



Lion District Governor
Emil Kantola

I was asked why I picked the convention theme of “The Spirit of Giving”. It is because Christmas is my favorite time of the year. It is a time of Faith, Hope and Charity.

Not just faith in our god, but faith in our fellow man. It is the time of the year that we give the benefit of doubt to others. When someone makes an insensitive remark, we are quick to forgive or look the other way. When something goes wrong at work, in a project or at a meeting we do not offer blame but a helping hand.

Hope for those around us as well as our friends and family. Hope that we all will do better next year. Hope that we can help others that are in need. Hopeful that we will be out of the job of giving. We not only have hope for a brighter future, but also give hope to those in need.

Charity for all. Everyone is looking for that present that is ideal for that loved one, that gift that will be cherished. We offer charity, not just for loved ones, but also for those in need. It is the time of year that we look to the benefit of others.

However, the Lions motto of “We Serve” is the same as it is for the holidays. That of faith, hope and charity. We have faith in our fellow man with that light of hope for those in need. For Lions, the spirit of Christmas does not stop at the end of the year but last all year long. What better theme can there be for the convention other than the “Spirit of Giving”.

Happy Holidays to all.

Lion Emil Kantola
District Governor



Lion Vice District
Governor Ken Ibarra

Dear Friends,

This holiday season and the start of a new year provide a wonderful opportunity for us to send our warmest good wishes to each of you. This is the time for reflecting on the importance of friends and family and for thinking about the many good things we enjoy. It is also a time to think about how we can contribute to making the world a little better each day.

As we Lions focus on ways to achieve “Miracles through Service” and recognizing our “Everyday Heroes,” we are also working to realize our own dreams of peace, international understanding and goodwill. People everywhere, whether near or far away, need our support and caring to keep them safe and healthy in a sometimes uncertain world. There are countless ways Lions can make a positive difference for members of our communities and around the world.

Amy and I send you and your families our very best wishes for Peace, Joy, Hope, Health and Happiness in 2009.

In Lionism, **Lion Ken Ibarra, VDG**

LIONS DISTRICT 4-C4

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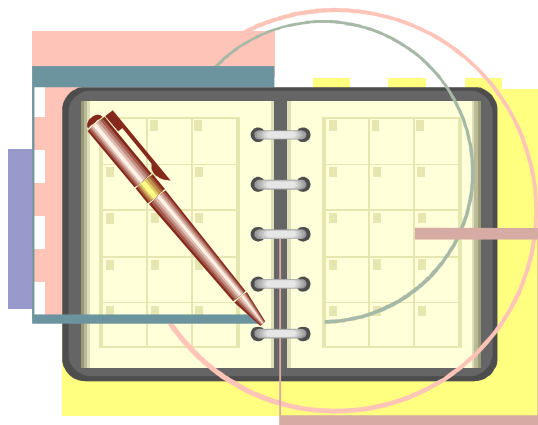
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CALENDAR

December 31 - South San Francisco Golden Gate New Year's Party, Clarion Hotel, 401 E. Millbrae Ave, Millbrae. 6pm. Dinner & Dance \$75. Info: Lion Priscilla Yusi, Cell: (415) 724-7819

December 31 - Hispanic New Year's Party, 7pm, Clarion Hotel, 401 E. Millbrae Ave, Millbrae. Semi-formal. Continuous music. \$75 inc. choice of entrée & champagne. Lion Rufino Ramos 925-978-042

January 18 - Pacifica 60th Anniversary Charter Night Celebration, Nick's Restaurant, 100 Rockaway-Beach, Pacifica. 5:30pm, \$28 per person, choice of entrée: deadline January 11, contact Lion Barbara Fields, (650) 359-1259

January 26 - Peninsula Council Meeting hosted by Burlingame Lions, details TBA.

January 28 - San Francisco Coordinating Council Meeting hosted by Bayview-Hunter's Point Lions, Italian-American Cultural Society Restaurant 25 Russia Avenue in San Francisco, 7pm, Lion Steva Haye at: (415) 505-7714

January 30 - Foster City Spaghetti and Bingo Fundraiser - Foster City Recreation Center, 650 Shell Blvd., 6pm. \$20 includes dinner and 3 bingo cards. Doors open 6pm. Contact Lion Carolyn Cox 650-377-0247.

February 19 - Belmont Student Speaker's Contest 6pm - Belmont City Hall, 1070 Sixth Avenue. Contact Lion Sylvia Chu at sylvia1234@hotmail.com or cell 415-699-0408

February 20 - District 4-C4 Fund-raiser for PDG Bob Smith MD-4 Endorsed Candidate for International Director - Crab and Pasta Feed, Foster City Recreation Center, 6pm, \$37.50. Send check payable to District 4-C4 to Lion Treasurer Rich Picchi, P.O. Box 1987, El Granada, Ca. 94018.

February 21 - 3rd District 4-C4 Cabinet Meeting - Hosted by Region 3 - 8:30am-1pm, Veteran's Memorial Senior Center, 1455 Madison Avenue, Redwood City, Ca 94061, \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Send check payable to District 4-C4 to Lion Treasurer Rich Picchi, P.O. Box 1987, El Granada, Ca. 94018.

February 23 - Peninsula Council Meeting hosted by Half Moon Bay Lions, more details TBA



Convention - May 14-17 2009 - The Spirit of Giving



Belmont Lions' 1st Annual Christmas Caroling for the Community- December 19, 2008

New Lions Jan and Nik of the Belmont Lions Club organized a wonderful project of Christmas caroling at two local senior centers on December 19. The Redwood Shores Lions also joined their voices with the Belmont Club. We sang Christmas carols, passed out our homemade cookies and visited with the senior residents. We are shown here at the Sunrise Assisted Living Center. In the photo are: Redwood Shores Lions (Lion Mary, her two sons, Lion Virgil) and the Belmont Lions (Lion Sylvia, Lion Elena, Lion Nik and Lion Jan).



Belmont Lions flip for Santa!

The Belmont Lions flipped pancakes and cooked breakfast for over 150 people at this year's Breakfast with Santa on December 6. This local event for the community offered a fun morning of pictures with Santa, face-painting for the little ones, performances by youngsters 4-8, and a show for all the kids featuring Jack Sparerib (a cousin of Jack Sparrow, from Pirates of the Caribbean)!

This was a joint event with volunteers from the Belmont Police Department and the Belmont Rotary.



News from Bayview Hunter's Point:

We participated in marching in the Unity Parade on Saturday, December 13, 2008. The parade started at Oakdale and Bayshore and ended at Oakdale and Third Street near the Bayview Opera House. The event started at 11:30 a.m.

We will also be participating at the XMAS Toy Drive scheduled at the Bayview Opera House. The event is scheduled starting at noon on Saturday, December 20, 2008. Our president, Lion Dr. James Calloway will be participating as Santa Claus.

The San Francisco Hispanic Lions Club - Announces for 2009

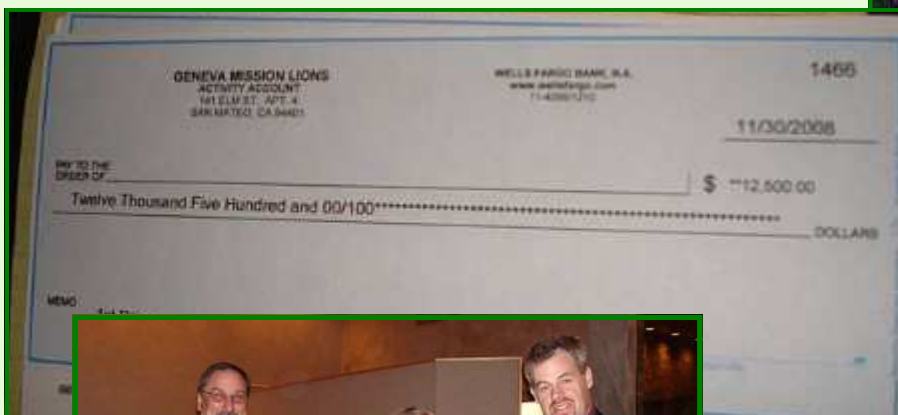
An all inclusive vacation trip to Punta Cana, Dominican Republic in the heart of the Caribbean. July 7 – July 14, 2009. Please visit www.lago-travel.com for more details or contact Lion Amparo Lago @ amparo7787@yahoo.com. \$100 per reser-



GENEVA MISSION LIONS CHARITY RAFFLE

The club's 30th Annual Giulio Francesconi Charity Raffle Drawing/Dinner took place at the I.A.S.C. A total of 97 raffle ticket purchasers and guests enjoyed the cold cuts, salad, spaghetti & meat balls dinner with wine coffee and ice cream.

265 raffle tickets were sold/purchased including three tickets given for services. The prize winners and respective ticket sellers were: 1st--\$12,500 Tom & Rose O'Connell (Johnson), 2nd--\$1,000 Linnie Faina (Johnson), 3rd--\$500 Andy & Lori Stoeppelwerth (Clews), 4th--\$250 Stephen Cornell (Straus). In addition there were six \$100 winners.





Dan White / George Moscone / Geneva-Excelsior Lions

With the recent release of the movie *Milk* and this year being the 30th anniversary of the SF City Hall shootings, our District 4-C4 had a Dan White connection.

Dan White was a supervisor representing the district where Geneva-Excelsior Lions served.

The was the first year city su-

pervisors were elected by district instead of city wide voting. The July 5, 1978 meeting was the first meeting of my presidency. I resurrected the enclosed copy of the club bulletin report on that meeting, where Dan White was the program speaker.

Also enclosed is a copy of a letter from slain Mayor George

Moscone discussion a campaign breakfast we had together when he was running for mayor.

Yours in Lonism
Lion Joe Farrah

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

The Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club meets on 1st, 2nd & 3rd Wednesday Evening, 7:30 p.m. at L & L Castle Lanes, 1750 Geneva Ave., (586-9550).

FIREWORKS - Total sales, a grand \$4,038.56. A special thanks and congratulations for doing a great job to Chairman Carl Muehlendorf and Elaine. Also, thanks to the Lions and their family who helped at the fireworks stand. The Daly City SkyLions will visit our club on July 19, and present us with a check for our Club's share of the proceeds. They are a great bunch of Lions and good guys to be associated with. Please show at this meeting.

SUBSTITUTE SPEAKER: Lion Information Officer Joe Giuffre gave the members an interesting outline of the structure of Lions International and the structure of Calif.-Nev. District 4. He talked about the election of directors and gave us some financial information. Thanks for filling in Lion Joe.

GUEST SPEAKER - Supervisor Dan White was able to appear later during our meeting. He answered many questions from the floor and he spoke at length about the City, the Geneva Excelsior District and Prop. 13. Thanks Program Chairman Ed Damonte for arranging to have this interesting representative of San Francisco at our meeting.

WARNING - TailTwister Ron Faina will be looking for lapel pins, particularly Past President pins, or "paga".

BARBECUE - Thursday evening, July 27, Redwood City Lions Club. At Huddart Park in Woodside. There will be a good group going from our club. This event is reported to be excellent food and sociability. Lions only, contact Lion Charlie Bottarini. Bring

CAVEL - Still missing!



GEORGE R. MOSCONE

STATE SENATOR / SAN FRANCISCO

March 26, 1975

Mr. Joseph Farrah
4470 Mission Street
San Francisco

Dear Joe:

It was a pleasure to meet with you yesterday morning at breakfast. I found it a fruitful and informative session for me and hope you considered it equally rewarding.

The issues we discussed, which require in-depth study, will be considered carefully, and I hope to be able to come up with solutions that will be of benefit to you in your community and the entire city.

Please feel free to call my district office at any time for assistance at 557-3801, or Mrs. Kadish at 777-0100.

It would be most gratifying to count on you as one of my supporters in the Mayoralty election this November.

Sincerely,

George R. Moscone

HERO

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

Do you know a deserving Lion? Nominate them!





STUDENT SPEAKER CONTEST

Greetings, Region and Zone Chair Lions!

The Belmont Lions Club is holding their Student Speaker Contest at 6pm on Thursday, February 19, 2009 at the Belmont City Hall, EOC, 2nd Floor.. If you have clubs in your region/zone who have student speaker contestants with scheduling conflicts for that club's contest date, please let all the clubs know that they are more than welcome to have the contestants compete in our contest. The more, the merrier!

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions!
Have a great Christmas and New Year's!!!!

Regards, Lion Sylvia M. Chu,
President- Belmont Lions Club



*Los mejores deseos
para todos durante esta
epoca navide.a y
durante el proximo
a.o nuevo!*

*Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year
Health, Prosperity,
Unification,
Si se puede.*

*S.F. Hispanic Lion Club
President Rufino
Ramos*

PDG Mel Philips is asking all Lions to look into their hearts and make a donation to the BURT CENTER for CHILDREN.

This children's center is located within San Francisco and is dedicated to providing intensive individual therapy, milieu therapy, residential care, family therapy and special educational services to severely emotionally disturbed children. The Center provides comprehensive year-round services that focus on preparing the children for successful reunification with parents, family, foster placements or a move to a lower level care. The Burt Center is a level 12 Facility.

Type of Donation: Games and or sporting equipment for children ages 6-11, both boys and girls.
Monetary Donations of any amount over \$5.00.

The web address of the center is <http://www.burtchildrenscenter.org>. I am sure you will see why I along with the Castro Lions Club support this program. To Donate: Contact Lion Mel Directly @ melephillips@yahoo.com or (650)873- 9166 or mail to, 517 Cherry Ave San Bruno.

You will here much more about BURT Children's Center and the work they do starting in January.
Thank you in advance, Lion PDG Mel Phillips



LOCAL HEROES

The Day After Christmas

'Twas the day after Christmas, and all through the house,
Every creature was hurtin', even the mouse.
The toys were all broken, their batteries dead;
Santa passed out, with some ice on his head.

Wrapping and ribbons just covered the floor,
while upstairs the family continued to snore.
And I in my T-shirt, new Reeboks and jeans,
went into the kitchen and started to clean.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the sink to see what's the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the curtains, and threw up the sash.

When what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a little white truck, with an oversized mirror.
The driver was smiling, so lively and grand;
The patch on his jacket said "U.S. Postman".

With a handful of bills, he grinned like a fox,
Then quickly he stuffed them into our curb box.
Bill after bill, after bill, they still came.
Whistling and shouting he called them by name:

"Now Dillard, now Broadway, now Penney's and Ward;
Here's Robinson, Saks -- no more can you afford.
To the tip of your limit, every store, every mall,
You charged away -- charged away -- charged away all!"

He whooped and he whistled as he finished his work,
He filled up the box, and then turned with a jerk.
He sprang to his truck and he drove down the road,
Driving much faster now, with just half a load.

Then I heard him exclaim with great holiday cheer,
"Enjoy what you got -- you'll be paying all year!"





Lions In Passing - Sunshine Report

Grace San Filippo, widow of SF Bayview Lions Past-President Sam San Filippo, passed away December 9th at the age of 87. Grace had worked as a supervisor at Wells Fargo Bank for 20 years. She is survived by three children, twelve grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Services were held for Grace December 13th followed by a reception at the I.A.S.C., where Sam had been a past-president.

From LCI International: Drug Prevention Resources

Lions Clubs International has joined a coalition of community groups to support the Office on National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP)'s endeavor to make parents aware of the dangers of drug and alcohol use in teens.

The ONDCP has made resources available to help parents prevent children's risky behavior, and to help develop healthy teens. The flyers listed below can be used to support parents and educators in their efforts to prevent activities such as combining prescription drugs and alcohol or other illegal substances.

http://www.theantidrug.com/pdfs/Polydrug-OL-Final_Color.pdf

http://www.theantidrug.com/pdfs/SCHOOL_ad.pdf

For additional resources to help parents: <http://www.theantidrug.com/>

LCI Now Has It's Own YouTube Channel

See Lions videos at <http://www.youtube.com/lionsclubsorg>
(VERY IMPRESSIVE - your editor)

Water – Will California be left high and dry?

Student Speaker Contest Topic



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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