



# THE BUILDER

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## District Governor Ray Rosenthal Message

My family of Lions,

We have had a wonderful time this past month. The Worldwide Induction Day was exciting with even more people showing up that had just finished qualifying in their clubs to become Lions. We had a large representation of Leo's who were very excited about being included in another District event and being recognized for the work they are doing and the Lions they will someday become.

The food was great, the day was sunny and Lion Bob Smith, PCC, and Past Membership Chair for MD 4, was one of our Guest Speakers. His background, especially in Youth Outreach and Mentoring was very interesting. Lion Bob reminded us of what we are doing when we become a Lion and how our conduct can be even more important than some of our service projects. Our conduct as a Lion reflects our beliefs in the spirit of Lionism and that is what sets Lions apart from other volunteer organizations. He also brought his charming wife, Lion Vicki. Lion Dave Johnson, PCC, MD4 Membership Development Manager, was our other Guest Speaker. Last time Lion Dave came to us and did an Officer Training, he had also just had his first grandchild. This was just a quiet visit for him and he spoke with great conviction of the edge that education in Lionism, in your offices duties and your club responsibilities give each Lion. This free training is something that can be used in your daily life as well. It empowers each Lion to be a better volunteer and understand our place in the community and how to

serve our communities better.

It was my pleasure to charge the new Lions of our District with the duties of a Lion and let them know we would be there for them, to remind their sponsors that their job had only just begun, and to welcome the new Lions, some brand new Lions just being inducted for the first time that day, and many of our Leo's in the family of Lionism. I want to thank my Steering Committee: Lion Ken Ibarra, Cabinet Treasurer, who was our Master of Ceremonies for the event; Lions Esther Lee, Leland Lee and their helpers, for doing admissions; Lion Tim Collins, Cabinet Secretary, for reviewing much of the work in progress; Lion Linda Lopez-Wood for the Program and Chairing the Committee and especially our latest addition, Lion Elaine Borland and Lion Doug Borland who did the Certificates and contributed the lovely potted plant centerpieces that were door prizes for the event. Nothing could be finished without the fabulous Lions that prepare our food for these events. We are especially grateful for the untiring services of Lion Ron Cox and his Cooking Lions at all of our training events.



**DISTRICT GOVERNOR RAY ROSENTHAL**

Besides all of the other important events that were happening in April we also had our Annual District Convention in Sacramento. It was a wonderful success, as usual. We had an outstanding International Director in the person of Lion Jules Cote who came and took a special interest in our District. He reminded us that our district has shown more growth and positive attitude in this year that many districts. He at-

tributed this to our clubs working together in our Joint Ventures, to our education programs we have made available to all Lions in the two Leadership Training Programs that we held, and to the education of Region and zone Chairs and their intense involvement in their clubs in their district. "Leadership is a vital key to successful club management, which makes for a successful District" said Lion Jules in a meeting with the Cabinet and visiting guests, "but if you are not preparing your club members from the time they come into Lionism, and renewing them as they grow as Lions, you will find a problems with retaining their enthusiasm as Lions. Your Governor has given you the passion of Lionism, has delivered the educational tools given to you by LCI, and you as Lions have used them in working together in your service projects to reach into your communities which is reflected in your phenomenal growth and energy." He left all us of more inspired by his presence and the messages he gave us.

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**BREAST CANCER STAMP CAN SAVE LIVES!**

It would be wonderful if 2005 were the year that a cure for Breast Cancer was found!!!! This is one item you should be glad to pass on. The notion that we could raise \$35 million by buying a book of stamps is powerful! We are all constantly stretching our dollars but buying stamps is something you do every month, sometimes more than once. What if part of that purchase ended up being the one to help save a life?

As you may be aware, the US Postal Service recently released its new "Fund the Cure" stamp to help fund breast cancer research. The stamp was designed by Ethel Kessler of Bethesda, Maryland. It is important that we take a stand against this disease that affects so many of our mothers, sisters and friends. Men get breast cancer as well.

Instead of the routine 37 cents for a stamp, this one cost 40 cents. The additional 3 cents will go to breast cancer research. A "normal" book costs \$7.40. This one is only \$8.00. It takes a few minutes in line at the Post Office and means so much. If all stamps are sold, it will raise an additional \$35,000,000 for this vital research.

Just as important as the money is our support. What a statement it would make if the stamp outsold the lottery this week. What a statement it would make that we care. I would urge you to do two things TODAY:

1. Go out and purchase some of these stamps.
2. E-mail and send a note to your friends to do the same. We all know women and their

families whose lives are turned upside-down by breast cancer. It takes so little to do so much in this drive. I think we can all afford the additional 60 cents the new book costs.

Please help by passing this on and fighting to help end Breast Cancer by funding the cure, one stamp at a time.

This is a lovely multi colored stamp of



a woman. It is going global in scope.

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**The Carpenter**

**Contributed by Lion George Habeeb, PDG**

An elderly carpenter was ready to retire. He told his employer-contractor of his plans to leave the house-building business and live a more leisurely life with his wife enjoying his extended family. He would miss the paycheck, but he needed to retire. They could get by. The contractor was sorry to see his good worker go and asked if he could build just one more house as a personal favor. The carpenter said yes, but in time it was easy to see that his heart was not in his work. He resorted to shoddy workmanship and used inferior materials. It was an unfortunate way to end a dedicated career.

When the carpenter finished his work the employer came to inspect the house. He handed the front-door key to the carpenter. "This is your house," he said, "My gift to you." The carpenter was shocked! What a shame! If he had only known he was building his own house, he would have done it all so differently.

So it is with us. We build our lives, a day at a time, often putting less than our best into the building. Then with a shock we realize we have to live in the house we have built. If we could do it over, we'd do it much differently.

But we cannot go back. You are the carpenter.

Each day you hammer a nail, place a board, or erect a wall. "Life is a do-it-yourself project," someone has said.

Your attitudes and the choices you make today, build the "house" you live in tomorrow. Build wisely!

**R e m e m b e r . . . . .**  
Work like you don't need the money.

Love like you've never been hurt.  
Dance like nobody is watching.

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### ON THE PROWL

**Brisbane Lions:** Weekly bingo Games. Donated \$500 to School trip. **Installation is Friday June 3rd, 2005.** Contact Lion Bob Wilson for more details

**Burlingame Lions:** Annual Art in the Park is June 11 & 12. Big Car show is July 30th. Annual Easter Egg Hunt netted \$1490 with 20 Lions participating. No word on installation date.

**Castro Lions:** Raised over \$600 at Beverage bust, did the Dining Out for The Center for AIDS. **Installation is Wednesday June 15, 2005.** Contact Lion Carroll Fears for more details.

**SF CHINATOWN LIONS:** Have a wonderful Miss Teen Appreciation Dinner at the Far East Café on May 6th. Raised \$180,000 at Miss Teen and distributed it throughout the community and Lions Organizations. Congratulations SF Chinatown Lions. Among their many generous donations, one significant donation of \$5,000 was to the Special Olympics. **Installation is June 12, 2005.** Contact Lion Margaret lee for details.

**Daly City Gateway:** Did 241 Volunteer hours. Installation is June 17th. Contact Lion Irv Katuna for details.

**Daly City Host:** DCH Installation set for Friday, June 17th at 6:30 PM Contact Lion Denise Kelly to RSVP by 6/10, \$25 with wine and beer and 3 entrées choices!

**East Palo Alto Lions** Have filed

application for Charter with 23 members and elected Officers. More news coming soon!

**Foster City Lions:** Raised \$2,315 at Silent Auction, did a Blood Drive, donated \$299 to Maple St. shelter Dinners. Foster City Installation date is July 24th. Call Carolyn Cox for details

**Geneva Mission Lions:** Welcome New Lion Ernest Braun!

**Golden Gate Lions:** Welcome New Lion Oriye Seyler! Big Casino Night planned for 5/21 at 1135 Hillsborough, includes buffet dinner, NO ONE UNDER 21, Call Lion Rudy Pedagat for details.

**Half Moon Bay Lions:** Raised \$1500 on Dream Machines and donated this to Community Adult Day Health Ctr.

**Marina North Beach Lions:** Installation Dinner is Lion Agnes Lau is June 10th, Dinner & Dancing. Contact Lion Eve Santos for details.

**Menlo Park Host Lions** Working hard on Rebuilding Together , donated \$572 in April, and have 3 fundraiser Food booths planned this summer.

**Millbrae Lions:** On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2005 that Gina Papan, daughter of California Assemblyman Lou Papan, was inducted into the Millbrae Lions Club? Gina is a Deputy Attorney General of California and will be running for Millbrae City Council soon.

Raised \$5453.73, donated 625.00 and did Child Safety ID Kits in 5 Elementary Schools.

**SF Bay New Century: Smackdown Bowling Tournament scheduled for 5/15. Contact Lion Gina Tse for more details.**

**Nikkei Lions:** Installation scheduled for June 10th. Contact Lion David Fajita for details.

**Ocean Ingleside Lions:** Installation scheduled for June 12. 20th Anniversary. Contact Lion Rosie Jones for details.

**Pacifica Lions:** Welcome New Lion Couple Steven and Sherry Hansel! Donated \$2,000 to Lions Eye Foundation and \$500 to Youth Outreach

**Palo Alto Host Lions:** Welcome new Lions Sue Lubais, George Combas, Joe Hustien, Jessee Glidewell and Dave Stone.

**Park Gate Lions** Welcome back Lion Jean. She has just been away long enough to get to be a new member again. Welcome back!

.**Park Presidio** \$900 in White Cane and have to find a new meeting place, I read!

**San Bruno Lions;** The Club paid for eye examination costing \$117 for a San Bruno resident. They also are doing an eye examination and glasses for a fifth grade student who lives in San Bruno. The club is gearing up for the Posy Parade on June 5, Installation of President elect Lion Frank Seydel on June 10, and the opening of their Fireworks booth on June 28.

**San Carlos Lions:** They awarded \$3,000 in Scholarships, donated

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## APRIL 4C4 CONVENTION



April 20th through the 24th was our District 4-C4 Lions Convention at the Red Lion Inn in Sacramento. WE HAD A GREAT TIME. There were about 7 clubs who had hospitality suites; everyone was living up the theme of "HAPPY DAYS – THE FIFTY'S AND SIXTIES.

Our guest International Director, Lion Jules Cote, spoke to us on several occasions that were inspirational and brought many well deserved awards from LCI to many of our Lions with him which were bestowed by ID Jules and Governor Ray. Among the many honors were International Leadership Medals for Lion Tim Collins, and Lion Ken Ibarra. There were Certificates of Appreciation from IP Kusiak to Lion Esther Lee and

Lion Jim Bigelow and Lion Al Russell.

A very special and rare award went to Lion Macy Mak Chan, President of SF Chinatown Lions and her husband, Lion Michael Chan, District Photographer, also of SF Chinatown. It was the MD4 Certificate for Excellence in Lionism given to each of them for their outstanding work in Lionism and as a couple working together in Lionism. This was presented by both ID Jules Cote and Governor Ray Rosenthal. Lion Linda Lopez-Wood received District Lion of the Year and was surprised and honored. I can't say thank you enough.

On Friday the Lions dressed appropriately for the "Happy Days" convention theme. One special feature this year was a slide show of the Convention on Saturday night during dinner, courtesy of Lion Michael Chan and Lion

Ilan Rosenthal. It was great to see the convention this way. Contact Lion Michael at [LionMichael-Chan@gmail.com](mailto:LionMichael-Chan@gmail.com) for pictures.

Among the awards won were Geneva-Mission, TOP CLUB GRAND TROPHY YC&A, where Lion Frank Rescino gave framed Certificates of Appreciation to the Top Ten (actually 11 as two tied for third) Producers.

Millbrae was Top Bulletin Grand Trophy, with Burlingame taking the Weekly and San Bruno taking the Monthly Plaques. White Cane Matt Boxer Trophy went to Daly City Host and the Annabella Bacci to Burlingame. Menlo Park Host took a

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## IN MEMORY OF JOHN ANTHONY DE SANTOS NOV. 9, 1913-FEB.27, 2005

At 91, John De Santo passed away of natural causes at his home in Lake Havana City, Az.

Lion John began in New York Hyde Park Lion where he also served as Mayor and organized the city's first Little League baseball team (20 years +) then transferred to Foster City Lions in 1979 where he was active for about 13 years or more. He was, among other things, Foster City Lion of the Year, and Foster City Citizen of the Year (1986) and a veteran of Christmas Tree Sales in both New York Hyde Park Lions Club and in Foster City Lions Club.

Perhaps what Lion John claimed as his favorite part of Lionism was working with children. He started an eye care

program that is known to have assisted over 200 children with exams and glasses that could not have afforded them. The improvement this brought to their young lives and their future is the heart of Lionism.

Lion John was the recipient of a Life Membership in Lions International and a Melvin Jones Fellowship, the most prestigious award a Lions Club gives a member for outstanding service.

He is survived by his wife Rosalia, and her children, and his daughter Sharon Ma and her husband, Ron, of Foster City and his son John Jr, and daughter in law Margaret of Allentown, Pennsylvania, and their families.

Celebration of his life was held on March

4, 2005. Memorial Contribution may be sent in his name to Lions Eye Foundation of California - NV, Inc. attn: Mark Paskvam, POB 7999, SF, CA 94120.



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### DISTRICT GOVERNOR RAY ROSENTHAL'S MESSAGE

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The contests were all fun and we are still looking for some of those Trophies. Please contact Lion Linda if you still have a Trophy from last year. It belongs to another club now and you may be in line for one that has not been returned. The list will go out in a special email. We had a great return on the Youth and Community Activity Tickets by starting them early under Lion Frank Rescino and his Distributors this year. That was a job well done and promptly wrapped up. Thank you both Lion Frank and Lion Ken and all the Lions who served as distributors and those in the clubs who sold the tickets. The winner of the car came from Ocean Ingleside Lions.

Our next big District Project is the Leadership Training for all Officers in the District, especially those that are coming in new after elections in their clubs. This will be on June 11<sup>th</sup> at Foster City Recreation Center. It will be from 8:30 AM until 3 PM and will include a Continental Breakfast and Lunch. There will be break sessions for each officer position held in a club as well as general information. These sessions are open to all Lions. You do not have to have held this position or be elected to hold this position to attend one of the special training out sessions. We will try to schedule them where you can attend more than one during the day. Also, we will have New Member Orientation going on that day where you can learn about Lions, LCIF, Membership responsibilities and opportunities and growth and its personal value to you as a new Lion. We will have special MD4 Trainers in to provide a great deal of this special training and education we are offering to all Lions in the district. If you have a prospective Member, please bring them.

These next two months will be very busy months as we are preparing for International, all of the change of officers in our clubs and the Installations, and especially for the new Lion year with Lion Eugene Chan as the new District Governor and Lion Al Russell as the new Vice District Governor. I will give them all of my support in any way that they may need it and ask that each of you do the same. These are two very good guys with a very big job to do.

Let us all continue to work together and build our District. You have all done a wonderful job this year. The International Director could not praise you enough, my Lions, for your exceptional work and growth, when so many districts are having problems. Thank you, again, for making me so proud to be your Governor. We will continue the training and educational seminars that you have taken advantage of and that have helped so many of you in your clubs and in your personal growth.

Yours in Lionism,

*Lion Ray*

Ray Rosenthal

District Governor 4-C4

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### S. SAMS OF CASTRO HONORED

On Monday evening April 25 at the Bank of America Carnelian Room, AIDS Walk San Francisco and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors acknowledged our very own, President elect Steven Sams of the Castro Lions Club as the **Star Walker/Highest Fundraiser of the year**. In doing so they also noted that in Steven's 18 years of serving as the Team SBC AIDS Walk Captain, **he has now raised in excess of \$508,000** for HIV/AIDS Services throughout the greater Bay Area in this event alone. Lion Steven was presented with a special **Top Walker Award** and a certificate of Merit signed by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and presented to him by Supervisor Jake McGoldrick of District 1 in San Francisco.

Congratulations Lion Steven, many thanks for all your hard work

#### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- ⇒ **JUNE 11TH LEADERSHIP TRAINING**
- ⇒ **JULY 31 DISTRICT INSTALLATION**
- ⇒ **AUG 27 1ST CABINET MTG**
- ⇒ **SEPT 10TH 2ND LEADERSHIP TRAINING**
- ⇒ **SEPT 11TH DANA BIGGS FUNDRAISER AT RACES**
- ⇒ **DEC 3RD 2ND CABINET MTG AT OYSTER PT YACHT CLUB**
- ⇒ **DEC 4TH LIONS 49'ER DAY FOR 1500 LIONS & GUESTS**
- ⇒ **FEB 25TH 3RD CABINET MTG**

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### SOCIAL SECURITY—PERHAPS WE ARE ASKING THE WRONG QUESTIONS!

Perhaps we are asking the wrong questions during election years.

Our Senators and Congresswomen do not pay into Social Security and, of course, they do not collect from it. You see, Social Security benefits were not suitable for persons of their rare elevation in society. They felt they should have a special plan for themselves.

So, many years ago they voted in their own benefit plan. In more recent years, no congressperson has felt the need to change it. After all, it is a great plan. For all practical purposes their plan works like this: When they retire, they continue to draw the same pay until they die. Except it may increase from time to time for cost of living adjustments. This is calculated on an average life span for each of those two Dignitaries. For example, Senator Byrd and Congressman White and their wives may expect to draw \$7,800,000.00 (that's Seven Mil-

lion, Eight-Hundred Thousand Dollars), with their wives drawing \$275,000.00 during the last years of their lives. Younger Dignitaries who retire at an early age will receive much more during the rest of their lives. Their cost for this excellent plan is:

\$0.00.....NADA.....ZILCH.....

This little perk they voted for themselves is free to them. You and I pick up the tab for this plan. The funds for this fine retirement plan come directly from the General Funds; "OUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK"!

From our own Social Security Plan, which you and I pay (or have paid) into every payday until we retire (which amount is matched by our employer), we can expect to get an average of \$1,000 per month after retirement. Or, in other words, we would have to collect our average of \$1,000 monthly benefits for 68 years and one (1) month to equal Senator Bill Bradley's benefits! Social Security could be very good if only one small

change were made. That change would be to Jerk the Golden Fleece Retirement Plan from under the Senators and Congressmen.

Put them into the Social Security plan with the rest of us. Then sit back and watch how fast they would fix it.

If enough people receive this, maybe a seed of awareness will be planted and maybe good changes will evolve.

This might be a real issue for the 2008 election as it has been constant issue to IMPROVE Social Security by taking it into the private sector and opening it up for investment purposes. This will put the future of many elderly people at risk though, as you can see, it will not affect the future security of those leaders who will be voting to do this.

This is being circulated throughout the Social Security organizations at this time.

### REPORT FROM GENENVA MISSION—YC&A TROPHY WINNER

The Geneva-Mission Lions Club held a very special lunch for the wives and partners of deceased Lions were invited as guest of the club. Many of these ladies and partners had been a vital part of the club but lost contact when they lost their spouse. The lunch was an opportunity to rekindle friendships and share pass experiences. It offered the option to rejoin the club and be a part of our activities again.

Our speaker was Jeanette Pavini, a CBS KPIX consumer reporter. She showed us reports of consumer fraud and

where to find great buying bargains (which the ladies all received copies) You may sign up for her free weekly newsletter at [subscribe@thinksavvy.com](mailto:subscribe@thinksavvy.com).

The club is grateful to Bill Graziano, Joe Farrah, Hanford Clews and to Zenaida Lawhon for her table decorations and the beautiful orchids she purchased for the ladies.

We all enjoyed this so much that it is now a semi-annual event that the Club will sponsor.

#### Lowell High Leo Club

Along with collecting glasses they

have met with the Friends of the Urban Forest concerning helping them plant trees in San Francisco. They held a Food Fair at Lowell to raise money for the school. They sold Lumpia to the students.

We have two new members and are up to 23 Leos. They will be meeting with the Beacon Center to assist them with the students and senior adults with issues of learning various languages and skills.

Lion Bob Lawhon, President

Geneva Mission Lions Club

## District 4C4 Convention continued

plaque as did SF Chinatown. In Eyeglass collection the Matt Boxer went to Redwood City Sunrise and the Bob Ross went to Castro. Burlingame took a plaque. Invite-A Guest Fred Newman Trophy went to Redwood Shores. SSF Golden Gate took a plaque. Blood Donor plaques to Marina N. Beach, San Mateo, and Foster City with the Gus Kerhulus Trophy going to San Mateo and the Gil Larish Trophy going to Foster City. San Bruno is still the best Thief in the District and took the Fagan Award. International Relations were very busy this year. Highland, San Francisco Host, SSF Golden and Chinatown

all qualified with San Francisco Host taking the Dr. Chang Wah Lee Trophy. The George Habeeb Hearing Trophy was highly competitive this year as well. Qualifying clubs were Redwood City Sunrise, Palo Alto, Brisbane, and Chinatown and the Trophy went to Palo Alto. Castro took Joint Ventures, the new Ray Rosenthal Contest that lots of clubs got into and had fun with this year. Youth Outreach was busier this year with more clubs increasing their outreach and programs. Over 12 clubs qualified for the beautiful Youth Outreach Share the Success Patch this year alone. Plac-

ing were Redwood City Sunrise, Palo Alto, Millbrae and Chinatown (another new Leo Club among other things) and the Trophies (both George Contos) went to Palo Alto and Millbrae. Senior Activities were also on the rise. Redwood City Sunrise, Palo Alto, Brisbane and Chinatown all qualified with Redwood City Sunrise taking the Andy Anderson Trophy and Brisbane taking the Don Bacciocco Trophy. Membership recorded over 149 new members in the Contest Year (4/04-3/05). The qualifying clubs were Marina N. Beach, Daly City Host, SSF Golden Gate, and SF Chinatown

## LIONS EYE HEALTH PROGRAM (*CLUB ALERT FOR EYE HELP paragraph 2*)

**From:** Stephen Yearson, Lions Eye Health Program (LEHP)

**Sent:** Thursday, April 28, 2005 1:33 PM

**To:** rosieinc@comcast.net

**Subject:** Lions Club Members - May is Healthy Vision Month!

Dear Lion Ray,

May is Healthy Vision Month and this year it's focused on low vision awareness and education. Once again, the Lions Eye Health Program (LEHP) and EyeCare America join forces to preserve sight. Thanks to our combined efforts last year, EyeCare America helped more than 3,000 people in the month of May.

**In honor of Healthy Vision Month, please encourage anyone 65 and older to call EyeCare America's Seniors**

**EyeCare Program helpline 1-800-222-EYES(3937) to see if they may be eligible for a comprehensive dilated eye exam and care for up to one year often at no out-of-pocket cost. This year-round program helpline operates 24 hours, every day.**

Should you have questions or wish to receive a Lions/ECA poster or press release tailored to our partnership, please visit [www.eyecareamerica.org](http://www.eyecareamerica.org). Click on "Partner Material" or call EyeCare America staff toll-free at 877-887-6327, 8-4 (PT). EyeCare America is the public service foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology. The Senior's EyeCare Program is co-sponsored by the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Inc and ALCON.

Please also visit the LEHP

website at [www.lehp.org](http://www.lehp.org) to find out more about low vision and to learn what you can do to raise awareness of eye health.

LEHP and EyeCare America, preserving sight together one caller at a time.

Thank you,

Stephen Yearson

Lions Eye Health Program

NOTE: Please be sure to report any Special Sight Projects done in May.

Lion Linda Lopez-Wood



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### BREAST CANCER STAMP

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Here are some facts about it

- ⇒ Issued 7/29/1998
- ⇒ First Fundraising (semi-postal) stamp in U.S. History
- ⇒ 600+ Million sold as of 5/04
- ⇒ 50+ Million raised
- ⇒ By law, 70% if bet an=mount raised (the 8 cents) goes to national Inst. Of Health and 30% goes to Med. Research Program

It was designed by Ethel Kessler of Bethesda MD and the stamp features the phrases "Fund the Fight" and "Find a Cure" and features an illustration of a mythical "goddess of the hunt" by Whitney Sherman of Baltimore.<>

### MAY 5TH

For many people in the world, on this side of the Hemisphere, May 5th is known as Cinco de Mayo and is a cause for Celebration and remembers a day of freedom. It began in this country in Denver to give color and courage to the Chicano Movement and has taken on a cultural life of its own. May 5th commemorates a Mexican battle between 4500 mostly Mexican Indians led by a Texas Mexican General in 1862 against 7000 Imperial French troops sent by Napoleon III. Mexican President Benito Juarez used the victory as a symbol of the nations ability and strength to defeat an invading army and to rally Mexican's of all persuasions in defending their country and keeping it free.

However, May 5th is also another kind of remembrance day for millions of the worlds population. To many it is known as Yom HaShoah is the Holocaust Memorial Day of Israel and the Jewish People. This year we remember not only the heroism and martyrdom of the Jewish People in Europe during the dark years of 1939 - 1945, but we also give pause to reflect on the commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II and the liberation of the death camps by the Allies.

**"We must be vigilant** against all ideologies based on hatred and exclusion, whenever and wherever they may appear."  
- United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan's statement at the UNGA Special Session

### NEW EAST PALO ALTO CLUB NEWS BY LION JIM BIGELOW MERLO TEAM MEMBER

The new East Palo Alto Club had an excellent organization meeting last night in East Palo Alto. Two more new Charter members joined last night bringing our total to 22 new Charter members. We anticipate we will get a few more very soon.

The initial Club officer elections were held and all positions filled. The Club has decided for now that they **will be meeting on the first and third Wednesday's from 5:30 pm to 7 pm at 1120 Euclid in East Palo Alto at the Ravenwood City School**

#### **District Board room at least through June.**

VDG Elect Al Russell led the meeting and DG Ray Rosenthal was present as well as many of the MERLO Team members and representatives of Palo Alto Host Lions and Menlo Park Host Lions who will be providing the "Guiding Lions" for the new Club. They are Lions Chaz Nelson, Tony Cuvi and Larry Bunn.

We will be making up a Club roster in the near future and providing the District with a copy which will also list the new Club officers.

**CONGRATULATIONS NEW BABY CLUB. OUR LAST BABY HAS BEEN WONDERFUL, SAN MATEO LIONS, AND SINCE THE SAME MERLO TEAM HAS HELPED TO GIVE BIRTH TO YOU, WE KNOW YOU WILL BE A WONDERFUL BABY AS WELL. YOU HAVE 1,425 BROTHERS AND SISTERS TO HELP YOU AND LOVE YOU AND CHEER YOU ON!**





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## ON THE PROWL

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another \$600 to 3 other charities projects.

**South San Francisco Host:**  
Welcome New Lions Paul Currier and Susan Kennedy! Long Tail Winner Sandy Ige donated \$500 to Lions Eye to receive Life Membership.

**THE Peninsula Council of Lions:**

Meets Monday May 23 at El Rancho Inn, Millbrae Lions Host Club. Call Lion Al Hernandez to RSVP

**San Francisco Council of Lions:**

Police and Fire Awards Dinner on May 20th at El Patio Espanola. Contact Lion Eve Santos for reservations at 650-322-8088

**LEO'S CLUB NEWS:**

**SFCL LEO'S:**

**NEWCOMER HIGH CHI AM:**  
Chartered with 55 members!

**HILLSDALE HIGH:** 35 Members

**LOWELL HIGH:** 23 Members  
and ready to Charter!

**WESTMOOR HIGH:**

**OTHER MD DISTRICTS NEWS:**

Citrus Heights Lions Carnival & Health Fair Open Invitation to ALL CLUBS:

Citrus Heights Lions is having there Annual Carnival and Health

Fair at Sylvan School Saturday June 18th. I am trying to get a head count from those who would like to give Blood. We had a great turnout last year with over 20 who participated. If possible we would like to double that this year. With your help we can do it.

Thanks, Lion Jerry Still Citrus Heights Lions Club, [whiskeystill@softcom.net](mailto:whiskeystill@softcom.net)

### Convention continued

with the Don Stanaway Trophy going to Chinatown. They not only had retention but lots of new members. Fundraising was also very good this year. Menlo Park Host, Castro, Millbrae and SF Chinatown all reported great numbers. However, once Chinatown began reporting their figures, the Trophy was a given to SF Chinatown. We have some work to do to beat **one event** that can raise \$180,000.00! Community Service Hours are interesting with Daly City Host, Castro, Brisbane and SF Chinatown all reporting great hours of service. The Trophy went to Brisbane! Inter-Club Visitations were Marina N. Beach, Pacifica, Foster City and SF Chinatown with the Joe Guifre Trophy going to Foster City. We had a historic year in the Long Tail Ambassadors, those lions who set out to visit each

## CONVENTION CONT.

club once and also one Zone, Region, one of each Council Meeting, one of District Convention or International Convention and, wow, I tired thinking about it. But where in most years we can't get one, this year we had five Long Tail Ambassador Winners! Congratulations to Sandee Ige, So SF Host; Janet Kiesel and Lucy Tan of Foster City; Macy Mak and Michael Chan of SF Chinatown. Then there is TOP CLUB. We have one for each of the categories by size. In the small club 1 to 24 members Menlo Park Host. In the 25 to 49 members, Daly City Host. In the 50 – 74 members, it was Foster City and in the 75+, SF Chinatown. This is a hard Contest. How many activities the club is involved in is considered, how wide spread their work in the community is, how diversified they are in Lions programs and how accurate they are in their community needs assessment, and a few other things besides. Lion Mary Carbullido, like all of the other chairs, had a tough job this year but rose to the occasion. Foster City was Top Club Rafe C. Martin Grand Trophy. On to the new Contest Year!



## THE BUILDER

Dr. Tae Sup Lee, LCIF Chairperson [mailto:tlee@lionsclubs.org]

Monday, March 21, 2005 2:44 PM

To: rosieinc@comcast.net

**Subject:** LCIF Chairperson Message for March 2005!

Dear Lion Ray:

I want to offer my congratulations. I've just read the LCIF Annual Report for 2003-2004 and LCIF had an extraordinary year saving vision, assisting the disabled, giving youths life-skills and aiding victims of natural disasters. As a Lion, you share in the success of LCIF. LCIF helps Lions serve others and all Lions can take pride in its accomplishments.

You, too, can look over the Annual Report and more fully understand the scope and reach of LCIF. Our attractive, four-color [Annual Report](#) can be downloaded. (Scroll down to LCIF Background Brochures.)

Go to Internet address [http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lions\\_lcif\\_resourcespub.shtml](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lions_lcif_resourcespub.shtml)

The success of LCIF is entirely owing to the generosity and service of Lions worldwide, and LCIF has an extensive array of awards and recognitions to honor Lions. We've recently updated the [awards and recognitions section](#) of our Web site. There may be an award or recognition that your club or district can attain or that you personally may have an interest in. Please review this at:

[http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lcif\\_awards\\_recognitions.shtml](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lcif_awards_recognitions.shtml)

One of the true gems of the LCIF Web site is our [fact sheets](#) on donations, grants, major projects and resources. The fact sheets are concise, up-to-date summaries of LCIF's activities and projects. They enable you to get a good grasp of LCIF in a matter of minutes. We have this for your information at:

[http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lions\\_lcif\\_factsheets.shtml](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lions_lcif_factsheets.shtml)

No discussion of LCIF is complete without a salute to SightFirst, our most successful program ever. SightFirst continues to approve projects that save the vision of thousands. In January, SightFirst approved [24 new grants](#) for 13 countries that will enable Lions to bring the gift of vision to multitudes. More information on that is at: [http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lcif\\_sfgrantsjan2005.shtml](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lcif_sfgrantsjan2005.shtml)

I'm proud to report that Lions worldwide continue to donate funds to LCIF for [tsunami relief](#). Donations currently are at US\$3.5 million, and Lions also have pledged another US\$3 million so far. This unparalleled generosity will allow LCIF and Lions of Southeast Asia to rebuild schools, homes and orphanages. Thanks to Lions, children and adults who have endured a terrible tragedy will be able to rebuild their lives. We have more complete information at: <http://www.lions-tsunami.org/index.php3>

LCIF is all about service, as are Lions, but we also realize it's a good idea to take a break and relax on a dream vacation. The [LCIF Annual Cruise](#) is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the fellowship of Lions while on a 10-day luxury cruise and at the same time contribute to the humanitarian mission of LCIF. Don't miss this opportunity to sail in October with International President Clem Kusiak.

<http://www.cruisesinternational.com/lions/lcif.asp>

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### WORLDWIDE INDUCTION DAY 2005

It was a bright and sunny afternoon in Foster City, California, on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005, as the Lions of District 4-C4 gathered to honor over 120 new Lions at our Worldwide Induction Day and 5 Leo's Clubs totaling 173 young people. The Leo's were growing by leaps and bounds since they had been included in more district events and visited by the Governor during their meetings just like the Lions clubs were. This had helped in their recruiting new members. The two new clubs, Lowell High Leo's sponsored by Geneva Mission Lions and Newcomer High Chi-Am Leo's, the second Leo's club sponsored by San Francisco Chinatown Lions, already had 26 and 51 members respectively. Foster City Lions, our District Top Club this year and sponsor of the Hillsdale High School Leo's Club had grown from 25 to 40 members during the year and Daly City Host Lions, the sponsor of Westmoor High Leo's had doubled in size from 15 to 30 Leo's. San Francisco Chinatown Leo's, the original Leo Club in this District has a strong organized membership of 26 active young people. All of these students are active in events all over the district, working with Lions clubs in service areas as well as doing their own service projects. The new Lions came from our 37 established clubs and 1 came from our new club in East Palo Alto that is now being chartered. She was not on my list, along with about 5 others that clubs had finished processing at the last minute to get them included in the ceremonies but we are Lions and know how to make room for our new brothers and sisters. The air crackled with enthusiasm and energy. A nice afternoon style brunch was served and everyone was given a door prize ticket for the beautiful potted plant centerpieces donated by Lions Doug and Elaine Bor-

land. Their son, Ron Borland was being inducted into Lionism today and their club had just celebrated its 1<sup>st</sup> birthday. It has been a role model for a new club, the San Mateo Lions Club, who chartered last year with Worldwide Induction Day Certificates.

Lion Bob Smith PCC, of 4-C5, renowned for his work with Youth Mentoring and Membership in MD 4, brought alive the spirit of Lionism and how he came to be a Lion and work with young people. The Leo's and the adult Lions were paying close attention. The Leo's were using their camera phones to get pictures of him. He may have some new speaking engagements in his future! He also spoke of the roots of Lionism and how his wife, Lion Vicki, had put together a special history on our founder Melvin Jones.

Lion Dave Johnson PCC, also of 4-C5, MD 4 Membership Development Manger, talked to us the responsibilities of a member and the kind of interesting facts we would learn as we moved forward in Lionism. The need for training and education as we grow in Lionism never ends and Lions and Lionism grows and changes and evolves but remains true to its strong roots and foundations. We heard the message of what we are doing as Lions in our local communities and around the world and it was awe inspiring.

Lion Ken Ibarra, our current Cabinet Treasurer and a Lions Leadership Seminar Graduate, was our Master of Ceremony and kept everything running smoothly. Our Governor came forward and spoke to the assembled Lions about our growth and

challenges in today's world. He then brought the new Lions and their sponsors forward and swore them into Lionism with a reminder of their duties to Lionism, and to each other as Lions. He charged their sponsors with the responsibility of helping them learn about Lionism, about guiding them through the offices as they began to grow and mature as Lions, and reminded them that their job had only just begun now that they had invited this person to be a Lion. Governor Ray also reminded everyone that we would be having special leadership training classes and membership orientation classes to help everyone learn more about the way to make a Lion club work smoothly and use the resources that LCI has to offer the clubs and individuals. He

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In closing, you have my heartfelt admiration for the tireless service you do in your community. So often service is not acknowledged. I want to assure you that your service is exceedingly important. Working together, Lions are bringing help, hope and healing to people most in need of assistance.

Yours in service,

Dr. Tae-Sup Lee

LCIF Chairperson 2004-2005



## THE BUILDER

### CLUB OF THE MONTH — REDWOOD SHORES LIONS CLUB BY SHELLIE SAKAMOTO, PAST PRESIDENT

#### Student Speaker Contest

On February 1st, the Redwood Shores Lions Club sponsored a Student Speaker Contest. This year's topic is "Is Attitude the Key to Success?". The club winner, Patrick Niemeyer of Serra High School will advance to the Zone contest. Runner-up was Jason Shoker of Carlmont High School. The contest is an annual event and is open to all students grades 9 to 12.

#### School-Force Honors Redwood Shores Lions Past President

School-Force Co-President Don Levine recently honored Greg Carbullido, Redwood Shores Lions



Past President, for his work as chairperson of the "Save the Music With The Little School District That Could" Music Festival and Regatta last October. The event raised over \$65,000 toward music education in the Belmont-Redwood Shores School District. Congratulations and thank you, Greg Carbullido!

#### Tsunami Relief

The Redwood Shores Lions Club recently donated \$750 to the Tsunami Relief efforts. Immediately after the tsunami, Lions in the local areas in South Asia quickly sprang into action to provide immediate aid to survivors and worked with government officials on planning for long-term reconstruction. Thousands of Lions in many towns and villages fanned out to provide vital supplies and began to lay the groundwork for long-term rebuilding. In addition, the Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF), a non-profit foundation, has committed to donating US\$5 million to Tsunami Relief efforts. The funds will enable Lions in South Asia to rebuild homes, schools and child welfare centers for orphans and to provide for psychological treatment and physical rehabilitation for children and emotional counseling for adults.

#### Local Lion Visits Sister Club in Bangkok, Thailand

Lion Norma Villa recently visited our sister club, the Bangkok Club of Dusita. During this visit, Lion Norma visited with members and enjoyed a wonderful Thai meal. "Lion Pornpan ("Boom") Jiranansuroj and her fellow members treated me very well. It was wonderful to visit Lion Boom, after having her visit Redwood Shores 10 years ago. I am fortunate to belong to such an international organization," commented Lion Norma with a smile. [Note: Lion Norma missed the effects of the Tsunami, since she left Phuket, Thailand just 3 days prior to the disas-

trous event.]

#### Maple Street Shelter Donation

In December, the Redwood Shores Lions Club hosted its annual Christmas Party at Twin Pines Senior Center. The admission "charged" was warm clothing. Eleven (32 gallon) bags of warm clothing, jackets and toiletries were donated to the adult shelter in Redwood City.

#### Lions In Sight - Eyeglasses Donated

The Redwood Shores Lions Club recently collected and donated 30 lbs or about 270 pairs of eyeglasses, to Lions in Sight. Lions In Sight is an organization that collects, cleans and sorts donated eyeglasses. The eyeglasses are then used by optometrists who donate their time and money, on organized trips to third world countries such as Mexico and Central America. The optometrists give free eye examinations and dispense eyeglasses to the needy, most of whom have never had eyeglasses before. Thus, the eyeglasses donated are truly a gift to sight to those in need.

A donation box for eyeglasses is located at the Sandpiper Community Center. Please continue to give your used eyeglasses.

Thank you!

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REGIONAL SPEAKERCONTEST

WORLDWIDE INDUCTION DAY

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### About the Redwood Shores Lions Club

The Redwood Shores Lions Club holds its general meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Sandpiper Community Center. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend. The Club has approximately 25 members who are young and young-at-heart working professionals. The Club is a family-friendly group of individuals who enjoy giving back to the community while having fun at the same time. Since its inception, the Club has provided a variety of services to the community of Redwood Shores, as well as other neighboring areas. For more information, please contact Lion Mary Carbullido at (650) 593-6384, Lion Virgil Sadsad at (650) 595-4031, or Lion Shellie Sakamoto at (650) 654-7914.

### The Little Club That Could and Keeps On Doing!

One reason I selected Redwood Shores Lions as Club of the Month is because they are always out in their community, serving in a variety of ways and always with a smile.

They help prove the fact that every Lion counts and every community needs a strong Lions Club. Without this Club and their continuous efforts, this area would have trouble maintaining their music department, supporting their



REGION 2 From Left to Right Zone 1 Karen Chu; Zone 2 Erica Kato; Zone 3 Sona Lim (Winner) Region Chair 2 Lion Larry Verna

Region Chair 2 Lion Larry Verna was in charge of the Region Student Speakers Contest which took place at Capuchino HS on March 21.

From L to R with Lion Larry are Karen Chu representing Zone 1 and Erica Kato representing Zone 2. Both are students at Mercy HS in San Francisco. Next to Lion Larry is Sona Lim representing Zone 3 from Mercy HS in Burlingame.

The winner of the Region 2 Contest was Sona Lim. She represents the Burlingame Lions Club.

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senior and low income services, and many other things that they do as a matter of fact. Why? Because they are Lions and are living and practicing the motto we hold most dear:



**We Serve**

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encouraged each and every person to bring their new ideas and energy into their clubs and into the district. The room glowed with a vibrant feeling of empowerment and excitement. They were ready to build a new world together and make it one we would all cherish.

Then Governor Ray Rosenthal called up the Leo's and their Advisors. The only clubs in attendance were from San Francisco Chinatown Lions and they were a mixture of their two Leo's clubs. The bus they had planned on transporting them from San Francisco to Foster City had not been available and so it was a carpool situation. They were attentive and vibrating with the honor of the recognition, respective of the obligation and challenge placed before them, and serious in their pledge to keep it now and forever. This is our future, our leaders of tomorrow and they are in the hands of good shepherds.

Certificates were given to all and many pictures were taken. With large smiles, many plans and having met many other new Lions, everyone headed out into the late afternoon walking a little taller and with a little more bounce in their step. They were feeling the pride of being a Lion and Leo surging through them, whether they were new, or well seasoned. It was a very uplifting and energizing day for all.

By Lion Linda Lopez-Wood

District Newsletter Editor

**SPECIAL NOTICES****SAN FRANCISCO COUNCIL**  
**POLICE AND FIREFIGHTER AWARDS****FRIDAY, MAY 20TH, 2005****EL PATIO ESPANOLA RESTAURANT****2850 ALEMANY BLVD, SO. SAN FRANCISCO****DONATION: \$40 PER PERSON****RSVP TO: Lion Bill Stipinovich at 650-755-5365, or Lion Rosie Jones at 415-585-5725 or Lion Eve Santos at 650-322-8088****LEADERSHIP TRAINING****JUNE 11TH 2005****FOSTER CITY REC. CENTER,****650 SHELL BLVD, FOSTER CITY****8:30 AM—3 PM****Includes Continental Breakfast & Lunch****A great opportunity for all Lions in the District!****RSVP to Lion Ken Ibarra or Lion Esther Lee**

# MONTHLY CLUB CALENDAR

MAY 2005 — Times are 7 PM unless noted.

SUN. MON. TUE. WED. THU. FRI. SAT

1	2 Half Moon Bay 7:30	3 Redwood Shores 7:30 PM Pacifica 7:30 San Bruno So. SF Noon	4 Castro DC Host Noon Geneva M. 6:30 MP Host 7:15 Millbrae 7:30 RC Sunrise 7:15AM	5 Burlingame 12:10 PM Korean Am	6	7
8 MOTHERS DAY	9 MP Live Oak 11:30 AM Ocean Ingleside 7:30 SF Host West O' Twin Peaks 6:30	10 Brisbane 7:30 Foster City 7:30 Gold. Gate 7:30	11 Atherton RC Sunrise 7:15AM Sunset <b>New Century</b>	12 Chinatown 7:15 PM Burlingame 12:10 PM San Carlos 12:15 PM San Mateo 6:30	13 Highlands SF Bay 7:30	14
15	16 Half Moon Bay 7:30	17 San Bruno DC Gateway Merced Heights 5PM Pacifica 7:30 So. SF Noon	18 Castro DC Host Noon Geneva M. 6:30 MP Host 7:15 Millbrae 7:30 RC Sunrise 7:15AM	19 Burlingame 12:10 PM Korean Am	20 Hispanic <b>SF COUNCIL POLICE &amp; FIRE AWARDS @ EL PATIO ESPANOLA, \$40 PER,</b>	21
22	23 MP Live Oak 11:30 AM PENINSULA COUNCIL MTG	24 Foster City 7:30 Brisbane 7:30 Gold. Gate 7:30 Marina N. B. 6:30	25 Atherton RC Sunrise 7:15AM Sunset <b>NO SF COUNCIL MTG</b>	26 Burlingame 12:10 PM San Carlos 12:15 PM San Mateo 6:30	27	28
29	<u>30</u>	MAY IS	SIGHT MONTH			

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The Student Speaker theme is being decided this weekend at the MD4 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS CONFERENCE in Walnut Creek, CA.