



Lion District Governor
Emil Kantola

Diamond Challenge

One of the goals this year was to have a positive membership by the end of this year. Not only in the District but also in each of the clubs within our District. The main reason is to help your club. More members mean more hands to do more projects. The district is not alone in wanting new members. Lion Clubs International has three programs to encourage membership.

International President Al Brandel has announced a Diamond Challenge Award. Lions Clubs with a plus in membership as of June 30, 2009 will receive a diamond pin from Lions International. A two member net growth merits a single diamond pin; a four member net growth earns a two-diamond pin and so on with a ten member growth earning a five diamond pin. When President Al Brandel was at the Multiple District Convention, he made the following commitment. *The International President will induct any new member joining a Lions club since February 2009 that attends the International Convention MD-4 breakfast. All the member needs to do is bring their Membership Certificate.* What an honor to be inducted into Lions by the International President. The third one is for the Excellence Award for the Club President. To qualify for the Excellence Award the club needs a positive membership for the year.

As I have said before, membership growth is not a numbers game for International or for the district. New members are the life blood of our organization. New members result in new projects and more service for our communities.

I hope you have all signed up for coming to this year's District Convention. The theme for this year's convention is **"The spirit of giving"**. Lions give all year long and it is time to celebrate. Come and celebrate with us in Sacramento this May.

We Serve

DG Emil Kantola



Lion Vice District
Governor Ken Ibarra

Our District Convention Continued...

Last month I gave you a brief description of the first days at our District Convention in Sacramento. To recap, Thursday is golf and Hospitality Room setup, followed by Hospitality Room usage. Friday is the official opening of the convention and will be in the late morning to accommodate travelers. The Cabinet Meeting will open and introduce our guests, especially International Director Beverly Stebbins of Texas. Lunch will honor our club presidents and will be followed by the Barbershop Quartet contest and the District Candidate's demonstrations – no, they are not the same contest.

Later in the afternoon, after hospitality, of course, the Costume Parade will take place followed by the Candidate's Cocktail Party and dinner, honoring our PDG's. Dessert will be the annual Amateur Show, of which "yours truly" always participates. After the laughter, the San Bruno Lions take over the night with Tube Steaks and our own hospitality disco.

I don't know about you, but in my opinion, the toughest part about being a Lion is getting up Saturday at our convention. No one in their right mind could possibly top the fun of the previous day – however we always try. And we start really early on Saturday with the Gin Fizz "Eye Opener" hosted by the Burlingame Lions – nothing like a little alcohol and PDG Don Stanaway's boisterous voice to get one going. However, we do get serious after breakfast with the Memorial Service, which honors our members who have passed in the previous year. PDG George and Helen Habeeb organize a wonderful send-off. We wipe away our tears and proceed to the infamous Tail-twister Contest, where short club skits are judged by the audience.

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LIONS DISTRICT 4-C4

April 2009

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San Francisco Coordinating Council Peace Officer and Fire Fighter Awards Night April 17, 2009

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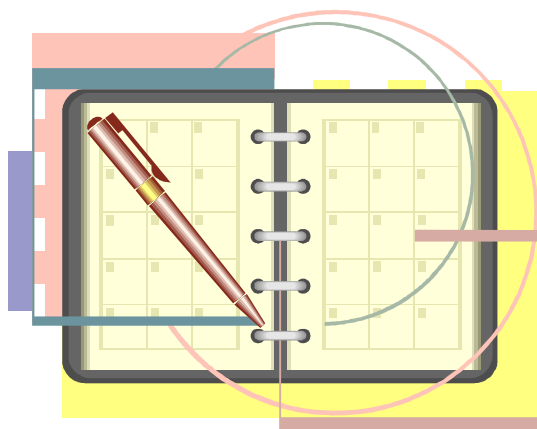
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CALENDAR

May 3 - San Carlos Lions Car Show, Central Middle School, San Carlos from 10am to 3pm. More info: Lion Ginger Silverman (650-400-2601)

May 6 - Redwood City Fair Oaks Cinco de Mayo Food Fest, 6pm RWC Fair Oaks Community Center, 2600 Middlefield Road, Redwood City - Reserve by April 26, Maria Sanchez (650) 363-8302

May 9 - South San Francisco Golden Gate Casino Night, 7:30pm, 230 Loon Court, Foster City. Bingo, Poker, Card Games and More. \$15/\$12. Info Lion Verdie Thompson (650) 341-1530

May 14 -17 District 4C4 Convention - Radisson Hotel, 500 Leisure Lane, Sacramento, Ca. Golf Tournament 11am May 14 Haggen Oaks Golf Course. Reservations Lion Mario Benavente (650) 892-2202

May 18 - Peninsula Council Meeting hosted by Millbrae Lions

May 30 - President-Elect Training Seminar, Oyster Pt. Yacht Club, SSF (all-day)

June 13 - Club Officer District Training & Orientation, Millbrae Rec. Center (9am-1pm)

June 20 - Millbrae Installation of Officers, 6:30pm South San Francisco Conference Center.

June 28 - Palo Alto Concours d'Elegance, Sand Hill Road at Pasteur Drive, Stanford University, Info - 650-813-1100 - www.paconcours.com Advance Admission: \$20, day of event \$25 - 12 and under free

August 9 - District Installation, SSF Conference Center (6pm)



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EYEGLOSS COLLECTION

Thank you to the Clubs that participated in this years eye glass collection day. We had over 20 clubs that delivered their glasses to the collection point. Lion Denise has the totals for each club .The winning clubs will be announced at the convention.

A special thanks to Lion Denise for letting us use the Daly City Food Pantry Building as the new collection point. Its out of the wind and cold, great place to use. Thank you Lion Denise and spouse Pat Kelly.

It would be great to see more clubs collecting glasses. I know that the cost of the official Lions boxes and the minimum that you have to buy is a little much. So to help out please contact Lion Randy from the Millbrae club, rfsahae@aol.com. She is trying to get clubs to go into together to purchase the minimum order.

Thank You, Lion Mike



VDG Message - Continued from Page 1

Seemingly, in the background of the activities is the delegate certification and the District's election. Saturday morning culminates with the voting of bylaw changes and the election of our District Governor, Vice District Governor and for the first time – 2nd Vice District Governor. Serious stuff, so please get informed and review the schedule.

The Cabinet Meeting reconvenes after breakfast with what many believe is the most important part of the convention – District awards and Club Contest winners. It is a brief time that we recognize and congratulate the many efforts of our members and clubs, capped with the crowning of the District's Top Club.

Saturday afternoon is simply a blast, beginning with the International Food Square. The diversity of our District is showcased by the different foods that are offered by our clubs. From Brisbane's popular bbq'd corn cobs to Nikkei's sushi, the courtyard is packed full of friends and family eating and socializing. The outdoor activity is briefly interrupted by the traditional, but unofficial initiation of club presidents. San Bruno, Millbrae and Pacifica normally entertain the crowd by their unusual introduction of their incoming leaders. (It is rumored that there is a plan to "initiate" the incoming DG).

As the sun gets lower, we prepare for the last gasp, the Governor's Cocktail Party and Gala Banquet. We are treated with our version of the "Red Carpet" as Lions and guests flock together in their formal best – evening gowns and white jacket tuxedos. It's a fitting event to allow our District Governor to shine and acknowledge another successful year of Lionism.

So, as you can imagine, District Convention is a tiring and sometimes brutal display of fellowship. It is fun and reward packed into one weekend. It is closure and rejuvenation. It is congratulations for a job well done and congratulations for a job well-earned. It is a wonderful time that all Lions should experience. Not even my words can accurately describe the electric environment – so you'll need to see for yourself.

I'll see you in Sac, VDG Ken



San Francisco Council Peace Officer and Firefighter Awards Pictures

(Special thanks to photographer Lion Theresa Garcia.)





4-C4 Convention May 15, 16, 17 Radisson Hotel, Sacramento

Registration packets have been sent to each club and include prices for 1-3 nights stays, including meals. The Convention Committee is tirelessly working to arrange a fun and enjoyable Lions event for all members and their guests. Please review the following schedule of events and make your plans accordingly.

Convention Schedule (Subject to change)

Thursday, May 14

- 11am Golf Tournament - Haggen Oaks Golf Course (See Calendar pg. 3)
- 3:00 - 5:00pm Registration & Certification
- 6:00pm Convention Chair's Cocktail Party
- Dinner on your own

Friday, May 15

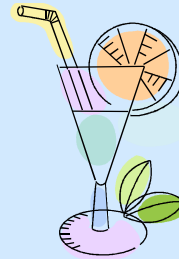
- 10:00 - 11:30am Registration & Certification
- 10:30am Partner In Service Social Hour
- 10:30am 2009 Convention Opening - Cabinet Meeting
- 12:00pm Luncheon - Honoring Club Presidents
- 12:30pm Barbershop Quartet Contest
- 1:00pm Candidates' Speeches & Demonstrations
- 2:15pm Time on your own
- 3:30pm Registration & Certification
- 4:15pm Costume Parade Contest
- 5:45pm Candidates' Cocktail Party
- 7:00pm Dinner
- 8:15pm Keynote Speech by Visiting International Director
- 9:30pm Amateur Show
- 11:00pm "Tube Steaks" - San Bruno Lions

Saturday, May 16

- 7:00am Gin Fizz "Eye Opener" - Burlingame Lions
- 7:00- 8:00am Registration & Certification
- 8:00am Breakfast
- 8:45am Memorial Service
- 9:00am Tail Twister Contest
- 9:00am-11:00am Voting
- 9:30am Convention Reconvenes
- 1:00pm Paddle Boat Races
- 1:00pm International Food Square
- 2:00pm Convention Activities Awards
- 2:30pm Meeting with International Director
- 3:30pm Initiation of Incoming Presidents
- 5:30pm Governor's Cocktail Party
- 7:30pm Gala Banquet - Honoring DG Emil & Cabinet

Sunday, May 17

- 8:00- 9:30am Continental Breakfast - Hosted by San Francisco & Peninsula Councils
- Have A Safe Trip Home



Convention Theme - The Spirit of Giving



Y Raffle

C I would like to thank all the Clubs that participated in this years YCA raffle. It was a great success, some clubs were down a little from years past , some clubs were above . All in all it was a great year. All the winners checks are out, all the club checks will be given out at the Convention. A special thanks to all of the distributors, with out their hard work this project would not get done. Once again thank you to all. Lion Mike



District Student Speaker Contest Winner !!

Burlingame High School's Rachel Gardner took District Honors on April 24 to advance in the competition. Rachel is a senior, attending USC in the fall, and received a \$4,500 scholarship prize from the Student Speaker Foundation.

Next step for Rachel is the Area Finals, May 16, at the Red Lion Inn in Sacramento. The winner of that contest advances to the finals held at the June 5-7 meeting of the Council of Governors in Palm Springs.

An Everyday Hero

Your Vice District Governor has been busy. On March 28th, he did a fundraiser at the San Francisco Bank of America building that resulted in climbing 50 flights of stairs in 15 minutes.

That evening he attended the 79th anniversary dinner/dance for the San Francisco Host Lions Club. Lion Ken was so tired from the Stairs that he had to leave a little early so he left his tickets for the drawing at the end of the dance.

At the drawing, VDG

Ken won two cash prizes, one for \$25 and the second for \$100. However, he was gone so we helped him donate the money back to the club for their medical mission.

Thanks to VDG Ken, someone will be able to see again. The contribution will pay for cataract surgery resulting on one person regaining their sight. Thanks Lion Ken.



HERO

International Hero Award Nominations are now available at the LCI website.

Do you know a deserving Lion? Nominate them!

Lion DG Emil



Lions In Passing - Sunshine Report

We are saddened to learn of the passing of Lion President Steve Hirobayashi's wife Ruth this past week. Our condolences and prayers to him and his family. Her service will be at the Chapel of the Chimes in Hayward on May 9, 2009 at 10am.

If you or your club would like a sunshine card sent to an ill Lion, please let me know and I will send one out to them. Please contact me at LionYvonne@gmail.com

To Boldly Go...

DG Emil and I had the opportunity to attend the Nikkei Lion's Cherry Blossom Festival in San Francisco's Japantown last weekend.

They had a Senior Appreciation Brunch with some Japanese dignitaries and local politicians and the Grand Marshall for the Cherry Blossom Parade, George Takei and his partner Brad Altman.

We were able to chat a bit with them and they were so nice. I also found out afterwards that it was also George's birthday that day.

Lion Yvonne Kantola



2007-2008 Rick Nuccitelli
District Award Winner
Lion Mike Simonini

LIONS CODE OF ETHICS

- To Show** my faith in the worthiness of my 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 or profit as 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 another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.
- Whenever** a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.
- To Hold** friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.
- Always** to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state, and my community, as to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act, and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.
- To Aid** others 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 understanding among the peoples of the world.
- To Promote** the principles of good government and good citizenship.
- To Take** an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.
- To Unite** the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.
- To Provide** a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.
- To Encourage** service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.



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