



THE BUILDER

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District Governor Ray Rosenthal Message

My Fellow Lions,

The last two months have been very busy getting all the new plans for our District in motion. In June I held a meeting with my Incoming Cabinet and talked with the Region and Zone Chairs about what we would be doing to help support each of our clubs. By now I know you have all heard from them. The Zone Chairs are going to be active in supporting the Clubs and working with them to make sure they have all the information they need, when they need it.

Then it was off to International Convention and being a student again. There is a lot to learn about being a District Governor and International makes sure that you learn it in a few days. At least they give you the basics. It is like building a house. They give you a crash course and the blue prints. Then you look at them and you say, this will work on my land or it will not. My land is District 4-C4 and that is what I look at first. One of the most important programs we have is MERLO. When I came back from International, I had the MERLO Team in for a meeting. We have several clubs and prospects in the pipeline for our district. Some of the most important facts about MERLO is making sure that the team is trained so they all know what they are doing, how to build a club, how to work as a team, and how to work together as Lions through and through. These are not facts I have to convince you, my Lion family, of though.



I am making some changes in how we are working MERLO this year. One of them is the Special Training classes that are offered. These are our Leadership, Retention and Orientation portions of MERLO. I am going to explain how this is going to work. In the past, the District and Multiple



**DISTRICT GOVERNOR
RAY ROSENTHAL**

District have spent as much as \$600 to send one (1) Lion off to a special seminar to learn how to train Lions in their district in these areas. Then we had to get the club people there and hold their interest long enough for them to get some good out of the training and hope that it was presented in way that each of those Lions would receive it. As you know, everyone learns differently. Having been to many of these training seminars, I got to thinking. They have many different teachers for different parts of each area we deal with. Not just one. People are more likely to learn if their interest is held by more than one speaker. Feed them but don't take the time for a full course meal, then you have a social event and less time to train. How can I do this? While at the Governor's Conference I realized how to do this. My Club, Foster City Lions, had offered me two fundraisers to help support my year as Governor. I had all the major trainers of MD4 right at this Conference. Why not use those two events for the District Training Sessions and bring in the big guns! So I began talking to them and that is what I did. Now as many of you Lions in 4-C4, that really want to know how to do things for your Clubs can

learn how, and it will be really interesting. For \$5.00, we will have leading trainers in August and in September and one of our trainers is going to be Lion Dana Biggs who is a Candidate for International Director. These are high powered people who have taught in all areas of Lionism. Not only that, but we will feed you. So be sure to sign up for this and come and join us. (See flyer page 8).

The MERLO team has been busy as well. They have been out to their own training session. It was very exciting and everyone is ready and prepared to get those clubs on the move. Lion Al Russell is starting a new group in the Peninsula, there is a Leo group that is waiting to be formed, and there is a new club in the works for San Francisco. There is even more going on and it is very exciting. It takes many people to help a club come into being, then it takes more people and 2 guiding Lions, to help them through their first two years.

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VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS MESSAGE

Thoughts From Detroit, MI. By Lion Eugene Chan, VDG

When I was asked "Why would you want to go to Detroit for the Lions International Convention?"...I can't help but offer the famous quip of Sir Edmund Hillary in answering why he wanted to climb Mt. Everest..."Because it's there!"

It was a sunny and a muggy morning when I arrived in the "Motor City". Actually, it would be more accurate to say that I landed at the airport, which was located in one of the 30 or so suburbs that makes up metropolitan Detroit. I was told that while there are approximately 500,000 people living in the city of Detroit, there are about 3 million that populate the greater metro area, which surprisingly enough, includes the people living across the river in another country — Windsor, Canada.

You can tell right away that wheels are big deals in Detroit. The tallest building in town is the 72 stories Marriott Renaissance Hotel, with its 50 foot tall GM logo on the top announcing the GM Center (as in General Motors), which by the way, was used

as the Headquarters Hotel for the Lions Convention. There were many other buildings in town with the Ford Company moniker, as well as Chrysler, and UAW

(United Auto Workers). The landscape around Detroit is flat as a pancake, so one of the landmarks that you can see for miles is the 75 foot tall Uniroyal tire. Interesting observation — there are very few foreign cars in Detroit...I wonder why? (Could they all be parked at the bottom of the Detroit River?)

The International Convention got started with the Grand Parade on Tuesday morning, and ended the day with the gala performance by International star Debbie Reynolds. I think of the unsinkable Molly Brown, and Tammy fame (who now introduces herself as "Star



VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR
EUGENE CHAN

Wars) Princess Laia's mother". On Wednesday, the first plenary session was highlighted by the Flag Ceremony, where the flags of 191 countries and geographical areas served by Lionism were presented. It was extremely interesting and meaningful, with Lions from all over the world in their native costumes or Convention uniform. Words alone cannot describe the warmth and enthusiasm in the Convention Hall during that presentation, you had to experience it first hand to really appreciate its full emotional impact.



That evening we attended the MD 4 (Multiple District 4, {continued on page 10, please})

TEN COMMANDMENTS/ KEYS TO YOUR SUCCESS (AND THAT OF YOUR CLUB) BY PIP BIGGS

(Editors Note: I really regret needing to summarize this, you will have to come hear it in person. L. L-W)

I believe in PROSPERITY in Lionism. Lions Clubs are the greatest collections of people in the world because they are the greatest people of the world.

There are Ten Commandments that are Keys to success in our lives. These are the way that we need to live as individuals and as a **club** if we are to have the bright future we all desire.



PAST INTERNATIONAL
PRESIDENT BILL
BIGGS

1. **Attitude is everything.**

A) There is always one person you really find it easy to hate, but learn to know that person and find their good side. They do have one. You will be richer for doing this.

B) **Life is only 10% of what happens to you.** You make your life by the choices you make every day. You made a big choice when you became a Lion and began to make real commitments in your daily life.

C) You have to plant something every day for the future growth of your self, of your spirit, and of your club. Like all things that are planted, these take daily tending and nourishment. You have to work at life and you have to work at being a Lion.

D) **You build on the people around you.** This is why you need to keep bringing in new members. They are the refreshing air that keep you growing and keep your club growing. This is where you get the new ideas and the new growth.

2) **Dream your Dreams. Set your goals. Be Committed.**

A) **There is a big difference between interest and commitment.** Interest allows for excuses. Commitment means that you are going to get the job done, finish the thing that you started, keep your word.

B) If you want your club to grow, you need more members, you have to go out and find them. Show them what Lionism means to Continued on page 11

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ON THE PROWL

Atherton Lions: Are providing eye exams and glasses to the needy.

Brisbane Lions: Have had their club installation. Bestowed scholarship awards at their Social Night.

Burlingame Lions: Had their 75th Club anniversary with Past International President Don Banker as their keynote speaker.

Castro Lions : Had their Annual Leather Auction and raised \$7650.00. They participated in a bowling tournament with New Century on the 25th of July and the AIDS WALK, and went to the LIS warehouse. They have two Beverage Booths coming up in September and October.

Chinatown Lions: Had their Installation of Macy Mak Chan as President and her slate of officers for 04-05 with the Theme of Lions on Broadway on July 11, 2004 at the Empress Restaurant in Chinatown. They also worked on the District Installation. The pictures in this issue are by Michael Chan, District Photographer and member of Chinatown Lions.

Daly City Host: Have recycled over 2,800,000 aluminum cans in 21 years and have just passed the \$50,000 mark! They provided eye exams and glasses for two children. In their Installation they surprised their new President, John Warren (the Chief of Police) by allowing him to come formal while everyone else came Hawaiian. A great time was had by all.

Foster City Lions: Worked at the Concours d' Elegance selling beer, water, soda and pizza. Worked with the Foster City Park and Recreation Department to help sponsor the 4th of July celebration and fireworks.

Geneva Mission Lions: Past Pres. Aaron Strauss is getting ready for My Fair Lady, an Annual Senior Beauty Page-

ant that will occur on August 17 this year.

Golden Gate Lion and San Francisco Host Lions: Held a joint Installation that was fun packed and full. That counts as a Joint Adventure!

Half Moon Bay Lions: Worked with the Rotary Club on a Beach Cleanup Day.

Highland Lions: The Club just completed a Medical Mission to the Philippines.

Korean-American Lions: Held their Installation of President Paul Suk Chan Lee and his slate of Officers for 04 05. Past President Andrew Lee is also now a District Photographer. You will see some of his picture in the next issue.

Marina North Beach Lions: Participated in the Concours d'Elegance. They also worked on the District Installation.

Menlo Park Host Lions: Participated in the Concours d' Elegance. Donated \$4500 for dental surgery for a child. Donated \$400 to the Menlo Park Boys and Girls Club.

Menlo Park Live Oak Lions: Works at the Farmers Market in downtown Menlo Park on Sundays.

Millbrae Lions: Served over 900 people at their pancake breakfast.

Ocean Ingleside Lions: has a complete new set of Officers (almost) and they are looking forward to visitations so everyone will meet and get to know them.

Pacifica Lions: Participated in the annual antique collectible street fair. Big Award's Dinner at Nick's Rest. Guest invited. Call Sec. Yvonne Kantola 650.355.3526.

Palo Alto Host Lions: Held their annual Concours d' Elegance.

Park Gate Lions: Began their new year with 10 new members. Their main project this year is to establish a children's clinic in Nindiri, Nicaragua and a small building has already

been donated to them.

Park Presidio Lions: Lost a long time member, Lion Pete Samuels, in June. They won the Award for White Cane in their Club Category. Held Installation of new officer, President Roger Burr, on June 18th.

Redwood City Sunrise Lions: Participated in the Concours d' Elegance selling tri-tips and drinks and raised \$2900. They also had a food and drinks booth and the Redwood City 4th of July parade.

Redwood Shores Lions: Participated in the Annual American Lung Association "2004 Bike for Breath Ride" by serving refreshments at the Belmont Island Park rest stop. Three volunteers from Foster City joined them.

San Francisco New Century Lions : Held their first annual bowling tournament. Both Castro and San Bruno Lions participated in this event.

San Bruno Lions: Held the annual Posey Parade, which is the oldest non-mechanized children's parade in the United States. Held their annual fireworks sale.

San Carlos Lions: Had a flea market, which raised \$2800. Participated in the Concours d' Elegance. Awarded three \$1000 student scholarships.

San Mateo Lions: Held a raffle at the San Mateo Wine Walk. Helped the San Carlos Lions at the Concours d' Elegance.

South San Francisco Host: Donated \$100 to the Shelter for Battered Women and \$50 to the South San Francisco Principal's Blue and White Ball.

West O'Twin Peaks: Held their Installation Ceremony on July 31st with a large turn out of Lions to help them celebrate.

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International President's Monthly Message



I have often been asked where the future of the association lies," says International President Clement F. Kusiak, "and I always reply that our future is in the hands of our membership. As long as they stay in the forefront in knowing the needs of their communities and answering those needs, we will maintain our stature as leaders in the voluntary sphere." President Kusiak also recognizes Lions as people who pay to volunteer. "The payment we make through our dues," he is confident, "is minimal to the feeling we have of our accomplishments throughout the world." Taking into account these accomplishments ties into his theme as international president: Share Success Through Service.

The 2004-05 international president was born in the eastern Pennsylvania coal-mining center of Pottsville where his parents and grandparents had emigrated in the early 1920s from Krakow, Poland. The family moved to Baltimore, Maryland, shortly after World War II where the future international president grew up and attended school. His father was a mechanical contractor, a profession his son went on to pursue. The president majored in mechanical engineering courses at the University of Maryland and Loyola College in Baltimore and has been recognized by the FMC Corporation for his expertise in design engineering. He is presently retired as manager of a manufacturing corporation in Baltimore.

His "courtship" of his future wife, Jeanne, began when they were both first grade students in the same elementary school in Baltimore. They have two sons, John, who died in

1988, and Mark, a director of technology at General Dynamics, and two grandchildren. John Michael, 17, John's son, is an honors student and active in sports, primarily baseball.

Mark and his wife, Rita, are the parents of a 14-year-old daughter, Sharon, who not only does extremely well academically but is also an accomplished equestrienne, competing successfully in the hunter/jumper show ring.

President Kusiak became familiar with the community service of Lions when, as a child, the club he eventually joined, the Baltimore Brooklyn Lions Club, held Christmas parties at local movie theaters where they also distributed bags of treats. He was invited to become a member of the Baltimore Brooklyn Lions Club in 1967. Soon he was named chairperson of its sight-screening program. The district provided a mobile van that would travel to various areas, thus introducing Lion Kusiak to the important role Lions played in sight conservation.

Kusiak served in practically every office, on the club level. When a successor was elected to the position he held, he always worked with that Lion to make the transition as smooth as possible. He was certain to always share his attention to detail. He swiftly moved through the ranks of zone and region chairperson, and, in 1983-84, served a District Governor of District 22-A. Upon becoming district governor he revised the procedure of informing clubs on all district matters.

He was elected an international director



CLEMENT F. KUSIAK

at the 1988 International Convention in Denver, Co. We had a study drawn up by the Institute for Alternative Futures about our long range activities," he says, "As a result of that study and its recommendations, the Board of Directors concluded that the association should maintain the course of our decades of success, and this primarily meant our commitment to sight conservation. This led to our eventual decision to develop and implement our multi-million dollar SightFirst Program with its ambitious, but definitely attainable goal of conquering preventable and reversible blindness."

His decision to place his name in nomination for the office of second vice president at the 2002 International Convention in Osaka, Japan, was based primarily on his desire to implement his thoughts and plans, developed over the last decade, to help move the association to still higher plateaus. "My most enlightening experiences as an executive officer," he says, "were my visits to Lions worldwide and witnessing all the magnificent things that were occurring in the association."

His basic philosophy as a Lion and now as the association's chief executive officer reflects his belief in the direction Lions Clubs International should be headed. "It is crucial," he insists, "that we increase our pace in preventable blindness programs. I also consider a major

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR RAY ROSENTHAL'S MESSAGE

(Continued from Page 1) Let's move on to another Lion subject. My visits to the Clubs will begin this September. I am trying to keep these a little different than have been in the past. It is not my intent to come into the clubs with a large group of people and have several people introduce each other for half an hour or more. Often I will be by myself on a visit or with one other person. It will not be your Region or Zone or Chair. They are to make their visits at a different time as they are to become more well known with each of the clubs they are responsible for. I do not want long introductions. You know who I am. I am not there for you to hear all about me; I am there to talk to you about your club and your interest and how you will be helped by the District and the District programs that are available to you. Your Lion time is precious and I do not want to spend any of it on unnecessary formalities.

While we are speaking of the many programs that are available in this District, I want you to be sure and look through the new Directory and see how many District Committees we do have. These are all there to serve the Clubs and their interest. I have had the pictures of those Chairs included in the Directory (also known as the District Roster) this year, so every Lion can know who is in charge of what committee. A name does not always register as quickly as a face. I want us to really get to know one another better. (Of course, there were some Lions who were camera shy.) There is nothing that works better than a team. We are a Lion's family, brothers and sisters, and I want us all to work together as such. I think it helps when you know each others faces.

By now you are also aware that I have started a new reporting procedure for the Clubs. This is to help the Clubs. This year, you will send your Monthly Report to International as you have always done. However, instead of sending several more

reports out to Region and Zone and Contest people, you will send only to Lion Linda Lopez-Wood and she will distribute to the District Officers that are to receive the various reports. This way the Club Secretary has only to do 2 reports. You must send all attachments supporting your contest work to her as well. You can do this by email if you have the ability to scan these items and send it that way, or can send it by hard copy. This will be really good for those who do have computers as they will only have the 2 sets of reports now. Please, if your Roster changes send a copy of your roster to back up the copy of the Monthly Membership Report you will send her. Her address and information is on the Newsletter as she is our Editor as well.

As we start this year off, remember some very important things about Lionism. The more events you are able to attend, the more visitations you make, the more you learn about Lionism and how other Lions do things. We are a very mixed group here in 4-C4 and we have a lot to learn from each other. Our differences are what can and do make us a special and strong District. We work together more than some District's because we have to understand each other's differences and appreciate that we are not all the same. One of the very interesting District Committee's we will have very active participation from this year is Cultural and Community Service Activities. This is not the Contest group this year.

Lion Melissa Chu is the District Chair. I would like to see a forum that showcases all of the different cultural backgrounds in our 4-C4 community. I think it would help us learn a great deal more about each other. She will need all of you to give her information and help to achieve this. This would be no small educational achievement.

Well, I should save something for another time. There is so much I want to tell you about. This is going to be such an exciting year for all of us. If you haven't committed

to do something this year, come to the special training, Call Lion Esther Lee to reserve your space for August 14th now, and learn how much you can do if you only knew the way to get it done, to pass the information along to others, the excitement that Lionism really holds for everyone. Good knowledge, a sense of organization, gives freedom as Lion to do what we do best; Together We Build and We Serve so that we can Share our Success in Lionism.

I must add this, however. I want to say a special and very BIG Thank You to Bill Biggs, Past International President, for his inspirational talk at the Installation, to Lion Dana Biggs, ID Candidate, for her wonderful and warm Installation Ceremony, to my great friend Lion Harry Koustik, and his wife Carol, for Harry's

serving as Master of Ceremonies, to Lion Eydie Miskel, of International, who came in to specially perform the Signing Hands Music for us, and to all the Clubs that worked that night to make the event run so smooth. Most of all I want to thank the 218 Lions and their guests who came out to support the Installation and me. I also want to thank all of the Past

District Governor's who sent in so many kind words of inspiration and support. It was all great.

But I want to tell you all, that all of this would not have been possible or mean so much to me without the love and support of my wife, Christina, who is more than my right arm, she is also my heart. I want to say a special thank you to my son, Ilan, and his partner, Michele, and to my beautiful daughter, Daniella, and most of all, to my grandson, Jordan, who keeps me



**LION DANA BIGGS
INSTALLING THE
CABINET 7/18/04**

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laughing for all of their support as well. This is what makes me a very rich man so I must share this richness with others and I do this through Lionism.

We will remember that evening for the rest of our lives. Thank you.

Your Fellow Lion,

Ray Rosenthal

District Governor

District 4-C4, 2004-2005



Lion Eydie Miskel

LCI Interpreter for the Hearing Impaired



Event Adjourned!



Back row, left to right: Michele, Ilan, Daniella

Front Row: My wife Christina and me

Abraham Quotes to Ponder:

Negative emotion is your indicator of resistance, while positive emotion is your indicator of allowance. And they are the same meter: allowance; resistance. Allowance; resistance.

FUTURE EVENTS

AUGUST 11: Daly City Host has 2 events this day. Their Annual Garage Sale and their 13th Annual Fun Day for Developmentally Disabled Kids and Adults. Call Lion Marian Mann for details.

AUGUST 14TH: Special Training Class At Foster City Rec. Center See Flyer Page 8.

AUGUST 22ND: Peninsula Council Installation, Dominic's Rest., \$40 per, Call Lion Al Hernandez 650.368.6147 BY 8/16, PLEASE.

Bowling for Sight: fundraiser for Lions Eye Foundation. \$175 per Team. Bel Mateo Bowl in San Mateo, RSVP by 8/17 with Lion Grandpa Loveridge

at 650.341.2616 by 8/17 please.

AUGUST 28TH: FIRST CABINET MEETING to be held at Foster City Rec. Center, 650 Shell Blvd., 8:30—3 PM, \$15, per, see Flyer page 13.

SEPTEMBER 10TH: SO SAN FRANCISCO HOST AND BRISBANE Charity Fundraiser—A Joint Adventure—Family Style BBQ at 500 East Jamie Court in So. SF (SSF Scavenger Bldg) to raise money for Scholarship fund. \$25 per person. RSVP by 8/22. No contact name given.

SEPTEMBER 21ST: PACIFICA HAS A SURPRISE IN THE WORKS. A special program is planned for this Dinner meeting, but we don't know what it is. This might be the time for everyone to go visit them!

PLEASE REMEMBER, ALL REPORTS ARE DUE ON THE **5TH OF EACH MONTH.** THIS YEAR GOVERNOR ROSENTHAL IS ASKING YOU TO SEND **EVERYTHING** TO LION LINDA LOPEZ-WOOD, WHO WILL THEN DISTRIBUTE IT. CLUB SECRETARIES NOW ONLY HAVE TO FILE WITH INTERNATIONAL AND WITH LION LINDA. SHE WILL MAKE ALL OTHER DISTRIBUTIONS TO THE GOVERNOR, VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR, REGION AND ZONE CHAIRS AND TO THE CONTEST COMMISSIONER. BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR RECEIPTS FOR BLOOD DONATIONS, GLASSES, SIGNED VISITATION SLIPS, ETC., FOR ALL CONTESTS. THANKS, LION LINDA L-W

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A DAY AT LIONS IN SIGHT

On July 17, 2004 Lions In Sight held their annual meeting and open house at the warehouse at 1404 Lemon Street in Vallejo. For many years our club always sent a volunteer party at least twice a year to the warehouse, sorting glasses, using the Lensometers, packing boxes for distribution - whatever needed doing -but somehow we had missed visiting Vallejo for over a year! Our club Treasurer, Lion David Gin, and I drove up together to attend the open house and to deliver the three boxes of glasses we had collected over the past few months. The traffic on I80 was a "parking lot" from Richmond to the toll plaza and it was HOT, but it was well worth the trip. We renewed some old acquaintances and made some new ones, had a great cheeseburger and visited with some members of our own district and of neighboring districts. I was reminded of some startling facts and figures regarding this remarkable endeavor.

Lions in Sight is the Lions International Eyeglass Recycling Center for the Western United States. Since 1987 over 7,472,106 glasses have been donated and processed. Besides collection, Lions in Sight has conducted 124 clinic trips to 27 countries, examining and dispensing glasses to over 142,212 patients. Over 3 million glasses have been shipped to 61 countries. They have established 45 permanent clinics in Peru, Sri Lanka and Mexico and have plans for at least a dozen more in Central and South America in the next couple of years. Lions in Sight also accepts hearing aids on behalf of the Hearing Foundation of California/Nevada.

How can your club help? Join. Only four clubs from District 4-C4 are listed as member clubs (Foster City, Menlo Park Live Oak, Redwood City Sunrise, Castro). For a nominal dues charge per member your club can support Lions in Sight financially. Keep collecting used eyeglasses and arrange to bring them to the warehouse. Volunteer to work at the warehouse on a Satur-

day or Sunday morning.

Go on a clinic trip. Accompany the doctors on a clinic trip and distribute the glasses yourself.

For general information about Lions in Sight and details on membership, contact PID Dr. Bill Iannaccone, Chief Operating Officer, at 925-708-4833. To schedule a work party for your club (join with other clubs and get more workers) call 4-C3 Vice District Governor Walter Griffin at 510-669-9022.

By Lion Gail Wood,

President Castro Lions Club



NEW INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

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Kansas, USA

INTERNATIONAL BY LAW CHANGE :

A regular meeting of the International Board of Directors shall be held immediately after the adjournment of the Annual International Convention at the site thereof. Additionally, a regular meeting shall be held in the month of October or November and in the month of March or April at a time and place as called by the President. A final regular meeting shall be held at the site of the International Convention, but shall adjourn prior to the convening of said convention.



***Lions Clubs International
District 4-C4***

Here's an opportunity to learn from the experts!

*District Governor Ray has invited MD-4 experts
to train All Club Officers and any interested Lion member
at our*

District 4-C4 Leadership Training

*Saturday, August 14, 2004
8:00 AM*

*Location: William E. Walker Recreation Center
650 Shell Blvd. (corner Hillsdale Blvd.)
Foster City, CA 94404*

*Cost: \$5.00 per person
(training, continental breakfast and lunch included)*

Please make checks payable to: District 4-C4

Send in your reservations by August 5, 2004 to:

*Lion Ken Ibarra, Cabinet Treasurer
100 Lucia Court
San Bruno, CA 94066*

*For more information, please call Lion Esther Lee, District Coordinator at
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Lucky Lions Hit Jackpots

San Mateo Lion Clarence Cravalho and **Geneva-Mission Lion Joe Farrah** are poker pals. They have a standing date to play \$6 - \$12 limit Texas Hold 'Em poker at **Artichoke Joe's** in San Bruno every Monday. On July 19th at 7:50 P.M., Joe wound up with a Royal Flush winning him the progressive jackpot of \$4,557. Then at the same table at 1:38 A.M., Clarence had the top end of a straight flush and another player had the bottom end of the straight flush qualifying for the awarding of the casino's progressive "Bad Beat" jackpot. A "Bad Beat" jackpot is awarded when one player has a poker hand of four-of-a-kind or better and loses to a higher hand. The total jackpot amounted to \$100,000. Clarence was awarded \$25,000, the player with the bottom end (the "Bad Beat" victim) was awarded \$50,000, and the other seven players at the table including Joe were each awarded \$3,571 <>

GIVE PEACE A CHANCE

Now is the time to start organizing for your Peace Poster Contest. Sponsor a school or organized youth group and join clubs worldwide in sharing children's vision of peace with your community.

The Contest is open to Children 11-13 on November 14, 2004. Participating students are asked to draw, sketch or paint their interpretation of "Give Peace a Chance".

One winner for each contest sponsored by a club is chosen to advance to the District Governor for Judging. On the District Level, one winner is chosen to go on to the Multiple District Competition and from there one winner is forwarded to International Headquarters for the final judging. Entries at all levels are judged on originality, artistic merit, and portrayal of the theme.

During the final judging, 23 merit award winners and one grand prize winner are chosen to

represent the many entries submitted from around the world.

The kits for these are ordered from International Club Supplies and you must have one for each school or organization sponsored. They are \$7.95 plus tax, s/h, each.

For this a child may win a great deal, but most of all is the feeling of accomplishment and dignity and pride in themselves. Also, this young person could grow up to be a Lion. They are just now starting to do follow up stories on past winners of the Peace Poster Contest and where they are today.

Order now. Kits are only available from 1/15/04 through 10/1/04.

Commit your Club to this project.

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responsibility for Lions in the years ahead to provide young people with greater opportunities to give of their time and energies in voluntary service to their communities."

What does International President Kusiak seek to achieve this year? He is determined to inspire Lions to re-commit themselves in pursuing objectives at the local level. He also recognizes the need to experience membership increases because net growth is at the very

heart of the global enrichment of Lions Clubs International. "As our membership strength grows," he emphasizes," so will our shared capacity to meet needs both in our own communities and throughout the world."



2003—2004 PEACE POSTER



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VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS MESSAGE

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comprising of Lions from California / Nevada) in a reception honoring our Candidate for International Director, Lion Bill Crawford, PCC. Congrats to Lion Bill, he won the election on Friday. At the Thursday morning session, the keynote speaker was Coretta Scott King, the widow of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. In the afternoon were some well-put together seminars on various important aspects of Lionism, and there was a lot of great shopping at the Convention



Forum Sales booths. On Friday, after the voting in the morning, there was the final plenary (meeting) session. We heard a humorous but captivating speech by this year's Lions Humanitarian Award recipient, Dr Billy Jang Hwan Kim, who admirably lives up to his title of being the "Billy Graham of South Korea". Subsequently, all the District Governors, including our own, Lion Ray Rosenthal, were installed by the International President, Lion Clem Kusiak, who was just newly installed himself.

After the closing ceremonies, and with our passports in hand, all the Lions



were bused across the river to Canada for the Lions Epicure Festival. It was similar in concept to our International Food Square at our Sacramento convention, with one big difference...At the Epicure Festival, you pay dearly for the food and drinks. That same evening, if you survived the stops and searches at the border, (going and coming), and you were successfully admitted back into the USA, you could enjoy cocktails, hor d'oeuvres and photo ops with the newly elected leadership at the Lions "victory Party". It was held in an enormous ballroom overlooking the picturesque Detroit riverfront, and true to form, our Lions International leadership was in the room graciously signing autographs, and standing for photos with regular guys like me for hours.

As that ends a glorious five-day week in Detroit, it also starts the journey for Hong Kong, China, the site of next years International Convention (June 26 through July 1, 2005). Hong Kong is the "Pearl of the Orient", so proclaimed by the Lions Host committee, and the H. K. Tourism board. They promised to out do Detroit, and show us the "time of our lives" (Boasting about the next Convention is not only allowed but is encouraged by LCI). We have been promised bus tours of Hong Kong Island, the Kowloon Peninsula, and even trips to Shanghai, or Macao, (nearby cities in mainland China). Our District 4-C4 will develop a tour package early next year especially for ourselves to maximize the FUN, and minimize the hassles. So please mark down the date, start planning your vacation time for next summer, and make room in those Credit Cards! See you in Hong Kong for the 2005 Lions International Convention.

Yours in Lionism,

Eugene Chan, Vice District Governor

ON THE PROWL

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THE FOLLOWING CLUBS HAD NO INFORMATION TO REPORT: DC GATEWAY, FIL-AM, HISPANIC, MERCED HEIGHTS, NIKKEI, SF BAY, AND SUNSET

PENINSULA COUNCIL OF LIONS:

They are holding their Installation of Officers on August 22, 2004, at Dominic's Restaurant, 1700 Coyote Point Dr., San Mateo, CA. No Host Cocktails at 6 PM Dinner and Program at 7 PM. \$40 per person. Entrée choices are Prime Rib, Chicken Parmesan, or Petrole Sole. Call Lion Al Hernandez by August 16 to RSVP at 650.368.6147, please.

San Francisco Council of Lions: Held their Installation on July 31 in Calistoga. A beautiful day in the country with steak and lasagna and all the trimmings, including two wonderful desserts.

OTHER DISTRICTS NEWS:

4-C3 HOSTS MD 4 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS AUGUST 6—8, SEE STORY ON PAGE .

4-C2 Had a wonderful time with Lions Eye Foundation, Mark Paskvan, Castro Lions 4-C4, Manager (and a little of everything else) went there with Dr. Erik Horn and gave them a wonderful presentation. They are having their Installation and 1st Cabinet Meeting August 27—29 in Eureka.

4-L5 Palm Desert Area Is really into recycling, planning their Installation on 8/14 with a Disney Theme. They also report Guide Dogs of the Desert is fine.



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PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT BILL BIGGS 7/18/04

you, don't just talk about it.

3) Take Action. Do It now.

You can plan and have all the meetings you want to have to talk about what you are going to do, but if you don't get started, set a date and get in motion, all the planning the world doesn't mean anything.

4) Never stop learning.

Look at Lion George Habeeb, I see him at all the International Conventions, taking all the seminars, and he's been around forever. He must know it all but he is out there always looking for something new to learn and it keeps him young and active and smart.

5) Be persistent. Work Hard. Be Proud.

6) Always have Fun, Fellowship, and Friendship.

Lions is very important work and sometimes we forget and start taking ourselves too seriously. We are not a social club but we still need to have fun.

7) Have a Balance in your Life.

8) Don't be afraid to innovate or be different.

Courage is something we must all find within ourselves. What is the definition of Courage? The definition is simple. You must show by what you do every day to define yourself as a person and as a Lion.

9) How you deal and communicate with people is tremendously important.

Always be sure to tell your wife (or husband) that you love them. If you are sure of each other, you have a strong team that



will stand against whatever life may throw against you.

This is the same with your Clubs. Lions are successful in the community because they do a great job in service to humanity. Take time to get to know each other. Believe in the Code of Ethics and Objectives. You can accomplish anything when no one cares who gets the credit.

Being **Positive** makes the difference in how you communicate your attitude.

10) Be honest. Be dependable. Take Responsibility. Otherwise, Numbers 1 through 9 won't make a difference.

Remember that as you rise in Lionism, you are there to Serve. As you get elected to each office, Presidents, Zone Chairs, Region Chairs, right on up to the District Governor, make a chart on the wall with butcher paper. List all the Lions in every club that are now under you. Take that chart off the wall and turn it upside down. That is the true order of things. You elected Lions are there to Serve, you are not Anointed. You are there because of all these other Lions. These are the Lions we must nourish and keep and listen to make this organization strong and keep it growing. Each of us elected officials is only one person. They are the ones that count, for together they are Lions International. They are the future, they are the past, they are the foundation that we build on.

(Much of this paraphrased, he said it better.)

FIRST CABINET MEETING AUGUST 28, 2004

The first Cabinet Meeting is almost here. It will occur on August 28, 2004 at Foster City Rec. Center, also known as William Walker Rec Center, at 650 Shell Blvd. in Foster City, CA from 8:30 AM to 3 PM. There will be a Continental Breakfast and lunch served. Cost is \$15.00 per person. A new and an exciting format is planned for you.

Moreover, please be aware that as Club Presidents, and Secretary's you must attend the Cab-

net Meetings for your 100 % Awards. It's never too early to start thinking about those. You Club Secretary is supposed to have a copy of the new rules in their packet. The new contest rules and directories will also be available. First at the August 14 Training Session and then at the First Cabinet Meeting.

Presidents, Secretaries and PDGs will be in a separate box and will sign for their books. If someone is picking up your book, be sure you get it from them. Cabinet and Con-

test Chairs are in the same situation. There are a limited number of books and they are there for the people who want them as best as we can meet the law of supply and demand.

The Contest books will go first to the Contest Chairs, then one to each President and Secretary. Please remember these are for Club use, share them.

Thank you one and all.

Lion Linda Lopez-Wood, Editor

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C-4
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C-5
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C-6
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A-1
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A-2
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L-4
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L-5
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L-6
PDG Bucky Blottin & Governor Len

4-N
PDG Sharlene & PDG Mark Trinko

Committee to Elect Dana Biggs International Director

The International Association of Lions Clubs
Multiple District Four

Dear Friends in Lionism:

July 2004

The Committee to Elect Dana Biggs is honored to present Past District Governor Dana Biggs as our candidate for International Director and urge your support for Dana's endorsement at the San Diego Convention, February 11-13, 2005. After you review Dana's qualifications and experience, we're confident you'll agree that Dana is by far the best, most qualified and most experienced candidate to serve us, the Lions of California/Nevada, as our official representative on the International Board.

Following her service as District Governor of one of the largest districts within the Multiple, Dana served seven years on the MD-4 Leadership Committee, four years as its Chairperson. In this capacity, she managed the largest committee budget in the Multiple, trained over 100 District Governors, designed, coordinated and instructed five Regional Leadership Institutes and countless MERLO classes throughout MD-4. Dana's exceptional performance in MD-4 prompted other Multiple Districts and even Lions Clubs International to invite Dana to share her experience as an instructor at Leadership Institutes in Oak Brook, Illinois and at the Midwest Leadership Institute. Additionally, Dana has been an invited speaker at District 105A in England and at the South Carolina and New Jersey Multiple District Conventions. Dana has served on the faculties of numerous Multiple District Governor Schools throughout the United States and was a Group Leader at the District Governor-Elect seminars in Osaka, Japan and Denver, Colorado. Dana was a seminar speaker at the International Convention and served on the International Convention Nominating Committee.

Dana's abilities have been recognized at all levels of our Association: Among many others, she has received three International President's Medals, International President's Certificate of Appreciation, International President's Leadership Medal, the prestigious MD-4 Excellence Award, has been both Club and District Lion of the Year and, most recently, received the highest award available when she was presented the Ambassador of Good Will Award by International President Dr. Tae-Sup Lee.

Dana is a caring, compassionate Lion with a positive, upbeat attitude. Dana truly believes that *Lionism belongs to the Lions* and will act accordingly as your representative on the International Board. Dana seeks your endorsement not for self-promotion, but to further the efforts and scope of the greatest service club organization in the world and our Multiple District. Past District Governor Dana Biggs is genuine, real and dedicated to the service of our great Association and its members. We urge your support for a Lion who will serve the Lions of California/Nevada with vision, dedication and utmost integrity—Past District Governor Dana Biggs!

Past Council Chairman Al Magnuson,
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ALL LIONS ARE INVITED, PLEASE JOIN US!

TWO MONTH DISTRICT GOVERNOR CALENDAR

August 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	7 PM Nikkei Installation 4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	8:30 AM Spec. Training Class 14
15	16	7 PM DG visits DC Gateway 17	7 PM DG Visits Fil;-Am Lions 18	19	20	21
Peninsula Coun- cil Installation 22	7 PM Reg. & Zone Chairs Meet 23	6:30 PM DG M- N. Beach In- stall.. 24	7 PM DG Visits Sunset 25	26	27	1st Cabinet Mtg 28
29	30	31				

September 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 USA CAN- ADA FORUM	13 DG Visits W. O' Twin PKS.	14	15 DG Visits M. P. Host	16 DG Visits FC Leos	17	18
19	20	21 DG Visits Palo Alto	22 DG Visits Atherton	23 DG Visits San Carlos	24	25
26	27 DG Visits Menlo P. L. Oak	28 DG Visits Brisbane	29	30		

MONTHLY CLUB CALENDAR

AUGUST 2004 — Times are 7 PM unless noted.

SUN. MON. TUE. WED. THU. FRI. SAT

1	2 Half Moon Bay 7:30 So. SF Noon	3 Redwood Shores 7:30 PM Pacifica 7:30 San Bruno	4 Castro DC Host Noon Geneva M. 6:30 MP Host 7:15 Millbrae 7:30 RC Sunrise 7:15AM	5 Burlingame 12:10 PM Korean Am.	6	7
8	9 MP Live Oak 11:30 AM Ocean Ingleside 7:30 SF Host West O' Twin Peaks 6:30	10 Brisbane 7:30 Foster City Gold. Gate 7:30 Pacifica 7:30	11 Atherton RC Sunrise 7:15AM Sunset	12 Chinatown 7:15 PM Burlingame 12:10 PM San Carlos 12:15 PM San Mateo 6:30	13 Highlands SF Bay 7:30	14 8:30 AM FC REC CTR RSVP CALL 415.885.7664 <i>Spec. Training Class</i>
15	16 Half Moon Bay 7:30 So. SF Noon	17 San Bruno DC Gateway Merced Heights 5PM Pacifica 7:30	18 Castro DC Host Noon Geneva M. 6:30 MP Host 7:15 Millbrae 7:30 RC Sunrise 7:15AM	19 Fil Am Burlingame 12:10 PM Korean Am. New Century	20 Hispanic	21
22 Peninsula Council Installation RSVP by 8/16	23 MP Live Oak 11:30 AM	24 Foster City Brisbane 7:30 Gold. Gate 7:30 Pacifica 7:30 Marina N. B. 6:30 Installation	25 Atherton RC Sunrise 7:15AM Sunset SF Council Mtg	26 Burlingame 12:10 PM San Carlos 12:15 PM San Mateo 6:30	27	28 See Flyer Pg 13 RSVP <i>1st Cabinet Mtg.</i>
29	30	31				

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