



Lion District Governor  
Emil Kantola

## Have you made any New Year resolutions for this year?

Some make a New Year resolution each year but as I sit here, all I can think of is that I am thankful that wrinkles do not hurt. It seems as if I never can achieve the resolution I make so I have not made any New Year resolution for many years. I am grateful for the last year and especially for the last six months. I have completed all except two visitations and those will probably be completed by the time you get this newsletter.

The Lions in the district have been great. No one can complain about our District. We are still the best Lions District.

One goal that has not been reached for the first six months is that of a growth in membership. District membership is down by 22 members as of the end of December. We do have six months of this year left though and we will have one and possibly two new clubs in the District. That will help total District membership and will put Lions in two new areas in our District that are not currently being served. Nineteen Clubs in the District have had a drop in membership though.

Membership is the lifeblood of our organization. Membership is still our top priority because it is the members that provide the service needed in our communities. We have six months left in this year. Let's all set a goal for the next six months of an increase in membership. Not for the numbers but for the service to our community.

As for the New Year resolution: I will make the same resolution that I made Six months ago when I was sworn in as District Governor. I will do the best job that I can for the Members of our District.

We serve,  
DG Emil Kantola, District Governor



Lion Vice District  
Governor Ken Ibarra

## How Are You Doing Lion President?

Ok, I'm going to take a stand here, knowing that it will undoubtedly spur debate. So, here goes. I strongly believe that the President of our Lions clubs is the most important member of our organization.

There, I said it.

Many will make a very strong and compelling argument for the membership chairs, the Zone chairs, and even the District Governor. They will be very good debates, but it won't sway my opinion of the leaders of our clubs. In fact, I place the regular member, the member without a title as the second-most important member, and the most valuable. The point I'm trying to make, in my opinion, is that the success of our organization directly depends on the success of our club presidents' leadership abilities towards our members.

So how are you doing Lion President? It is nearly February, seven months into your leadership year. Hopefully, you have settled into a routine or rhythm in dealing with your club and preparing for your meetings. You have undoubtedly presided over 7-12 club meetings and helped organize a few service projects or fundraisers. Right? You have also hopefully, communicated with your Zone Chairman? Maybe even your Region Chair? Ok, maybe you haven't. What's important today is that you make the best of the remainder of your year and, just as important, help your incoming president and officers prepare to lead the club.

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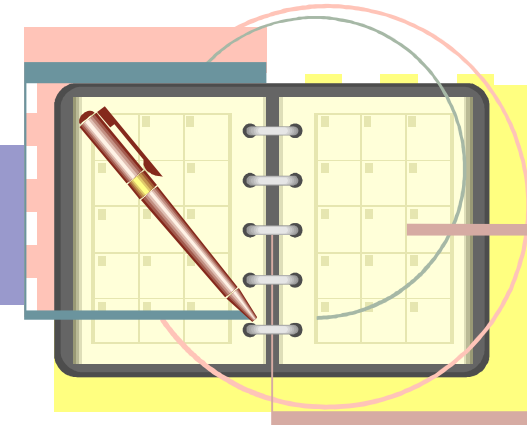
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## CALENDAR

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 Hays 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.

January 30 - Daly City Host Nickel Auction - A laughter filled fundraiser, Larcombe Clubhouse, 99 Lake Merced Blvd, Daly City, Free Entry, RSVP by Jan 27 to 650/755-9567 or email dchostlions@comcast.net

February 17 - South San Francisco Host 63rd Anniversary, Membership, Valentine's and Favorite Holiday Celebration, 6pm, Oyster Pt. Yacht Club, 911 Marina Blvd, SSF info Lion Chuck (650) 873-2776

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

February 28 - Foster City Crab Feed - 6pm Foster City Recreation Center, dancing and raffle, other meals available, contact Lion Janis Kiesel (650) 573-7359

March 28 - San Francisco Host Anniversary Celebration, 6pm, Buri-Buri Social Hall, 33 Arroyo Drive, SSF, \$35 supports medical mission to the Philippines, contact: Lion Manny Paje (650) 438-4516

**Lions Events Notices are always welcome!**  
**Please send to**  
**4c4newsletter@gmail.com**

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



### United Way visits Geneva Mission Lions

Speaking on behalf of United Way was Rocky Beach, who has been with the organization for six years. Rocky handed out a newsletter and a purse/wallet card to all present. The card informs that a phone call to "211" will access the caller to thousands of local community services available through United Way. It's free, it's confidential, it's available 24 hours a day in over 150 languages. Some of these get help services are: Locate child care for your children; Find care for an elderly parent; Find out where to get flu shots; Find help in times of disaster; Find food, shelter, counseling. The speaker also told of various ways to donate to United Way and to volunteer.

### Bayview Hunter's Point Presidential Inauguration Assistance

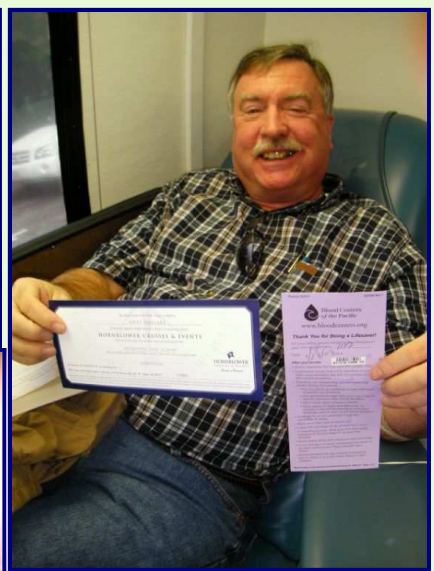
Bayview Hunter's Point assisted with the local Presidential Inauguration Program that held at the Bayview Opera House in San Francisco from 5:30p.m.-7:30p.m. on January 20th. In addition, three members of the club traveled to Washington DC for the inauguration! Watch for pictures (we hope) in the next 4C4 bulletin.



### Millbrae Lions Help Millbrae Seniors Run Blood Drive



The Millbrae Senior Advisory Committee holds a Health Faire each January. The past two years turnout for the blood drive has been 2-3 people so the seniors asked the Lions to help out. Lion 2nd VP Randy Sahae organized, phoned, emailed, reminded and recruited for the Seniors, eventually bringing in 18 volunteers to donate, including 3 first time donors and two who had not donated in over 10 years.





Fifty three Lions from all over Multiple District Four, attended the Leadership Training in Harris Ranch, Coalinga, California. Seven Lions from District 4-C4 graduated and received a Certificate of Completion from the Senior Lions Leadership Institute, January 18, 2009. These Lions are all assets and future leaders of their own District. Congratulations to all 53 graduates, but especially to Lion Dick Kishimoto of San Francisco Nikkei Lions, Lion Toni Nava of Burlingame Lions, Lion Erik Winkler of Burlingame Lions, Lion Rudy Pedagog of South San Francisco Golden Gate Lions, Lion Mike Simonini of Millbrae Lions, Lion Margaret Lee of San Francisco Chinatown Lions and Lion Bob Wilson of Brisbane Lions.

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The remainder of this message will not outline the specifics of what duties the Club president must master, nor what goals must be reached. The main messages I wish to convey to you, Lion President, is my gratitude for your service and the continuation to strive to be the best Lion you can be. Your main purpose and the most important task bestowed upon you are to follow the Lions Code of Ethics and Objects. In short, be a good Lion, lead by example and organize your members to serve the community.

As I continue to learn and grow to be your District Governor, I again want to express my gratitude and respect to you, Lion President. I know what you are dealing with and I know there are challenges and frustration. However, I also know that the success of the Lions organization and our District, strongly depends on our clubs and your leadership. It is up to you to ensure that your club functions effectively, is organized and serves the community. It is up to you to include all of your members in this effort, by getting to know them better and assuring their value to the club. It is up to you to strengthen the club by sustaining and increasing the membership. And, it is up to you to prepare your club for the future by helping develop your officers to take your gavel in five months. Once you have achieved these daunting tasks, it is then up to us.

Yours In Lionism, Lion Ken

*P.S.: Please save the dates of May 30 for President-Elect Training and June 13 for Club Officers Orientation & Training.*



## STUDENT SPEAKERS NEWS

Happy New Year Fellow Lions:

Attention all Lions, who are interested in learning more about the Student Speakers Contest. During our MD-4 Convention in Fresno, which begins on February 13th through the 15th is having a Student Speakers Seminar on Friday, February 13th, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. The location will be announced in the Convention Program. The format for the Seminar will be - one (1) hour for each of us to review our topics and one (1) for a general discussion/questions and answer time. Bring your Contest material to use as a reference. We will have the questions/comments at the end of the entire presentation.

The Student Speakers Foundation will be holding their Annual Meeting in the same location beginning at 11:00 AM. Those of you who are planning to attend the MD-4 Convention are encouraged to attend both the Seminar and Meeting.

The Directors and Trustees have an exciting and unique way to help support our Student Speakers Foundation. An "**Opportunity Drawing**" is going to be held at our MD-4 Convention in February. The first cash prize is \$2,500, second cash prize is \$1,500 and third cash is \$1,000 and you need not be present to win. The donation for each ticket is only \$20.00 and all proceeds will go towards the \$103,500.00 that will be awarded to our Student Speakers Contest winners in our 2008-09 contest year. These \$20 tickets are available now and I will be happy to mail them to all interested party. Please call me at (650) 869-6220 or email your request for ticket. Your always fine support is appreciated.

*Lion Dick Kishimoto, District 4C4 Student Speakers Contest Chair  
District 4C4 Student Speakers Foundation Chair*



### Millbrae Chamber of Commerce Award Winners

Lions Steve Luzaich and Randy Sahae were honored at the January 22 Millbrae Chamber of Commerce Awards. Lion Randy's organization, Millbrae Television, received the Chamber Excellence Award for service to the community, and Lion Steve Luzaich, a partner in Corey, Luzaich, Pliska, (et al,

attorneys) were chosen Business of the Year. The event is co-sponsored by the Millbrae Rotary Club.

### HAPPY EVERYTHING

This irresistible picture is from the South San Francisco Host 63rd Anniversary, Membership, Valentines and Favorite Holiday Celebration flyer.

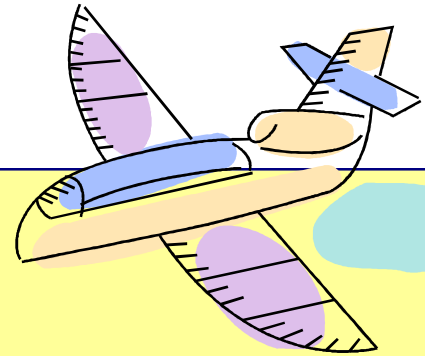
Wear your favorite Holiday Outfit, the best dressed person will win a prize!  
Oyster Pt Yacht Club, Tuesday February 17.  
6pm Cocktails, 7pm Dinner, RSVP by February 10 to  
Lion Chuck at 650-873-2776





## Lions In Passing - Sunshine Report

*Nothing to report !*



## FROM LCI INTERNATIONAL -

### ***FOLLOW the PRESIDENT***

International President Al Brandel will be in California twice in the next three weeks:

February 12-14 - The president visits Fresno, California, USA, for the MD-4 Convention.

February 15 - Lions in Walnut Creek, California, USA, will welcome President Brandel for their 85th anniversary.

### ***MEDIA RESOURCES***

LCI website has many resources you can share with your local media.



In Millbrae we run audio and video public service announcements on the Millbrae Public Access Channel, Comcast 27 / AT&T U-Verse 99

For an example, turn up your speakers and type the following link (with the underscore) into your internet browser:

[http://www.mctv.tv/music/PSA\\_LionsVolunteer.mp3](http://www.mctv.tv/music/PSA_LionsVolunteer.mp3)

# HERO

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

Do you know a deserving Lion? Nominate them!

## *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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