place at an Italian restaurant down the street from HMB Lions meeting venue and featured buffet of pasta, salad,

veggies, and bread.

Rich Picchi's wife and son gave an eulogy. The son's account of his grandmother was a heart felt memory of a guiding light in the

## MD4 Leadership Institute App

### Lions Leadership Institute

Lions Leadership Institute focus on building the skills of Lions leaders to prepare them for leadership responsibilities at the club, zone, region and district levels. There is a focus on assisting many of the leadership skills long recognized in ourselves and government by working with volunteers and the community.

Qualified candidates are Lions in good standing and have an active role in their club or district leadership.

### Cost of the Institute

The cost to the attendee is \$200 for the weekend. The rest of the cost of the institute is picked up by Lions Clubs International and Multiple District Four. This covers the meals, materials and a shared room at the hotel.

### Applications

Lions who meet the qualifications may apply. If you are interested in attending, applications are available from your district governor or you may download an application from the MD-4 web site.

### Requirements

All attendees agree to do the pre- and post-work and to attend all of the sessions.



### 2014 MD-4 Leadership Institute Application

January 18<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup>  
Ontario Airport Hotel  
Ontario, California

Cost: \$250  
Double Occupancy  
An extra \$120 as a single

**Please register early as there is a pre-assignment - to be completed. Register by January 5th**

### Areas of Emphasis

Some of the areas covered in the course work are: Change Leadership, Presentation Skills, Diversity, Conflict Resolution, Supporting Teams, Project Management, LCI, Communication and Technology & Lions.

### Dress

The dress is casual. Please wear comfortable clothes to the sessions. Business attire is appropriate for the graduation dinner on Saturday evening.

### Starting Time

We start training at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning. Some students may want to come in on Friday evening. You can do that at your own expense. We have a group rate negotiable for you may use. All sessions start on time. Training ends Monday at noon. You need to make all of the sessions.

### Lions Leadership Institute application Ontario

Please Print

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Lions Club \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Highest office held \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Lions Multiple District Four

When completed send to: Chris Morris

2188 Casa Mia Drive

San Jose, CA 95124

408-371-6866

Or email to: [cmorris@lionsmd4.org](mailto:cmorris@lionsmd4.org)



Ontario, CA, session will be held on  
Jan. 18—20th with deadline of Jan. 5.



young boy's life. Rich's wife spoke about times when she first met Yola and about the type of person she was.



## Long Tail Update Continued.. / Club Tax Returns Due November 15

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on table and lemon 3 layer cake for dessert. Coffee was also served. **Agenda:** PCL Ad for Police & Fire Program - debate over full page ad versus buying tables for members. Discussion to buy 2 tickets for the USO Night Event for raffle. Heard club say they normally buy two tickets for president to go to event. Also discussed was debate over new venue for Farmer's Market. President Hafter handed out membership feedback survey to be filled out by members in attendance. I filled out one for my club, as I was also asked by my President to do 1 for our club. Speaker was an accountant who advised on the club's foundation setup. Club was advised that receipt of over \$5,000 requires documentation. A raffle prize donation is a write off, but a ticket purchase is not. Accountant said most Lions Clubs are C4 for non profit status. Speaker advised that raffles must be registered with the state by September each year. Discussion about tax deductible events ad-

vised that a tax write off must deduct the value of a meal from the tax deduction. For example, if a participant bought a ticket to an event with a meal and the value of a meal was \$25 of the \$50 paid, only \$25 would be tax deductible. With IRS, a donor can't write off a benefit received, so the value of the benefit must be deducted for the write off to pass audit, per my understanding of the Accountant's speech. This is a basic recap of what I recall from my visit; it's best to check with your own CPA for official understanding of IRS policy.

**Club tax returns (Form 990) are due November 15th!**

**If your club has not yet filed its return, send in the Form 8868 to extend your filing period 3 more months.**

Questions contact District Treasurer  
Rich Lee [rleecpa@cs.com](mailto:rleecpa@cs.com)

## San Mateo Lions International Twinning with Guangdong Yueqi LC



San Mateo Lions Club International Twinning Ceremony with Guangdong Yueqi Lions Club in China. In attendance from San Mateo Lions were PP Michael Chan & Associate Members, Macy Mak Chan & Margaret Lee.



<http://lionmichaelchan.shutterfly.com>





## District & Club Photos



1. DG Visitation and Induction of New Members at PSI Lions 2. SF C Lions Picnic at San Bruno Park 3. DG Visitation and Induction of New Member at RWC Sunrise Lions. 4 Cruise 4 Sight Lions & Guests 5. SF Host Health Fair 6. SFCCL Sept. Meeting 7. SB Leos serving at Carnival 8. Nico, Cancer patient for SB Lions Halloween Costume Drive 9. FC Lions Picnic at San Mateo Central Park





## Message from 2nd VDG MacyContinued..

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What is the purpose of twinning if there is no joint project?! We talked about these potential projects: 1. Lions of Life or LOL Program – and their commitment to help raise a targeted \$20,000 to help protect missionary teams and save children dying of diarrheal dehydration in other parts of the world. 2. Eye Glass Collection/ Recycling – start setting up to collect the huge amount of eye glasses in China to be shipped to neighboring countries; and also look into setting up a Lions Eye Recycling Center possibly, as this can be a very involving program that required much funding and

resource to accommodate and process possibly millions of eye glasses. 3. Youth Exchange Program – first to get youth from China to visiting U.S. Camps and then vice versa; as again this will take LCI and Chinese Government involvement to approve such flow of students and organization. We met over 3 times with great discussions and enthusiasm. These are young and motivated Lions and can be called Lions of Lions.

Please consider to attend one of the next two MD 4 Leadership Institutes: On Nov 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> 2013 at Sacramento - It is focus on

building the skills of Lion Leaders to prepare them for leadership responsibilities at the club, zone, region and district levels. The District Governor has indicated that partial financial assistance will be available for 4C4 attendees and so hurry before the funding dried up. But if you miss this one, we still have one coming up on Jan 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> at Ontario, California. Go on the website for MD4lions.org and download the application.

2<sup>Nd</sup> Vice District Governor  
Lion Macy Mak Chan

## Bingo Feeds Support Students, Vets, & White Cane



Several PCL clubs had Bingo / Pasta feeds to support White Cane Days, Veteran Charities, or Student Scholarships. Full recaps of these

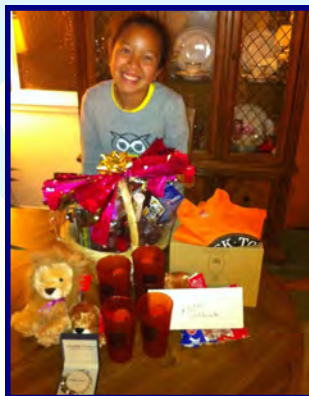
events can be found at our District Blog on Tumblr: <http://district4c4.tumblr.com>.

Oct. 5—SSF Host Lions held their annual Ravioli / Bingo Feed to raise \$2170 for student scholarships. Event was held at Scavengers in SSF, overlooking the bay and airport. About 50 were in attendance.

Oct. 11—Burlingame Lions held their Oktoberfest Bingo feed to raise money to support White Cane

Days. Editor didn't attend this event.

Oct. 19—Foster City Lions held their 7th Annual



White Cane Bingo / Pasta feed. Very well attended with 6 room size long tables of guests enjoying pasta and bingo.

Oct. 26—San Bruno Lions held a Bingo / Pasta feed to support Veteran Charities. Lightly attended by 20 Lions and guests the weekend before Halloween, Lion Mario Benavente's family were the big winners, scoring multiple

bingo and raffle prizes.



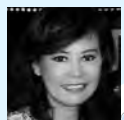
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District Governor



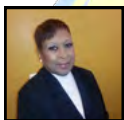
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Bellinger** ~  
Cabinet Secretary



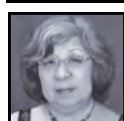
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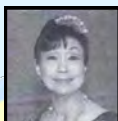
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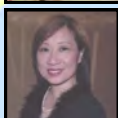
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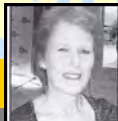
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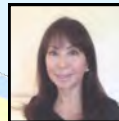
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**Amy Fink** ~  
Region 4 Chair



**Martha Sandy** ~  
Region 4 Zone 1 Chair



**Jun Madrinan** ~  
Region 4 Zone 2 Chair



**Jim Bigelow** ~  
Region 4 Zone 3 Chair



**PDG Ken Ibarra** ~  
GLT



**Erik Winkler** ~  
GMT



**PDG George Habeeb**  
~  
Chaplain



**Gil Bustichi**  
~  
Tail Twister



## Know your 2013-2014 District 4-C4 Lions Club Presidents

### **PCL Lions Club**

BA Special Olympics  
Belmont  
Brisbane  
Burlingame  
Daly City Gateway  
Daly City Host  
Foster City  
Half Moon Bay  
Menlo Park Host  
Menlo Park Live Oak  
Millbrae  
Pacifica  
Palo Alto Host  
Peninsula Special Interest  
Peninsula Veterans  
Redwood City Sunrise  
Redwood Shores  
San Bruno  
San Carlos  
San Mateo  
San Mateo Metropolitan  
SSF Golden Gate  
SSF Host

### **PCL President**

Sharon Bagley  
William Fowler  
Dave Crocker  
Kevin Kiely  
Vivian Nagarro  
Greg Hart  
John Miller  
Cameron Jeffs  
Earl Fulk  
Margaret Carney  
Hardit Chaudhary  
Shirlee Gibbs  
Nick Marinaro  
Eleanor Britter  
Kevin Guess  
William Jackson  
Virgil Sadsad  
Alan Hafter  
Carl Miller  
Pat Hughes  
Shelly Wu  
Dr. Tina Manio  
Bruce Tognetti

### **SFCCL Lions Club**

SF Bay Area New Century  
SF Bayview Hunters Point  
SF Chinatown  
SF Circle  
SF Fil-Am  
SF Geneva/Excelsior  
SF Highlands  
SF Hispanic  
SF Host  
SF Korean American  
SF Latinos Unidos  
SF Marina North Beach  
SF Merced Heights  
SF Nikkei  
SF Ocean/Ingleside  
SF Park Presidio - Sunset  
SF Premier  
SF State University Campus  
SF The Castro

### **SF President**

Gina Tse  
Jessie Peoples  
Harriet Wong  
Benvenido Balaba  
Helen Marte  
May L Wong  
Anita Camoto-Gacad  
Gilbert Crespo  
Rodrigo Cayabyab  
Jeny Kwak Weber  
Ronald Solis  
Lillian Alfaro-Khan  
Lydia Taylor-Bellinger  
Edward Silva  
Constance Bridgewater  
Paul Kozakiewicz  
Ryenne L. Perez  
Michael Quill  
Gary Nathan

## Know your 2013-2014 Council of Lions Officers

### **Peninsula Council of Lions**

**President:** Lion Ora Seyler  
SSF Golden Gate Lions Club

**Immediate Past President:** Lion Paul Larson  
Millbrae Lions Club

**First VP:** Lion Christine Cheshire  
Redwood City Sunrise Club

**Second VP:** Lion Scot Marsters  
San Carlos Lions Club

**Secretary / Bulletin Editor:** Lion John Gill  
San Mateo Lions Club

**Treasurer:** Lion Brad Floyd  
Burlingame Lions Club

### **San Francisco Coordinating Council of Lions**

**President:** Lion Emmanuel Paje  
SF Host Lions Club

**Immediate Past President:** Lion Ninette Mendoza  
SF Hispanics Lions Club

**First VP:** Lion Lydia Taylor-Bellinger  
SF Merced Heights Lions Club

**Second VP:** Lion Jayne Leon  
SF Chinatown Lions Club

**Secretary / Bulletin Editor:** Lion Dr. Augusto "Jun" Valera  
SF Fil-Am Lions Club

**Treasurer:** Lion Jose Eballo  
SF Premier Lions Club





## Mark Your Calendar



# Important 4-C4 Dates

## Plan For The Following

- *Peninsula Special Interest Lions Wine & Chocolate Tasting: November 1..*
- *Disaster Preparedness Training: November 2..*
- *SSF Golden Gate Casino Trip: November 3..*
- *SF Geneva-Excelsior Lions 49er Night: November 6..*
- *District 4C4 Bulls Hockey Night: November 8..*
- *District Second Cabinet Meeting: November 9..*
- *MD4 Leadership Institute at Sacramento: November 9-11..*
- *Pacifica Lions Burger Bingo: November 10..*
- *Lions Veterans Charities USO Night: November 16..*
- *Redwood Shores Lions Food Tasting Party for Student Scholarships: November 17..*
- *SF Premier Lions Health Fair: November 17..*
- *SF Host / Fil Am Lions Health Fairs: November 17, December 1*
- *SFCCL November Meeting (Last of 2013): November 20..*

## MD-4 Student Speakers Contest 2013-2014

*Topic: "Community Service—What does it mean and why does it matter?"*

### Dates for 2013-2014

- Club Contest .....by February 23, 2014
- Zone Contest .....by March 16, 2014
- Region Contest .....by April 6, 2014
- District Contest .....by May 4, 2014
- Area Contest .....by June 1, 2014
- MD-4 Final Contest.....on June 7, 2014

District 4-C4 Student Speaker Contest Chair  
Lion Toni Nava:  
Email at [dntoycollector@yahoo.com](mailto:dntoycollector@yahoo.com)

- *PCL November Meeting (Last of 2013): November 25..*
- *SF Chinatown Lions Christmas Party: December 6..*
- *MD4 Leadership Institute at Ontario: January 18-20..*

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