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A message from your District Governor

Fellow Lions and Leos

Convention Countdown
Join us – Have Fun
May 14 – 18, 2008
Radisson Hotel
Sacramento, California

Making it happen - Congratulations to our 21 members who attended Certified Guiding Lion Program on April 12, 2008.

What LIONS should know about LIABILITY RISKS - Please read article in the April, 2008 Lion Magazine, pages 45 – 47.

One of the pleasures of being your District Governor is meeting lots of GREAT peoples.

Keys to a Strong Club.
First retain the members we have.
Next, recruit new members. New Members give us New Ideas, New Hands to help serve our Communities. and New Enthusiasm.

Lets always exhibit the image of a positive and proud LION.

Together We Serve,

Lion Maxine Frazier
District Governor 4-C-4,



A message from your Vice District Governor

This year is going oh so fast. It seems as if the last convention was just a few weeks ago and here it is, time for the convention again. The convention is like a family reunion. Visiting old friends and making new ones. Each year that you go you meet more and more friends. I am looking forward to the convention and seeing all of you there.

This year has been a real joy and I am sure that next year will be even better. I look forward to serving you as next

year's Governor. This reminds me of a quote. Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, cookie in one hand, an ice cream sandwich in the other, body thoroughly (continued on page 2)



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VDG Emil's Message (continued from page 1)

used up, totally worn out and screaming "WOO HOO what a ride!" I am sure that it will apply to next year.

See you at the convention.
Lion VDG Emil



LCI Convention in Bangkok

MD-4 Reception

The Lion Clubs International Convention is in Bangkok this year. For those of you that are attending there are tickets for the MD-4 Reception on June 25th at the **Bangkok Windsor**

Hotel (pictured to the left). The reception is from 3:00 to 5:30. The tickets are available at \$30 per ticket. I have 10 tickets available so if you are interested in attending, please let me know. I will need to know prior to June 1 though as I have to return the remaining tickets to MD-4 at that time.



VDG Emil Kantola

San Mateo Lions Online

The San Mateo Lions Club has just finished a major revamp of their website which now contains helpful information to members, potential members and promotion of their club. Webmaster Lion John Gill says "I went with a frames-orientation for ease of use, which allows us to have a constant menu. Both Millbrae Lions and Foster City Lions use frames on their web programming". Go to www.sanmateolions.com and see Lion John's wonderful accomplishment. From the Editor



42nd Annual Miss Teen Chinatown Scholarship & Charity Gala



Congratulations SF Chinatown Lions Club for coordinating a highly successful fundraising event.

Elegance and Excitement with a record 600 people in attendance on Saturday, April 12, 2008 at the SF Marriott Hotel



From the Editor's Desk

Greetings Lions!

Here is wishing you all the best and for you to be at your peak of wellness and happiness!

The following email is from Millbrae City Councilperson Marge Colapietro who attended our **World Wide Induction Day** at the San Mateo Library this past April 6th:



Marge Colapietro

*From: Marge Colapietro [mailto:margecol@msn.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 06, 2008 8:15 PM
Subject: World Wide Induction Day...*

Dear Lion Paul,

Thank you for including me on your distribution list of the event photos!

It was quite evident that District Governor Maxine holds a very extra special place in her heart for the Millbrae Lions Club, rightly so!

So many look to our Lion s Club for necessary assistance and support. As you prepare for next year's program of work please continue to focus on what makes Millbrae Lion s exemplar community members in word and deed. I know that you will always be here for your beloved Millbrae and will continue to raise the bar of your most distinguished service. For many years I have said that our Community would not be as strong as it is without our dedicated volunteers. May each and all of you receive deserved satisfaction in knowing that you do make a difference!

*Cordially,
Marge Colapietro
Councilwoman
City of Millbrae*

I'm so happy that I was able to attend your event this afternoon, giving my support to our Millbrae Lion s and Leos. Lion s George, Michael, Paul, John, Calvin, "Leo" Coordinator Doug -- all who represented our Lion s members, and the 9 Leos who represented their youth membership of 51, certainly brought great pride to your entire Club as well as to our Millbrae community! I was so honored to be among you all and the special people who do so much volunteer work in their respective communities. We certainly DO appreciate all that you do to serve our very youngest to our most elder Millbrae resi-



DG Maxine confers with Cabinet Secretary Marian



Selected Lions gave special reports on club topics



DG Maxine gave special gifts of thanks to helpful Lions



Newly Inducted Lions at the 4-C4 World Wide Induction Day

If you ever want to publicize a club event, please email your event flyer to me at **Lionpaul** @**chapelofthehighlands.com** and I will spread the word. Take care, Lion Paul Larson ~ 4-C4 Newsletter Editor.

Articles & photos may be submitted to **Lion Editor Paul Larson** for publication in *The Scratching Post* via email to **lionpaul@chapelofthehighlands.com** and must be sent no later than the 20th day of each month for inclusion in the next issue. Flyers for upcoming club projects and other "time sensitive materials" may also be emailed to the Editor and will be distributed ASAP to the appropriate club officers via their email. Thank you for your cooperation.



SF Highlands Lion Flor donates \$\$\$ winnings to "School for the Poor"



Is it a beginner's luck or a divine gift? Whatever it is, Lion Flor excitedly said that her \$4K 2nd prize winning is one of the most generous and welcome gifts truly intended for the SF Highlands' "School for the Poor" project in Pagasa, Philippines.

SF Highlands. She earmarks the \$5000.00 to purchase the Phase II Property Lot for the school building. This lot is adjacent and an addition to the Phase I property, making the school compound a thousand square meters in size in which to build a two-classroom academic building, an administration facility, an auditorium/library building and a 3-bedroom faculty residence.

Lion Flor is also donating her second winning of \$50.00 15th prize along with two other Highlanders winners, Lion President Kristy Elayda, \$50.00 and Lion Nellie Tangunan, \$100.00 for the current school operation.

This year's LYCA Raffle Ticket Program was the first for the SF Highlands to participate in and also the first time ever for Lion Flor to buy raffle tickets and won big.

Lion Flor cannot describe her excitement in winning such a big sum of money. She thanks her club's senior leaders and members for their vigorous participation in buying and selling tickets to families and friends.

Along with her fellow Highlanders, she wants to express her sincere appreciation to her partner in service, Lion Billy, for leading the club members' efforts in selling a good amount of tickets. She also wants to thank Lion Maggie Gulen for her willingness to make additional tickets available, Lion Ken Ibarra for his graciousness and patience in working with Lion Billy in maximizing the ticket sales and District Governor Maxine Frazier for inspiring the Highlanders to participate actively.

In an atmosphere of rejoicing, Lion Flor is adding \$1000.00 to her \$4000.00 winnings to make a total of \$5000.00 donation to

District 4-C4 YCA Raffle Winners
60th Annual Lions Youth & Community Activities Raffle Drawing April 5, 2008 at the SSF Oyster Point Yacht Club. Over 100 Lions and guests attended the dinner and drawing which concludes nearly six months of Lions and community fundraising. Over 142,000 tickets were sold on behalf of 37 Lions clubs.

Number	Prize	Ticket #	Name	Ticket Sold By
1	Car	872350	M. Elaine Gray	Ocean-Ingleside Lions
2	\$ 4,000.00	803669	Flor Camota	SF Highlands Lions
3	\$ 1,000.00	881895	Mason	Ocean-Ingleside Lions
4	\$ 500.00	846176	Alayne Garcia	SF Host Lions
5	\$ 100.00	736511	Joanna Ilaco	Geneva-Mission Lions
6	\$ 100.00	716069	Esther Mendoza	Marina-North Beach Lions
7	\$ 100.00	899380	Gabriel Martin	San Bruno Lions
8	\$ 100.00	850932	PACE	SF Host Lions
9	\$ 100.00	868711	Imelda Osayna	Belmont Lions
10	\$ 100.00	736795	E. Nero	Geneva-Mission Lions
11	\$ 100.00	877308	Josephine Brown	Ocean-Ingleside Lions
12	\$ 100.00	727698	Letosio Silaga	San Bruno Lions
13	\$ 100.00	891912	Nellie Tangunan	SF Highlands Lions
14	\$ 100.00	850551	PACE	SF Host Lions
15	\$ 50.00	869110	Teresa Huddleston	San Bruno Lions
16	\$ 50.00	745291	Angela Jangar	Geneva-Mission Lions
17	\$ 50.00	738964	G. B. Jones	Geneva-Mission Lions
18	\$ 50.00	848025	Hugo Garibay	Sacramento Central Lions
19	\$ 50.00	851376	Carrie Anabo	SF Host Lions
20	\$ 50.00	869550	Paul & Nilda Flores	SSF Golden Gate Lions
21	\$ 50.00	854432	Alycia Young	SF Host Lions
22	\$ 50.00	892462	Teresa Sanchez	SF Hispanic Lions
23	\$ 50.00	814591	Jim & Dana Moran	Nikkei Lions
24	\$ 50.00	842935	Lito Delos Angeles	SF Host Lions
25	\$ 50.00	886957	Greg Bermudo	SF Host Lions
26	\$ 50.00	813106	Pily L. O'Donnell	Nikkei Lions
27	\$ 50.00	896189	Flor Camota	SF Highlands Lions
28	\$ 50.00	730865	Norma Talan	SSF Golden Gate Lions
29	\$ 50.00	875711	Radiant Love	Ocean-Ingleside Lions
30	\$ 50.00	781347	Ron Holden	Sunnyvale Host Lions
31	\$ 50.00	749713	Andrew Menitare	Geneva-Mission Lions
32	\$ 50.00	860758	K. Elayda	SF Highlands Lions
33	\$ 50.00	783001	Edith Nelson	SSF Golden Gate Lions
34	\$ 50.00	782852	Jerry Hill	Milbrae Lions
35	\$ 50.00	784630	Cecilia D. Javier	SSF Golden Gate Lions
36	\$ 50.00	873544	Katie Reddick	Ocean-Ingleside Lions
37	\$ 50.00	798241	Stefani Harshell	San Carlos Lions
38	\$ 50.00	861754	Mark Burnett	SF Hispanic Lions
39	\$ 50.00	847916	Daniel E. Wenger	Sacramento Central Lions
40	\$ 50.00	729646	Jean Hodge	San Bruno Lions
41	\$ 50.00	873460	Tahonnie Rainey	San Bruno Lions
42	\$ 50.00	850270	PACE	Ocean-Ingleside Lions
43	\$ 50.00	744023	Kirk Dyson	SF Host Lions
44	\$ 50.00	771448	Robert Tamaro	Geneva-Mission Lions
45	\$ 50.00	828411	Jun Valera	Merced Heights Lions
46	\$ 50.00	773764	K. Meria	Pacific Lions
47	\$ 50.00	842448	Joanne Ramos	SF Host Lions
48	\$ 50.00	851792	PACE	SF Host Lions
49	\$ 50.00	841246	Fernando Lim	SF Host Lions
50	\$ 50.00			

Additionally, SF Highlands has allotted the club's income from its tickets sales estimated at \$3.5K for the building fund.

Fully inspired, the Highlanders have decided to participate again in this most popular and money-making LYCA Raffle Ticket Fundraising Program with a solid purpose of completing the building project sooner for the Highlands First-Step Learning Center.

Lion Flor would like to share a favorite quotation from Mark Twain: "To get the full value of joy, you must have people to divide it with".



Crash Course Training for "Certified Guiding Lions"

On the morning of Saturday, April 12, 2008, Lions from around 4-C4 attended the "Certified Guiding Lions" training seminar at Burlingame Lions Hall. This course was moderated by International Director Candidate Bob Smith and hosted by our DG Maxine Frazier. The purpose of "Guiding Lions" are to offer support and guidance to fellow Lions and potential new Lions Clubs. Refreshments were served and Lion Bob gave an extensive power-point presentation. After the break we were all given time to filled out our examination booklets which were signed by DG Maxine and will be turned in to LCI. Each Lion who attended received a well rounded education on the basics of being a Guiding Lion. From Lion Paul Larson ~ Newsletter Editor.



PCL honors the Peninsula's Police & Firefighters with Elegant Banquet



The Peninsula Council of Lions Clubs proudly held it's 43rd Annual Police and Firefighters Awards Banquet at the Crowne Plaza Hotel -

Foster City on the evening of Friday, March 28, 2008 with full participation from all 22 Lions

Clubs. Fire and Police personnel were treated to a elegant hosted Champagne reception at 6:15pm with San Carlos Lion Paul Cademartori at the grand piano.



Dinner seating started at 7:30pm with full banquet room of over 450 attendees, amongst Palm Trees and tropical flowers not to mention Tiki Torches as this year's theme was "Torches of Tribute". Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Vic Lee from Channel 7 News and Keynote Speaker was Steve Poizner, State Insurance Commis-

sioner. Awards to Firefighters were presented by Palo

Alto Lion - Fire Chief Nick Marinaro and Peace Officer Awards were presented by South San Francisco Lion - Police Chief Mark Raffaelli with photographer Lion Paul Davis of Burlingame taking photos of their proud moment. A total of 35 Peace Officers and Firefight-

ers were honored for Valor, Heroism and Service to their communities and departments.



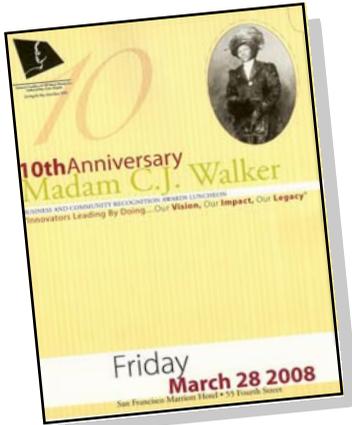
Ten of whom were presented with Area Wide

Medals, plaques, framed, certificates and proclamations from county supervisors and US Senate and State Assembly representatives.





Lions support Women Leaders at “Madam CJ Walker” Awards



Friday, March 28, 2008, District Governor Maxine Frazier, Lions Helen Olson, Teresa Garcia, Mary Massey, Olivia Carter and Lydia Taylor attended the 10th Anniversary of the Madam CJ Walker Business and Community Recognition Awards Luncheon. The event attracts over 1,400 women and men from all over

the Bay Area. The event provides funds for scholarships and community grants. San Francisco Merced Heights Lions Club is a donor to this fundraiser.

Madam CJ Walker was an Entrepreneur, Philanthropist, Social Activist and the First Self-Made American Female Millionaire. Ms. Walker suffered from a scalp ailment that caused her to lose her hair. After experimenting with many homemade remedies and store-bought products, she founded her own business. By early 1910, Madame Walker had settled in Indian-



apolis, then the nation’s largest inland manufacturing center, where she built a factory, a hair and manicure salon, and her

second beauty school. By the time Madam Walker died in May 1919, she had created the role of the 20th century, self-made American business woman: established herself as a pioneer of the modern black hair-care can cosmetics industry: and set standards in the African-American community for corporate and community giving.

Today Walker’s legacy lives on through the Madam Walker Theatre Center, a National Historic Landmark, in Indianapolis, and through events like today’s Oakland/Bay Area Chapter National Coalition of 100 Black Women Business and Community Recognition Awards Luncheon.



- ◆ The Mistress of Ceremonies - Valerie Coleman
- ◆ Keynote Speaker – Robin Brooks – CEO/President – Brooks Food Group.
- ◆ Special Guest – A’Lelia Bundles – Madam Walker’s Great-Great-Granddaughter.

Receipts of the awards for 2008:

- ◆ Corporate Award – Crystal Hayling – President and CEO – Blue Shield of California Foundation.
- ◆ Advocacy Award – Jacqueline Rushing – Founder & Executive Director – Young Scholars Program.
- ◆ Pioneer Award – Teri L. Jackson – Superior Court Judge – San Francisco, California.
- ◆ Entrepreneur Award – Eleanor Boswell-Raine – Associate Publisher – The Globe Newspaper Group.

This event is a great socializing event with lots of great potentials for aligning new relationships.

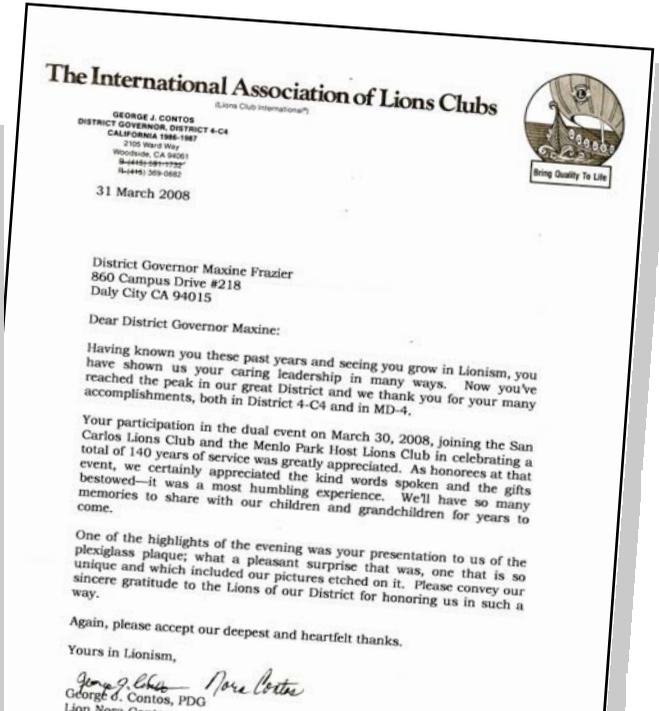
Lion Lydia Taylor
S.F. Merced Heights Lions Club





Menlo Park Host & San Carlos Lions 70th Anniversary Celebration

Menlo Park Host and San Carlos Lions Club
70th Anniversary Dinner at Dominic's at Coyote
Point in San Mateo on March 30, 2008.





Spotlight: SF Nikkei Lion Francis “Frank” Torikai



I have been retired from federal government service since July 3, 1999 and was accepted for membership in the San Francisco Nikkei Lions club about three years ago. My sponsor

is Lion Dick Kishimoto with whom I grew up with in Hilo, Hawaii. I was selected club secretary about a year and a half ago and will continue to serve the Nikkei Lions in this capacity next year.

Francis (Frank) Torikai,
Secretary, San Francisco Nikkei Lions Club

CSF II & Lion Michael Chan support “Legacy Through Giving”

Once again LTG wants to thank you for your support and dedication to launch this new concept in providing an opportunity for multiple of non-profits to raise funds for their missions. We are getting raving reviews and inputs that Giving Through Fashion Gala at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on March 22, 2008 was the best Fashion Show and Entertainment Gala and Production in the Bay Area history. Currently we are working on the video recorded during the event and it will be broadcast on by World Channel, Ch. 32 in a few weeks.

Our LTG volunteers, working with the beneficiary organizations to bring in almost \$80,000 (\$106,000, counting in-kind donations) for LTG's first inaugural fundraiser. There is a lot to



learn and to improve for 2009 Gala. After all, LTG is only a child and need your help to grow.

LTG started to work on the Gala for 2009 on April 11.

Live A Life With Purpose & Happiness.. Join this new concept - Legacy Through Giving. It's Mission Is To Provide An Opportunity For Multiple Of Non-Profit Organizations To Raise Funds. Our Second Event "Giving Through Fashion Gala - 2009" Will Take Place On April 11, 2009 At Hyatt Regency Hotel, S.F. Airport . Please visit www.legacythroughgiving.org for more information.

SF Chinatown Lion Michael Chan

Congratulations to HMB Lions Student Speakers District Winner

Here is a photo of the Student Speaker winner. Included in the photo is Claire Sloan, a home-schooled sophomore from Half Moon Bay. Also in the photo are (L to R) South San Francisco's Police Chief Mark Raffaelli, District Governor Maxine, Student Speaker Chair Tom Foure and winner Claire Sloan.

The next contest will be the Area contest, to be held on May 3rd at the Oakland Blind Center.

Claire is the sister of Jesse Ann Sloan, who competed and won 2 District 4C4 contests and one Area contest during 2005, 2006 and 2007.

Lion Rich Picchi





Spotlight: SF Nikkei Lion David Fujita

Lion David Fujita was born in 1940 in San Francisco, California. During World War II, the Japanese Americans were placed in relocation camps, so David and his family lived in Topaz, Utah for 2 years and later moved to Berkeley, California. David attended Berkeley High School and attended the University of California and eventually received his Bachelor's Degree at San Jose State University in Physical Therapy. After serving in the United States Army for two years, David met his wife, Joan, and the two were married in New York in June 1968.



David and Joan live in Lafayette, California and David is currently the CEO of Moriwaki, Imai and Fujita, Inc., a Japanese American Insurance brokerage firm in San Francisco. They have a son, Scott, and a daughter, Andrea, and a grandson, Brandon and a 4 months old granddaughter, Cameron.

Lion David joined the Nikkei Lions club in 1973 and has been an active Lion and leader for over 30 years and will be a Melvin Jones Fellow this year. David is currently serving his 3rd term as the Nikkei Lions club president.

David also serves on the Administrative Board at his Berkeley Methodist United Church, where he has been a member for over 50 years. David loves the sport of basketball and currently coordinates the Youth Basketball program for his church. Speaking of basketball, both David and Joan are loyal Golden State Warrior fans

and attend most of the home basketball games.

Both of David's son, Scott, and his grandson, Brandon, were born visually handicapped (cataracts/glaucoma), so David is a proud Lion "serving" and assisting the visually handicapped and helping those in need.

SF Castro Lions support sister club in Africa

Emperor John Weber, in conjunction with the Castro Lions, had another successful fund raising event on April 17th for our international joint venture with the Kigali Lions Club in Rwanda, Africa (our sister club). The event was held at The Edge in the Castro for "Project Blanket". Project Blanket is a venture where blankets will be distributed to the Gisambi Orphanage & Missionary Of Charity Mother Teresa Orphanage in Kigali, Rwanda. Emperor Weber kicked off the event in The Edge style of "Soulful Thursdays" with soul-stirring oldies but goodies. We as Castro Lions set up shop in front of the bar with our blankets for display and a place for contributions while answering questions about the Lionism experience, and Project Blanket. We were also recruiting new members to join our distinguished club.

With the help of members of the Imperial Court, the Royal Empire, the Beefeaters Promotional Team, Edge staff, and the big benefactor of the night - David Wheeler (manager of the Edge) - who donated \$100, the event was a tremendous success. The Castro Lions would like to thank David and the good-looking crowd of the Edge who gave so freely, and most of all to Emperor John Weber for his tenacity in this venture and coming up with this second fund raiser. We also cannot forget the Castro Lions' president - Lion Thomas Rudder, vice president Lion Dennis Hale, treasurer Lion Carl Tebell, secretary Lion David Gin,

and my friend Gloria Upchurch who is a major fundraiser for the Gisambi Orphanage. We thank our community for your support in this endeavor.

If you would like to make a donation of a blanket, please contact Lion Dennis Hale via e-mail at dennis-hale23@yahoo.com or 415-241-9115. Sorry, but we cannot accept pink blankets, as the color pink is worn by prisoners of genocide so that they can be identified in public. If you want to make a contribution, please earmark on the check Project Blanket - address below. Thank you again and see you at the next event.

Lion Everett (Castro Lions)
Royal Baron Of Social Protocol Southern Onyx Black Widow Empire

Castro Lions Club, 584 Castro Street, PMB 200,
San Francisco California 94114





Big WELCOME to the Redwood City Fair Oaks Lions & Charter Event



It was a big night and a historic event on Sunday, April 20, 2008 when the brand new Redwood City Fair Oaks Lions Club was born. Festivities and dinner took place at the Waterfront Restaurant at Pete's Harbor with Lions from all over 4-C4 in attendance to witness this very special event. **Welcome and Congratulations!**



Lion Verdie Thompson hops the boarder for "Operation Friendship"



Lions Operation Friendship - Ensenada, B.C., Mexico

Lion Verdie Thompson Region 2 Zone1 Chair participated in the 4AC District Lions visitation to the Ensenada Lions and medical mission on March 27-30, 2008, Operation Friendship: Hands Across the Board. This was the

45th venture. The following information was obtained from an interview with Lion Benjamin Fregoso, Parlier Lions Club. Ben is one of 8 committee members. Lion Bill Diltz is the committee chair.

How did this mission begin?

It started 45 years ago, when member of the Three Rivers Lions Club members where in Ensenada Mexico working and then happen to go into a saloon where they saw a Lions Logo sign hanging on the wall. One member of the Three Rivers Lions Club said out loud, "who in the hell is a Lion here?" and then the owner and operator (Carlos Avila) said, "who in the hell wants to know?" and that is where all this started. They formed an alliance to start the project "Hands across the borders", and then changed its name to Operation Friendship.

How many clubs are involved currently?

There are about 22 to 25 clubs on average that really get involved in making this visitation a great success.

What were the statistics for this past visitation?

In the eye clinic, about 180 children and adults where checked on by Dr. Lion Jeff Garcia, and about 86 pairs of

glasses where given out to very needy individuals. Lion Sofia Aguilar (Hygienist) said about the same amount of patients were seen within a 3-hour window once we were set up.

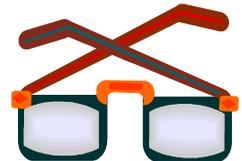
Any other ideas, thoughts about the mission and how it connects Lions to the community?

The Lions clubs that go raise money to donate to the building fund that will continue to build new schools in areas out side the city that is in need of it or for the infrastructure of existing school sites for improvements. Most of the funding that is raised is by ticket sales, by Lion Clubs, or personal donations. None of these funds can be used other than for construction purposes. Lions club also donate bulk school supplies to help the various school sites that are now in existence, "Operation Friendship", has a total of 16 school sites that have been built since its beginning stage.

After all of the clinics have been completed, Lion Members bring small items to give to the children, such as pencils, erasers, coloring books, crayons, stickers, raisins, candy, etc....

This trip was a great success and we hope all of you will join us on our next annual "Operation Friendship", March 19-22, 2009.

Lion Verdie Thompson





Special Luncheon & Cherry Blossom Brunch with the SF Nikkei Lions

Shinnenkai

On March 29, Nikkei Lions Club members volunteered at the Northern California Japanese American Senior Centers (NCJASC) Shinnenkai, a luncheon for seniors including entertainment provided by residents of different senior centers, at the Alameda County



Buddhist Church in Union City. Lions Steve Hirabayashi, Jeff Murai, and David Insom serve on the NCJASC committee responsible for organizing the event.



service efforts. California State 8th District Senator Leland Yee presented a state proclamation to Lion Dr. Steve Hirabayashi for his service to the Japanese American community, the Cherry Blossom Festival, and service as an educator in the San Francisco Unified School District. Lion Steve has served on the Cherry Blossom Executive Committee for several years and was a Co-Chair for the event in 1983. He has participated in organizing the event as a Nikkei Lions Club



Senior Appreciation Brunch

On April 20, Nikkei Lions Club members volunteered at the 21st Annual Senior Appreciation Brunch at Hotel Kabuki in Japantown in San Francisco during the 41st Annual Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival. Senior citizen centers and community organizations nominated individuals for recognition on their community



member, and Cherry Blossom Executive Committee since its inception. Seniors were invited to ride on a motorized cable car in the parade following the brunch.



SF Nikkei Lion Bill Stipinovich

Lion Jim Bigelow's update on "Rebuilding Together" Project

Rebuilding Together Project Site #08015—Carmen Moreno Family, 2536 Emmett Way, East Palo Alto, Ca. 94303

April 2008, Prepared by: Jim Bigelow, House Construction Captain

Carmen Moreno is a single mother with four children, Anamary 5, Daniella 8, Karla 13 and Zaire 19 years old. They have lived in this home for the past six years and Carmen owns the home and is challenged to keep up with mortgage



payments and other expenses of the home. Carmen is currently working three jobs to make ends meet and is renting out the garage to another family to make ends meet.

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Lion DG Maxine welcomes our new Lions to District 4-C4

Each month Lion DG Maxine will be welcoming each new Lion to the family of Lions Clubs in District 4-C4. Congratulations new Lions...you are now part of something special!

March 2008

Member	Club	Sponsor
Broderick Page	Belmont	Christine Beard
Trinidad Raymundo	SF Fil Am	Augusto Valera
Amy Tindoy	SF Fil Am	Augusto Valera
David Padilla	SF Geneva-Mission	Melvin Johnson
David De Martini	SF Geneva-Mission	Joseph Farrah
Victor Luque	SF Hispanic	Angela Luque
Karen Bell	SF Hispanic	N/A
Mured Kakar	SF Hispanic	N/A
Oscar Vasquez Jr.	SF Hispanic	Rufino Ramos
Diana Lopez-Kakar	SF Hispanic	N/A
Rosa Vazquez	SF Hispanic	Rufino Ramos
Harry Kim	SF Korean American	Haemi Jun
Eric Cha	SF Korean American	Peter Chun
Leonardo Alfonso	SF Marina - North Beach	Romualdo Enriquez
Antonio Capule	SF Marina - North Beach	Romualdo Enriquez
Arnold Mesa	SF Marina - North Beach	Romualdo Enriquez
Anita Arias	SF Marina - North Beach	Eve Santos
Jose Antonio Jr.	SF Marina - North Beach	Romualdo Enriquez
Ron Aranton	SF Marina - North Beach	Romualdo Enriquez
Felixberto Quicho Baluyot Jr.	SF Marina - North Beach	Romualdo Enriquez
Fellie Domingo	SF Marina - North Beach	Romualdo Enriquez

Lion Jim Bigelow's "Rebuilding Together" update (continued from page 11)

Carmen is a fulltime employee at Home Depot in East Palo Alto and also works as a part-time Teller for Bank of America. Her third job is light cleaning of homes. To help the family Zaire is in her first year at College of San Mateo and she

is studying design as her major and she works a part-time job to help the family meet their expenses. The two youngest daughters go to EPA Charter Catholic School.

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Lion Jim Bigelow's "Rebuilding Together" update (continued from page 12)

Carmen has tried the last two years to get help with her home from the Rebuilding Together Program and this year she succeed. The family has been without heat for the last two years and through RTB and the PG&E special program she will get the heater repaired or replaced as part of this home renovation project. The home will receive new paint on the

exterior, some electrical work, plumbing and some chimney work. The project will also include some City code issues and trips to the dump. The Moreno Family looks forward to these and other improvements on their single level detached home.

District 4-C4 Sunshine Report by Lion Barbara Fields



Dear Lions:

Please include the following Lions who we've lost & their families in your prayers: Brisbane Lion Frank Schmid; Menlo Park Live Oak Lion Lee Orr; Millbrae Lion Michael Sanfilippo; San Francisco Ocean Ingleside Lion Georgia Robinson; San Francisco Hispanic Lion Miguel Julian; and

the mother of Chinatown Lion Margaret Lee: Ling Ding Lee.

Remember any Lions & family who are ailing and our thought and prayers go out to them.

Please let me know of any illness or deaths in your club, my e-mail barbara.k.fields@sbcglobal.net or phone 650-359-1259 if I am not there please leave a message .

SF Hispanic Lions remember fallen Lion and pray for ill members

It is with great sadness that I make it known unto our family of Lions, in District 4C4 the death of our brother, Lion Julian Miguel. A three veteran of WWII, serving in the U.S. Marines, assigned to the air carrier, USS SANTI. Had been a member of SFHLC since January 1991. A graduate with a degree in education from U.C. Berkeley and the Catholic University of San Francisco. Lion Julian worked with the S.F. Unified School District at the Cappuccino H.S. until his retirement in 1986, as Departmental Head of the Departments of Spanish Language and Physical Education.

Son of Spaniard parents, born in Wier-ton West Virginia, Julian was always very proud of his heritage and language. For his work and participation in benefit of the cultural advancement and the organization "La Union Española de California, Lion Julian was condecorated by the Order of Queen Isabel La Catolica, de-greed on the 5th day 5 of December, 1998 by the King of Spain, Juan Carlos the First and presented in a reception

given by the Consul of Spain in San Francisco on December 19, 1998.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Thursday, April 3rd at 11:00 a.m. at Saint Anthony's Parish (Folsom and Cesar Chavez Blvd. San Francisco) where he participated and work with the congregation of La Virgen de la Caridad del Corbre and other community programs. Lion Julian will surely be missed at our club where he also served in different official capacities throughout his twenty one years of continuous membership.



We also ask that you include in your prayers, two of our other senior members: Lion Freddie Rosado, who is

underwent (Thursday 3/27) and is recovering of open heart surgery. And our Club Treasurer, Lion Luis Perez. Who is very ill, with his bout with cancer.

SF Hispanic Lions Secretary Doris Esther Melendez



Millbrae Lions present ceremonial gavel to Millbrae City Council

Millbrae Ca. March 22, 2008

Sixty years ago (January 1948), when the City of Millbrae was chartered, the then ten-year-old Millbrae Lions Club presented a ceremonial gavel to the City Council.

As the City of Millbrae celebrates its 60th anniversary and the Millbrae Lions Club celebrates its 70th anniversary, Lion President John Muniz presented a new ceremonial gavel to the city council. The gavel inscription reads "Presented to the City of Millbrae from the Millbrae Lions Club".



Pictured to the left is Millbrae President - Lion John Muniz presenting the gavel to Millbrae Mayor, Lion Gina Papan; also putting in a good word for the Millbrae Lions Club.

Lion John Muniz

Lion Verdie Thompson retires with honor from Berkeley Health Dept.

Editor's Note: The below article is from the spring 2008 April issue of the City of Berkeley Public Health Division Newsletter "Public Health Matters":

WE WISH YOU WELL

VERDIE THOMPSON RN, PHN, PNP will be retiring on May 9, after 30 years of tireless service to the Public Health Division and the City of Berkeley. Verdie's vision and energy are responsible for the existence of many of the programs that we now provide to our community. She joined the Public Health Division in 1977 as the Deputy Director of Child Health and Disability Prevention Program, and was responsible for CHDP development and implementation. In 1985, Verdie was promoted to Manager of Community Health Promotion and Director of Nursing where she has worked to provide oversight for Public Health Nursing, bring on new programs such as Every Child Counts, and to ensure that the whole Public Health Division runs smoothly. She has served on countless city and statewide committees, always



working to make sure that the voice of nurses and of public health is heard. When not at Berkeley, Verdie participates in professional and community organizations. She has served as the president of the Black Nurse Association and is currently a representative of the California Institute for Nursing and Health Care Advisory Board. She has also served as president of the South San Francisco Golden Gate Lions Club (2006) and president of the Bay Area Health Consortium for Quality Health Care (2004 to present). Verdie has also served 20 years as a National Guard Officer. She is a retired

Lieutenant Colonel of the California Army National Guard State Area Troop Command Medical Detachment. While in the Army National Guard she served as the Chief of Professional Services and Quality Assurance Nurse. Those of us who know Verdie, know that she will not "sit down" once she has retired. In addition to being active in her local Lions Club, she will be embarking on a year of travel and has also expressed an interest in joining the Peace Corps after "retirement"! (continued on page 15)

District 4-C4 ~ Article IV - Territory

Section 1. All territory embraced by the Association of Lions Clubs, District 4-C4, Lions International, shall be as follows: all Lions Clubs now existing and to hereafter exist in the counties of San Francisco and San Mateo, and the city of Palo Alto in Santa Clara County.



Lion Verdie Thompson retires (continued from page 14)

Verdie, we at the Health Department commend your long and productive career as Manager of Community of Health Promotion and Director of Nurses. We know that your talent will have an impact on any personal, professional or community organization you chose to join – you’ve certainly made a huge impact on Berkeley’s Public Health Division, and on the health of Berkeley residents.

We will miss you and wish you happiness in the transition from work to retirement!

Editor’s Note: Lion Verdie’s retirement party is on Saturday, May 10th at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1800 Powell St., Emeryville, CA 94608. RSVP by April 28th to Felicia Graham, 6101 Oakdale, Oakland, CA 94605

SF Bayview Hunters Point Lions support various District 4-C4 events

April 5, 2008-YCA Ticket Drawing-7:00p.m.-9:30p.m. 911 Marina Blvd. SSF, Ca.: Members participating: Lions: Fenton Baptiste; Dr. James M. Calloway; Sharon Hill; Alpha Buie; Frances Luster and William Casey

April 6, 2008- Induction Day Workshop -1:30p.m.-4:00p.m. San Mateo Main Library, 55 West Third Avenue:
Member participating: President Lion Fenton Baptiste was on one the speakers at the event.

April 6, 2008- Regional Student Speakers Contest -2:30p.m.-4:00p.m. True Sunshine Jubilee Center, 1430 Mason Street, San Francisco, Ca.:

Members participating: Lion Sharon Hill and Lion William Casey
April 20, 2008-Redwood City Fair Oaks Lions Club Charter Night-6:00p.m.-10:00p.m. Pete’s Harbor, One Ucelli Blvd, Redwood City, Ca.:
Members participating: Lions: Fenton Baptiste; Dr. James M. Calloway; William Casey

Important Dates and Upcoming Events



4-C4 Cabinet Meetings

May 14 - 18, 2008—District Convention—Sacramento
Radisson Hotel

Special Activities

Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to attend the various upcoming Installations for the new 2008-2009 Lions Clubs Officers in District 4-C4. Please look at your email for IMPORTANT LIONS INFO announcing further details.

Student Speaker Completion Dates

Theme: “Immigration: My Solution”

Club Contest—February 18, 2008
Zone Contest—March 20, 2008
Region Contest—April 7, 2008
District Contest—April 28, 2008
Area Contest—May 19, 2008

Club Secretaries take note:

Your monthly MMR & MAR are both due into LCI and 4-C4 Cabinet Secretary Marian Mann no later than the **5th** day of each month!

Make sure all contestants are informed of these dates, and that the final dates will be decided soon. In no event will the final dates for each portion of the contest be any later than the dates listed above. It is the contestant’s responsibility to be available for all presently listed and future Student Speaker Contest Dates should they progress toward the Finals.



The Scratching Post

Millbrae Lion Paul Larson ~
District 4-C4 Newsletter Editor

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LIONS ETHICS

TO SHOW my faith in the worthiness of vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.

TO SEEK success and to demand all fair remuneration of profit for my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.

TO REMEMBER that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down others. To be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.

WHENEVER a doubt arises as the right or ethics of my position of action towards my fellow man, to resolve such doubt against myself.

TO HOLD friendship as end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the true spirit in which it is given.

ALWAYS bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my unswerving loyalty in word, act as deed; to give them freely of my time, labor and means.

TO AID my fellow man by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.

TO BE careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise. To build up and not destroy.

LIONS OBJECTIVES

TO CREATE and foster a spirit of "GENEROUS CONSIDERATION" among the peoples of the world through a study of the problems of international relationship. **TO PROMOTE** the theory and practice of the principles of good government and good citizenship.

TO TAKE an active interest in the civic, social, and moral welfare of the community.

TO UNITE the members in the bonds of friendship and mutual understanding.

TO PROVIDE a forum for the full and free discussion of all matters of public interest, partisan politics and sectarian religion alone excepted.

TO ENCOURAGE efficacy and promote high ethical standards and professions: provided that no club shall hold out as one of its objects financial benefits to its members.



2006-2007 District Governor's Award
Lion Elaine Borland