



# LIONS DISTRICT 4-C4



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## 4C4 Lions and Clubs Named Finalists at MD-4 Convention



The following Lions and Clubs were named **finalists** in the 2008-2009 MD4 Acad-

emy Awards, recognizing the Best of Lions in California: Best Service Project - Large Club: Millbrae Lions - Youth Fingerprinting Program Best Service Project - Small Club: SF Premier Lions - Medical Mission

MD4 Lion of the Year: PDG Mel Phillips  
Kay & Denise Fukushima Couple of the Year: Roger & Maggie Gulen  
Leo of the Year: Alex Lee, Millbrae Leos  
In addition, I am proud to announce that the SF Hispanic Lions have been named the 9th Best Club of California (out of 449 clubs total) with **+11 net members** for the first half of the 2009 - 2010 year. The Top 10 Clubs were honored at the MD4 Leadership Luncheon on Friday.



Although our finalists did not win, on behalf of CC Emil and VDG's Mike and Esther, I wish to express my overwhelming pride and congratulations to our District finalists and awardees.  
DG Ken

## Student Speakers Talk Health Care

It's time once again for students across the district to speak their minds. The topic? "Universal Healthcare: How Will It Affect Us?" In total, 17 clubs have speakers competing. At the club contest in Millbrae I was very impressed with the extensive preparation our four contestants had done. "There is no other program offered that prepares student speakers the way the Lions Contest does" said one high school advisor, "I have done the



**SSF Host**

research and yours is the only experience at this level, not even Toastmasters can match it." After students compete at the club level they move on to Zone and Region contests.

Winners advance to the District 4C4 Finals Friday, April 30, (calendar pg. 2). Our young people have very strong opinions about Universal Healthcare, pro and con, and the future is in their hands. *Lion Randy Sahae, 1st VP Millbrae, and 4C4 Bulletin Editor.*



## SF TCCWA Lions Club - Toy Giveaway

Thank you to District 4C4 Lions who helped save the day at our TCCWA Lions Club Toy Giveaway on January 9, 2010, held at the Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts in San Francisco. Lion PDG Ray Rosenthal and Lion Sandee Ige spearheaded the last minute food preparation, for the 100 children and 200 adults in attendance. Lion Lillian Khan brought cupcakes for the children, thank you to Chinatown Lions for volunteering with service and cleanup, thank you Lion Margaret Lee for pouring the wine, Thank you Castro Lions for buying the wine and thank you Lion

Richard Mendoza for taking the pictures. Lion Maria Gonzalez collected and brought all the toys to the cultural center big thank you hug to Lion Dennis Hale for the donation of 25 beautiful toys. This all came together with a 24 hour notice when we learned the cultural center had not ordered food. The Lions stepped in and the event became amazing!!! Maria Gonzalez sang with the Baroque chorus and the Lions gave out lots of toys and food. Great Job Lions!!!

And Thank You, thank you...

Maria Gonzalez, Pres. TCCWA Lions

**SF Nikkei**

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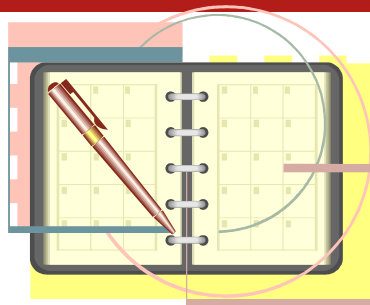
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## 2009-2010 CALENDAR

Feb 27 - **Foster City Crab Feed, Raffle & Dance** - 6pm, Foster City Rec Center, 650 Shell Blvd, Foster City. \$37.50. Info: Lion Carolyn Cox (650) 377-0247

Feb 27 - **Membership Chair Workshop** - See article page 5

Mar 6 - **Millbrae Marinated Crab Feed, Raffle & Dance** - 6pm St. Dunstan's Hall, 1133 Broadway, Millbrae, \$42 - Live Music by "Above the Law". (650) 583-2139

Mar 13 - **Ocean Ingleside 25th Anniversary Fundraising Trip to RedHawk Casino** - 7:15am to 4pm. \$30.00 with \$15/refund \$5 food. Reserve by Feb 27. Info: Lion Melba Henderson (650) 871-0406.

Mar 20 - **Region One South Student Speaker Contest** - 12pm sharp, Bayview Hunter's Point Senior Center, 1706 Yosemite Ave @ Third Street, San Francisco. Info: Lion Katie Dawson (415) 699-9465.

Mar 20 - **Millbrae Corned Beef & Cabbage St. Patty's - 1stVDG Mike Fundraising Dinner** - Millbrae Community Center, 477 Lincoln Circle, Millbrae, \$25, contact Lion Lynn Azzopardi ariesazzo@aol.com by March 1.

Mar 24 - **SF Coordinating Council hosted by SF Nikkei Lions** - details TBA

Mar 26 - **Peninsula Council Peace Officers and Fire Fighters Awards** - 6:15pm, Crowne Plaza, 1221 Chess Drive, Foster City, \$45, Lion Al Thomas (650) 493-4476, Keynote by Condoleezza Rice. See info page 5.

Mar 27 - **SF Host Fundraiser Dinner Dance** - 6pm, Buri Buri Social Hall, 33 Arroyo Drive, SSF. \$35 Reservations and information: Lion Henry (650) 580-9360, Lion Pat (415) 602-4425

April 3 - **SF Chinatown 44th Annual Miss Teen Chinatown Scholarship Charity Gala** - SSF Conference Ctr., Lion Grace Chang at 415-433-6780, 415-819-3833 **SAVE the DATE**

April 3 - **YCA Raffle Dinner/Drawing** - Oyster Pt. Yacht Club. Reserve by March 29.

April 3 - **San Mateo Legacy Through Giving Fashion Gala** - Hyatt Regency Hotel, SFO, (408) 666-7723. legacythroughgiving@gmail.com

April 23 - **SF Council Peace Officers & Fire Fighters Award Night** - 6pm, Patio Espanol, 2850 Alemany Blvd., San Francisco. \$50 per person, reserve by April 15. Contact Dr. James Calloway (415) 240-6086

April 25 - **SF Hispanic Latino Spring Month Dance** - 12:30pm St. Finn Barr Church, 415 Edna St, San Francisco, Live Music, Raffle, More!, \$20 donation, send check to: S.F.H. L.C -1511 Cajon Ct. Antioch, Ca. 94509

April 30 - **4C4 District Finals, Student Speaker Contest**, 7pm, Foster City Library Community Center, 1000 E. Hillsdale, Foster City, Ca.

**May 20-23 - Magical Mystery Tour - District 4C4 Convention, Red Lion in Sacramento, more info pg 3.**

June 6 - **San Carlos "Parade Your Pride" Car Show** - contact Ginger (650) 400-2601

June 12 - **4C4 President-Elect Training Seminar** - 9am to 3pm. Save the Date! More details TBA.

June 19 - **4C4 Club Officer Training Workshop** - 9am to 1pm, Millbrae Recreation Center, 477 Lincoln Circle, Millbrae. Save the Date!

June 19 - **Millbrae 73rd Installation of Officers** - Clarion Hotel, Millbrae. Save the Date!

June 29 - **MD-4 Caucus Breakfast** for those going to the International Convention, Info: 1st VDG Mike Simonini.

Aug 15 - **District 4C4 Installation of Officers** - Save the Date

Sept 11 - **Lions Eye Foundation of California-Nevada Gala Dinner Dance** - Hyatt Regency SFO in Burlingame, Keynote by Lions International President Sid Scruggs 2010-2011. Info: PDG Maxine (650) 991-0754





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## FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

### What's it going to take?

All year I have been promoting my motto, "It's Up to You." My mantra is directed to each member – asking them to make their own personal commitment to Lions. Whether you're an active member, working and helping your club at every step, or you are a "part-time" member, picking your "spots" and maintaining a steady, but limited involvement. Both ways are perfectly fine – plus everything in between. I truly believe that "It's Up to You" has made many of us pause and reconsider our stake in Lions. I hope it has strengthened our members and clubs.

However, there's another "motto" that I have grown to embrace. It's a simple statement, a brief question that, as a leader, rings in my ears. It's a question that is constantly asked and challenged.

### What's it going to take?

Do you realize that this is an ever-present question in what Lions do? If it isn't, it should be. It is the gauge for how we proceed in nearly every movement, project and goal.

What's it going to take to get more members to attend our meetings?

What's it going to take to get new members in our club?

What's it going to take to raise more money to help the needy?



What's it going to take to continue improving our communities?

The "Question" should also be ringing in each Lions' ears. We all lead busy and active lives. Many of us are struggling a bit or a lot, and may question the value in being a Lion during difficult times. We need assurance that our time is not wasted, we need to know that the commitments and sacrifices we make for Lions is relevant. So go ahead and ask the question. What's it going to take for me to get more involved in my club? What's it going to take for me to be a better leader? What's it going to take to make me a proud Lion?

I think you get the message.

I am very proud to be a Lion and to be your District Governor. I care deeply for each member and club – wanting to do all I can to help strengthen and grow. But, you need to keep asking the question "What's it going to take?" It is up to you.

With Love and Service,

**DG Ken**

PS: I'd like to express my extreme thanks and congratulations to Region Three, especially to Region Chair Doug Borland and Zone Chairs Jon, Al and Ken, for the wonderful 3rd District Assembly. The planning, organization, implementation and fun were more than I could have imagined. Thank you also to the clubs and members who helped and participated AND to the warm hospitality bestowed on all of our visiting guests. It was a great day to be a Lion!



## FROM THE 1st VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Hello Fellow Lions,

Wow, is time flying by, just got back from the

MD-4 Convention held in Riverside. Nothing like the Bay Area! The convention was interesting.

For those of you that are going to the International Convention in Sydney, we have tickets for the MD-4 Breakfast Caucus, only \$10.00 US, as they say. The breakfast is on June 29th at 7:00 am. We hope to see a lot of District Lions there.

The 3rd Assembly Meeting is this weekend, Saturday February 20th (I know that you will be reading this after the fact) but I needed words to fill out my message.

The Merlo Team is still working on new members, old members (years of service), in other words all types of members as well as new clubs. You will hear more in the upcoming days.

Out District Convention planning is going great, it will be a fun convention. We need to have a record turn out this year. New members come to the convention and see what we are really like when we let our hair down (well for those with hair).

The District Installation is August 15, 2010 – Save the Date!

Until we meet again.

Thank you, 1st VDG Mike Simonini

# Magical Mystery Tour

**May 20-23, Red Lion Inn, 1401 Arden Way, Sacramento.**

The District Convention is right around the corner. Each club should have received a packet with convention forms, including registration for contests, hospitality suites, attendees, and a draft of the schedule. The

theme is the **Psychedelic 60's**, so bring those bell bottoms and tie-dyed T-shirts out of mothballs and reconnect with your inner hippie. Don't miss the DG and VDG Elections, Amateur Show, International Food Fair, Barbershop Quartet Contest, Costume Parade, and Tail Twister Contest.

*Be there or be square !!!*

INFO: Convention Chair: PDG Al Russell 650-364-1318, [arussell@cashincom](mailto:arussell@cashincom),  
Housing Chair: PDG Maxine Frazier, 650-991-0754, [pdgfraz58@yahoo.com](mailto:pdgfraz58@yahoo.com), and  
Registration Chair CC Emil Kantola, 650-355-3526, [lionkantola@gmail.com](mailto:lionkantola@gmail.com)



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## FROM THE 2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

We just completed our Third Assembly Meeting which happens to be the endorsement of candidates for the District positions 2nd, 1st VDG and DG and I got a little emotional while giving my speech.

While it is true that we are all volunteers, Lionism needs dedication, knowledge and commitment from us and having a family you need to create a balance. I'm thankful to my family for their support and understanding.

My guests were 2nd VDG Cathy Hudson and Lion Ron from District 4-C3 with their granddaughter Nicole. The Assembly Meeting went well, the tables were overflowing with notices of club events and great food too. Plan ahead, especially for the upcoming convention in May.

This month was truly hectic due to back to back Council of Governors and MD-4 convention from Feb 2nd to Feb 7th, followed by almost nightly club visitations and West Portal canvassing on some days.

Whether visiting, attending a meeting or classes, these are all opportunities to meet the Lions in our district, another district, increase/update or improve information we have, and exchange ideas.

So try to attend orientations and other trainings offered to you our members. Being a knowledgeable member makes you more connected and accomplishments more meaningful. February 27 is the training for Membership chairs or their alternate. Mark your calendar. Until next month.....

Lion Esther Lee 2nd VDG



## SF Hispanic Valentine's Day Event:

Thank you to the following clubs for their support:

- 1-S.F.Host Lions Club
- 2-S.F.Ocean Ingleside Lions Club
- 3-San Bruno Lions Club
- 4-S.F.Bay Lions Club



President Lion Vilma busy at work in the Kitchen; together with Lions Josie, Diana, Teresa and other prospective members. . . . . Future Leo's Club already doing volunteer help and raising funds for their Leo's Club. Invited guest & members danced their shoes off. . . . . The Band played superb, raffles were outstanding, it was just fun & lot of more fun. . . The Hispanic Lions Club invites you to their Spring Party event on Sunday the 25th, of April, 2010. See Calendar page 2 for more information. *Lion R Ramos*



## Crab Feed







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guard" of veterans proceeding in for "posting of colors"; continued with the "Star Spangled Banner" led by Lion "Sergeant Major" Dick along with the invocation by PDG "Captain" George Habeeb. After several acknowledgements from Lion "Khaki" Rich Lee & PDG "Captain" Al Russell the room again burst alive with more music, eating, dancing & reveling. Vocalist LynAnn King and her velvet voice added to the entertainment along with Lion Eleanor Lindquist.



As the excitement lasted late into the evening it was the general consensus that this event was successful beyond expectations and plans for next year are already in everyone's mind. Over 60 last minute reservations had to be turned away due to the full crowd.

Thank you PDG "Corporal" Roger Chinn and all who put this special night together including all who attended and participated. We all had a wonderful time and look forward again to the next USO event. *Lion PCL Secretary/ Bulletin Editor Paul Larson, Millbrae*

**Lions Go All Out with a Spectacular Salute to the USO**  
"A lot more than coffee & donuts": On the evening of Saturday, January 16, 2010 Lions from all over District 4-C4 along with guests, military personnel and veterans descended upon the Foster City Rec. Center for a fun & music filled event: "A Tribute to the USO". This inaugural 1940's WWII themed dance was organized as a fundraiser for Lions Veteran's Charities and the USO. Cars were seen arriving early with passengers wearing uniforms from every branch of the military U.S. Navy, Army, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard mixed in with various other military costumes & 1940's themed attire.

Guests entering the main room were awed by decorations of camouflage surrounded by a sea of tables. Lion "Sergeant Major" Dick Kishimoto kicked off the cocktail hour with swing favorites from "Glenn Miller", "Benny Goodman", "The Andrew Sisters" & more as revelers filled the dance floor grooving to the hepcat beat. Guests in uniform were offered a complementary cocktail from the bar, and Leos wearing "cigarette girl" attire roamed the



room offering "candy" cigarettes for purchase.

As the guests mingled they discovered a delicious array of buffet foods & cakes put together by the Foster City Lions, along with silent auction prizes orchestrated by Lion "Lieutenant Colonel" Verdine Thompson; Lion "Hot Lips" Theresa Garcia & Lion "Martha Stewart" Helen Olson. Opening ceremonies at around 7:00 PM started off with a "color

**FREE**

## MEMBERSHIP CHAIR WORKSHOP

Saturday, February 27, 2010  
9:30am-11:30am  
Oyster Point Yacht Club  
911 Marina Blvd., SSF

**FREE**

Open to ALL Club Membership Chairpersons. Learn techniques for inviting and recruiting members. Share best practices with other clubs in small group discussions. (If your Membership Chair cannot attend, please send a club representative, preferably the Incoming President. No club should be absent.) Only one representative per club please. For questions or more information: PDG Ray Rosenthal at (650) 574-1043 or rosieinc@comcast.net



**More Nikkei Crab Feed**



The Peninsula Council of Lions Cordially Invites You to the:

## 45th Annual Police and Firefighters Award Banquet

honoring the Peace Officers & Firefighters who serve and protect the communities in San Mateo County and the City of Palo Alto  
Friday, March 26, 2010, 6:15 pm Reception 7:30 pm Dinner  
Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1221 Chess Drive, Foster City, CA 94404

**Master of Ceremonies** Bay Area Television Newscaster **Mr. Vic Lee**  
**Keynote Speaker ~ Former U.S. Secretary of State Ms. Condoleezza Rice**

\$45 per person Semi-Formal

Reserve by March 22nd to: Lion Al Thomas, Palo Alto Host Lions  
P.O. Box 1704, Los Altos, CA 94023, Tel: (650) 493-4476  
Make Checks Payable to the **Peninsula Council of Lions**





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## UPDATE

PDG Roger Chinn is asking all Lions to once again help our veterans!

Everyone was very generous last year, but USO at SFO serves 1600-2500 troops per month and will be out of coffee by the end of March. Can you help again? Donate coffee, or write a check to Lions Veterans Charities.

Another project which we have expanded this year throughout 4-C4 is collecting and shipping personal supplies to our troops. Our men and women in remote areas, especially in war zones, have been without personal items due to the lack of facilities. We have developed a list of those needs and received donations from clubs, which we then box and send off to troops, to units and location recommended by senior officers or organizations. To date, we have sent out 10 shipments of 780 pounds of personal needs.

Other News: LVC is now entering our ninth year of hosting veterans on all-day, all-paid fishing trips in San Francisco Bay or out in the Pacific; the veterans are patients of the Palo Alto VA Hospital in Menlo Park. We have found that the trips have been helpful towards uplifting the spirit of our veterans, away for a day from doctors, nurses, medication and treatments. This past one-half Lions' year, we were co-hosted by nine of our Lions Clubs and the San Francisco Police Department. More info? Contact us!

For more information contact PDG Roger Chinn: Lions Veterans Charities, Inc.  
833 Constitution Drive, Foster City, 94404  
(650) 345-2877 roger@chinnassociates.com

## Leading the Way

Congratulations to: Lion Mario Benavente, San Bruno Lions and Lion Steve Picchi, Half Moon Bay Lions, recent graduates from the MD-4 Leadership Institute.



## February 7: Super Bowl Sunday.

The Capuchino Leo Club held a breakfast fund raiser to raise money for there scholarship fund. San Bruno Lion President Isaac Mejia owner Chef of Don Pico's opened the restaurant from 9A.M. to 12 Noon. The Cap Leos Club were the servers and bus staff. A lot of fun was had by all thank you Lions for supporting the Leos Clubs.

District 4-C4 Leo Club Ad visor Smitty



## SF HOST MEDICAL MISSIONS



On January 17 a group of doctors, nurses, dentists and volunteers traveled through the mountainous roads of Benguet, Philippines to serve people devastated by recent typhoons. Lions Roger and Maggie Gulen were part of



the Optometry Team, Lion Dr. Herman Valle of SF host and Lion Dr. Augusto Valera of Fil-Am were part of the Surgery Team. Patients filled the halls of Benguet General Hospital from early in the morning for free services. At the end of the week, a total of 1167 patients were given corrective or reading glasses, 115 patients were referred to local optometrists or ophthalmologists and 500 patients were given sunglasses or frames.

On January 25th, Lion President Maggie Gulen headed a group of Lions to Manggahan Subic, Olongapo for the SF Host Medical, Dental and Eye Care Mission. At 7am people started filling up the barrio hall set up for the mission. They waited patiently for their turn to consult with a doctor about  
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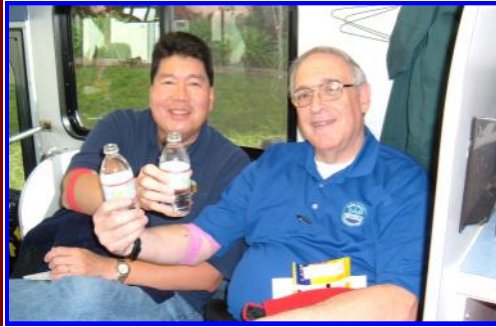


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## WE SERVE (Good Food!)

Bayview Hunter's Point Lions  
Bayview Hunter's Point Lions has served 150 hot dinners and 285 food bags so far, as of February 20th. Every Wednesday night we take a large pot of soup to different homeless shelters. We serve them bread and fruit with the soup. Every Wednesday and Friday morning we take a truck out the Sunset and pick up food to feed the hungry outside the Rose Home. Lion 1st VP Gwen Strain



## RED BLOODED LIONS!

Fourteen donors were willing to bleed for the cause at the January 23rd blood drive at the Millbrae Rec Center.

The Millbrae Lions partnered with the Millbrae Senior Advisory Committee to run their annual blood drive during the Senior Health Faire. Lions Calvin Chin, Cindy Silva, Doug Callahan and Dan Quigg plus our angels Judy Craighead and Jeanne Ledbetter all came to donate. We were especially thrilled to have visiting Daly City Host Lion Aaron Straus as a donor. Thank you to all who supported this worthy cause.

Lion 1st VP Randy Sahae



## SF Host Medical Missions

*SF Host Mission, continued from pg. 6:*

.... ailments, such as coughing, stomach ache and skin diseases, as well as to have teeth pulled, receive reading glasses and vitamins. A total of 1136 patients were served by the group, including SF Host Henry Lasat and Espie Agbayani.

Next, Lions Maggie and Roger headed for the town of Alaminos City, to Balangobong Elementary School, where they distributed school supplies, dictionaries, wall clocks, books and magazines, donated by SF Host members and friends. Used clothing, shoes, vitamins and medicines were also distributed



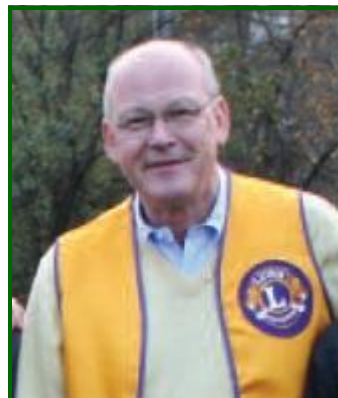
**HAPPY THIRD ANNIVERSARY  
to the BAYVIEW HUNTERS  
♥ POINT LIONS CLUB! ♥**



International Convention June 28 - July 2, Sydney, Australia.



This year's International Convention will feature the Global Youth Music Competition Finals. More information at the Lions International Website: [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)



to the poor in that barrio. Lion Roger noted that out-of-school youth needed something to divert their energy and he helped to organize a youth basketball team. A group of 19 players happily agreed, and a donation of \$1,500 was given for uniforms and shoes. The winning San Francisco Host Lions Balangobong Basketball Team was formed.

The medical mission eye care continued wherever Lion Roger went. People sought him out for eyeglasses or sunglasses. What else could one say when an old man approaches you in a crowded place, takes off his eyeglasses and says, "this is the pair you gave me 2 years ago when you did a mission here in town". It makes you smile and feel proud to be a Lion.



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## District Assembly February 20: Abbreviated / Unaudited Minutes

Opening remarks from DG Ken: Welcomed Lions, and special guests. Awarded Governor Appreciation awards to: Al Hernandez, Bree Jones, Bertie Thompson, Gwen Strain, PDG Elma, "my lola". President's award for club growth to SF Hispanic. "Make use of today, be relevant today, listen to our guests and to each other."

Cabinet Secretary Rudy P. Roll Call: Present: Belmont, Brisbane, Burlingame, Daly City Host, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Half Moon Bay, MP Host, Millbrae, Pacifica, Palo Alto Host, RWC Fair Oaks, RWC Sunrise, RW Shores, San Bruno, San Carlos, SF Bayview HP, SF Chinatown, SF Circle, SF Fil-am, SF Geneva Mission, SF Hispanic, SF Host, SF Korean Am, SF Marina NB, SF Merced Heights, SF Nikkei, SF Ocean Ingleside, SF Park Presidio, SF Premiere, San Mateo, SSF GG, SSF Host,

Treasurer's Report Lion Toni Nava: Admin fund balance \$17,666.30 YCA Fund: \$33,524.33. Designated Funds \$20,122.57.

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Mike Simonini: Welcome back Lion Rudy from sickness. Getting ready for next year. MERLO team working, District Elect training. Need to see you all at convention.

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Esther: DG Ken to report about new SF West Portal club. Second district canvassing Feb. 9, Will continue and follow up next meeting. Continuing to canvas merchants, residents, fire chiefs, and more in preparation.

Region One North Chair: Margaret Lee: SF Sunset 8 members, SF NC 14, SF China 65, SF GM 34 SFA 33, SFTWPCC 15, SF Mar 26 SF Nik 36, SF Park Gate 11, SF Park Presid 18, SF

Castro 41, total 301 members. Many events since last Dist. Assembly, shared that SF Nikkei crab feed was wonderful, raised \$7,000. SFTWA Toy Drive, raised \$9000. SF Christmas Ball Chinatown raised close to \$10,000.

Region One South Chair: Katie Dawson, SF Hispanic top prize for most new members in district, four more this month that can't be counted. SF Premiere Medical Mission very active, shining example to all clubs. SF Hisp 66, SF Merced Hts 10, SF Ocean Ingleside 18, SF State 28, SF Highlands 35, also working on medical mission. SF Premiere 26, also active Leo club, SF BVHP 18, SF Bay 15, SF Fil-Am 28, SF Circle 26, SF Host 38. Total 151.

Region Two: Mario Benevente: Daly City Host, Daly City GateWay, SSF Host, SSF, Brisbane, San Bruno, Millbrae, Burlingame, Many club fundraisers, Bowling, Bingo, Crab, Turkey Bowl and Lost Lion Rosie Gero(?) just passed away.

Region Three: Doug Borland, 329 members, gained 27 new members, lost 36 members. Activities included: MP Host and Palo donated over \$102,000 to charities. Belmont held American Idol event, RWC Sunrise had Dream Car Show, San Mateo Movie Night at halfway house, San Carlos raised \$7150 at last crab feed. Clubs in region strong and giving lots back.

Multiple District Report: Lion Ken: Received recognition at MD4 convention, (see article pg 1), honored Lion Katie Dawson, eagle endowments for soaring membership award presented.

Club Contest: Lion Denise Kelly, Deadline April 7, otherwise not counted. Sunday March 28 eyeglass collection in Daly City, Trophy winners from last year need to turn in trophies prior to convention, contact Lion Denise.

Environmental Photo Contest: Lion Verdie Thompson, Ocean Ingleside. The 4C4 district winner, Rosie Jones. Then, photo submitted to MD4 in March, won MD4 contest. Photo was of Lions tree planting.

Lions Veterans Charities: Roger Chinn, showed box of cell phones, we will get phones and phone cards given to troops overseas so they can call home for free. Also reported on USO support and new donations needed (see article page 6). Y&CA Tickets Frances Tolosa: Ticket sales going well, as of now, anticipating \$160,207 total sales. Due date March 15 to return tickets to your distributor. Saturday April 3 drawing dinner at Oyster Pt Yacht club 6:30. Reserve by April 1. Head count needed by March 29.

Student Speakers: Alan Hafter, 17 clubs participated in contest, 8 zone contests, R3 Z2 tba, R2 Z1 Feb 23rd Burlingame 6:30pm R3Z3 Feb 25 Menlo Park 7pm, R2Z2 March 6th Burlingame 10am, R1N-Z1 March 7th 2pm, R3 Z1 Weds March 10 FC Council Chambers, R1sZ2 March 13th 1:30pm Mercy HS SF, R1N22 tba. District Contest April 30 at 7pm, more information packets etc see Alan.

Dick Kishimoto Student Speaker Foundation: Collected \$925 for 2009-2010. Goal was \$4500. It provides scholarship funds for students. Read email from previous winner expressing sincere thanks. "Profoundly influenced by collegiate experience. Pre-med at Stanford, many amazing and fulfilling experiences, Stanford not cheap to attend, tuition keeps increasing, with help from generous foundations like the Lions students are able to attend schools like Stanford, Berkeley, etc." Participated in Student Speaker Contests, finalist first time, then lost to champion in next to final round. Life long friendship with Lions and \$15,000 scholarship from Lions. With this assistance can choose what college to attend without having to consider finances. "Realizing my dreams, pursuing a career in medicine .... This journey would have been excruciatingly more difficult without the Lions. You have taught me to give. I will hold this lesson in my heart." Aksani Williams.

Lion Toni Navi Peninsula Council: March 26th Police and Fire Awards, reservations needed ASAP, almost sold out. Have 425 so far, only 500 seats. Give to Lion Al Thomas Palo Alto Host, Keynote by Condoleeza Rice Over 40 awardees this year. . . . Continued next page....

**Clubs are invited to submit dates for installations in advance. Send to [4c4newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:4c4newsletter@gmail.com)**





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## District Assembly February 20: Abbreviated minutes *continued:*

SF Council Lion Lynn Morete: Patio Espanol site of Police and Firefighters Award Dinner, also, Feb 24 Council Meeting host Ocean Ingleside.

Coordinating Council of Lions International Convention: PCC Bob Smith – Spoke Re: International Convention - Sydney Convention June 29 – July 2, incoming DG training, including evaluation for Lion Mike S, on Friday when Votes in and new IP sworn in, all District Governors, tag comes off VDG badge and becomes DG elect, very emotional experience. Lots of seminars, opening session with country flags is inspirational, global youth music competition, Lion Ken heartily endorsed attending saying we need to support Lion Bob Smith for International Director! Proud of him as friend of our district.

Lion Ray Rosenthal – Call for donation assistance for Haiti, including consider Melvin Jones awards for deserving Lions in your clubs.

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Mike on MERLO: Class for membership chairs each club, (see pg 5) 45 clubs in district, expect 45 clubs to be represented! Very intense two hours. Membership is our life blood. Following month March 13 orientation for new members. M: Membership PDG Ray: Encouraged all to attend workshop. Orientation is important, what we do, how we do it, where we do it, who does what, the districts keep the O. Lion Ron Fenech: Orientation is where we all begin becoming Lions. Pays off from year to year to year. If your club is struggling, you should especially be there. 123 new members in this district as of yesterday. Unfortunately lost 160. Majority of those who dropped were members less than one year, never knew what it was to become a Lion. June 12 Incoming Presidents whole day president elect training. June 19 club officer training and orientation. Half day. These are "Leadership". Extension-looking at SF West Portal. Another club about to form: Charter application – Amy Fink Special Olympics Lions Club, seven members already, looking for three more.. first SA in Northern California, fourth in the world. Anyone with a special interest should consider participating.

PDG Phillips: Long Range Planning. District Guideline Manual submitted, cabinet and district governor to evaluate. Re: Constitution and Bylaws proposing change to be voted this year's convention: Create anew district MERLO structure and program, to re-create total MERLO program, complete operational system method



along with continuity for several years. DG and Cabinet Secretary evaluating. After review it will be mailed out at least 30 days before convention.

Flag Day: Marion Mann – Described DC Host Flag Day program as an example. Many students in that district are first generation Americans, very important program for them. Within just a few minutes of the beginning of the presentation students stop fidgeting and are engrossed in the history and significance of the stars and stripes. Offered demonstration regarding stars with assistance of PCC Bob Smith and has kits for any clubs interested in beginning this program. Other things to demonstrate, how to cut a five point star, how to fold a flag, show pictures of flags through the years.

Kases for Kids Program – Lion Helen Olson: No clubs in our district supporting this. MD-4 Endorsed program, at website there is video regarding the Fairfield Lions who won the Bay Area Jeppeson Award for their work on Kases for Kids. Many children are removed from their homes every year due to neglect, abuse, domestic violence or arrest of their parents. Child Protective Services. In California 500,000 referrals to CPS per year. 20% on average result in action. Of those 25-30% are removed from their parents, very traumatic, can be late at night, etc, the kids have to put their belongings in a garbage bag. That's where Kases for Kids comes in, collect, refurbish or buy new backpacks with toiletries, school supplies, stuffed animals, and name tag to be given to CPS in your local community. Asked clubs to consider this as a new project. In San Mateo County we have a liaison. See Helen.

Lion Al Thomas – Website: [www.lions4c4.org](http://www.lions4c4.org) Volunteer effort 10 years ago. Changes are easy. Updates are underway. Seeks content, suggestions, eyeballs. This is your one stop destination for information..

Nomination Speech for 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Bob Wilson by Lion Tasha Ford of Brisbane Lions. Thank you

and inspirational speech from Lion Bob Wilson. Nomination Speech for 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Esther by: Lion PDG Ray Rosenthal. Thank you from Lion Esther

Lee. Thanked 4C4 Lions for everything we all do for Lions and in service to humanity. Challenges are opportunities to grow. My slogan: Our Members First!

Nomination Speech for DG Mike Simonini: PDG Art Pignati. Lion Mike has covered about every project there is not only in our club, but in the District. Our Millbrae PDGs all enthusiastically endorse Lion Mike! Thank you from Lion Mike, first to wife Jane, who gives 101%. Also thanks Eugene Chan, Al Russell, Maxine Frasier, "Service and Teamwork" meaning Service to the Community, not just join in and help them, but also originate where we see help is needed in the community. Small clubs need help in projects and raising funds, wants large clubs to help the small guys, Millbrae first.

Convention: PDG Al Russell, a "hippie" and Maxine Frasier – in tie-dye t-shirts. We sang "Age of Aquarius". Upcoming District Convention at Red Lion, May 20-23. Theme Psychadelic Sixties. Invites all flower children, and their friends to attend. All clubs are to receive packet. Sample Registration form, schedule of events for three days, "you do not want to miss it". First timers club contest, highest percentage of first timers attending. Also Summary of contests and events. Friday night theme banquet, Psychadelic costumes are welcomed. Your night to shine. Some things need to come in immediately, like request for hospitality room as there are only 15 available. Limited number of handicap rooms. Come on up there and have fun! Don't forget special golfers package and golf tournament, Lion Mario Benevente.



**3 PDGs, one DG**



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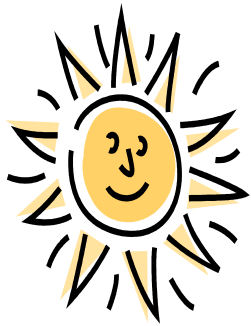
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## SUNSHINE REPORT:



The beloved and lovely mother of PDG Jocelyn Mina, Mrs. Norberta Mina passed away, February 22, 2010. She was 92 years old.

San Bruno Lion Frank Rescino lost his mother, the original "Lovely Martha" Rescino, on January 30th.

Condolences to the families of some well loved longtime Great Lions that we lost recently: Paul Davis, Bud Harrison, Doris Paulson (102), Rosie Gero.

Best wishes to those recovering with health challenges, Lady Loretta, Rosie Jones, Maggie Gulen



District 4C4 Lion of the Year  
PDG Mel Phillips and Lady Pat

### 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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