



Lion District Governor
Emil Kantola

As I was trying to think of what to say in the first newsletter, I came across the following

*I am thankful I can walk,
There are those who have never taken their first step.
I am thankful I can see the beauty around me,
There are those whose world is always dark.
I am thankful that I can hear music playing,
There are those who entire life has been spent in silence.
I am thankful that I have been loved,
There are those for whom no one has ever cared.
I am thankful for the opportunity to help others,
There are those who have not been so abundantly blessed as I.*

Sometimes we get so involved in a project or event that we forget why we became Lions in the first place. We all became Lions to serve (and have fun doing it). When we provide that child with a pair of glasses, build that wheelchair ramp or provide food for a family at Christmas. Each time we are greeted with a smile and thank you. Each time we get that warm fuzzy feeling. This is the reason I became a Lion. This is the reason that I ran for governor. The Key to Lionism is Service.

Each of us is the key.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve and for you letting me be the Governor of our District.

Lion Emil Kantola
District Governor



Lion Vice District
Governor Ken Ibarra

Fellow Lions:

The last two months have been a whirlwind of activity. Ever since our District convention it appears that Amy and I have been going non-stop. Amy with her new role as president of her Rotary club and me preparing for my new role as your Vice District Governor. It is a household built on service – a passion that we both share.

Service is what Lions is all about. It is clearly and simply why I'm a Lion. District Governor Emil will decree "The Key to Lionism is Service" throughout the year. International President Al Brandel pledges "I want to celebrate Lions' community service, renew pride in what it means to be a Lion."

Do we need to remind ourselves about Lionism and renew our pride? Yes, many times we do. As your Vice District Governor, I am committed to energizing our members and clubs with the simple messages of Lionism: to serve, to give, to be "hands on," to have pride and dedication, and to have fun. To continue to ask the question "what does our community need?"

I will celebrate our clubs that are rich in tradition and continually work tirelessly in their communities, and I will make sure that all clubs have the guidance and confidence to thrive. It is a New Lions Year, with new leadership, new ideas and new energy. I look forward to sharing it with you.

I wish to congratulate DG Emil and Lion Yvonne, our cabinet officers and all of the club officers. And I truly wish to thank all Lions for their Service.

Yours In Lionism,
Lion Ken Ibarra
Vice District Governor

LIONS DISTRICT 4-C4

July 2008

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AN ELEGANT INSTALLATION

The evening of Sunday, July 20, 2008 had an air of inspiration as elegantly dressed 4-C4 Lions, spouses and guests arrived at the Foster City Crowne Plaza hotel for the District 4-C4 Installation Gala in this 92nd year of Lionism. PDG Mel Phillips acted as the Master of Ceremony, announced the incoming officers in the Grand March and orchestrated the program for the evening. Even though District Governor Emil Kantola was formally installed at the LCI International Convention in Bangkok, the District celebrated our new DG along with the installation of VDG Ken Ibarra and the following 2008-2009 cabinet officers by International Director Bob Smith: IPDG Maxine Frazier, Cabinet Secretary Esther Lee, Cabinet Treasurer Rich Picchi, Executive Director Harold Muller, Region 1 Chair Roger Gulin, Region 1 Zone 1 Chair Margaret Lee, Region 1 Zone 2 Chair Fenton Baptise, Region 1 Zone 3 Chair Bill Stipinovich, Region 2 Chair Toni Nava, Region 2 Zone 1 Chair Rudy Pedagat, Region 2 Zone 2 Chair Mario Benavente, Region 2, Zone 3 Chair Gregory Redican, Region 3 Chair Erik Winkler, Region 3 Zone 1 Chair Doug Borland, Region 3 Zone 2 Chair Marilyn Schappert, Region 3 Zone 3 Chair Jim Bigelow. DG Emil was presented a special gift box by ID Bob, and Newsletter Editor Randy Sahae and the Merlot Team were congratulated during DG Emil's acceptance speech. Dinner, dancing and celebrating to the music of Lion Dick Kishimoto went on late into the evening and we all had a great time. Thanks for those who put together this wonderful Installation and to those who attended. Congratulations to the 2008-2009 District 4-C4 Team who have a challenging and exciting term in front of them.

From Millbrae Lions Club President Paul Larson.



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CALENDAR

July 26 - Burlingame Lions Cars in the Park Fundraiser and Blood Drive - see page 6

August 1 - Bayview Hunter's Point Installation Dinner 6:30pm, contact Lion Dr. James M. Calloway (415) 240-6086 Lion Steva Hays: (415) 505-7714

August 3 - San Francisco Hispanic Lions Dance Party and Installation Luncheon - 1:30pm - Basque Cultural Center: Gilberto Crespo 510 384-0218 , Doris E. Melendez 510 220-7686 Vilma López 415 602-5276

August 8 - San Francisco Host Installation - 6pm, Pacifica Beach Resort - Lion Roger Gulen 510-429-0603, Lion Henry Lasat 650-991-7432

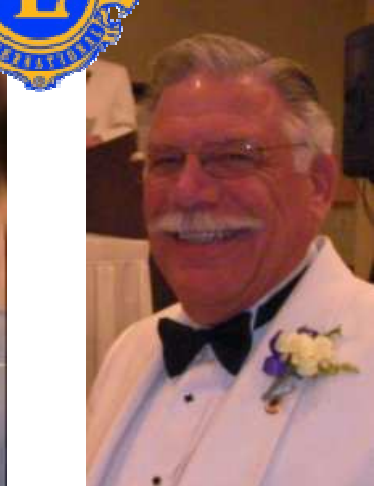
August 9 - San Francisco Premier Lions Installation - Best Western Grosvenor, SSF, 6:30pm, Lion Rosa Eballo - (415) 731-2528

August 16 - South San Francisco Golden Gate Lions Installation, Clarion Hotel Millbrae, 6pm, PDG Elma Loredó : (510) 672-4218

August 23 - First District Cabinet Meeting, Mercy High School, San Francisco



LOCAL HEROES



**INSTALLATION
JULY 20, 2008
Crowne Plaza
Foster City**





LOCAL HEROES - What does it mean?

"The real modern-day heroes may never be on TV or have a book written about them," says new International President Al Brandel, "But the things they do, like bringing a food basket, put a smile on somebody's face. Lions Clubs are making a big impact in people's lives. My role is to let everybody know the miracles happening around the world – and that they can make miracles happen in their backyard."



HERO

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

Do you know a deserving Lion? Nominate them!

View the Local Heroes Video from the International Convention:
www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lnn/videos.html



LOCAL HERO - SAN FRANCISCO HIGHLANDS LIONS

As Lion Aurora Sambo Santiago took office as president of SF Highlands July 1, 2008, she instantly responded to a great need. She donated **\$5000** for the "school for the poor", a pet project of the Highlanders. Under the ideals of Lionism, she is genuinely committed to work for a noble cause, serving those less fortunate.

Lion Aurora is truly excited about this project in Pagasa, Philippines. She plans to visit next February at the grand opening of the Highlands First-Step Learning Center at the new location. Her commitment to the school project is such that her enthusiasm is catching fire among her fellow Highlanders, friends and relatives. She is deeply determined to help raise the needed funds of approximately \$130k.

Lion Aurora has joined the SF Highlands Lions Club three years ago. At first, she wasn't sure about her role as a Lion. After religiously attending a few membership meetings and Lions functions, she became attracted to the various community projects of the club, such as, the annual medical/dental/optical mission, rescue mission, feed the hungry, and the school for the poor. She said that this must be the place to help others through kind words and actions. Her initial expression of caring for others was falling in love with SF Highlands. She became a Melvin Jones Fellow through the Campaign Sightfirst II, followed by a \$600 gift towards the purchase of the School's Phase I Lot Property.

As president, Lion Aurora is encouraged to lead the club in a "we" policy. She wants every member to be involved in every fundraising activity and projects in anyway they can, be it through giving or serving. With her management skills and work experiences here and abroad, she is confident that she can do her job well. Lion Aurora intends to lead by example; to model a courageous heart, have a positive outlook with a persistent faith. - - - Lion Bill Camota, Newsletter Editor



Lion President Dora Bergman Makes History.



On Sunday evening, June 22, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Foster City, history was made. The first Lady Lion President of the San Bruno Lions Club was installed. Incoming President Lion Dora Bergman took over the reins of the presidency from outgoing President Lion Dave Keller. Lion Don Stanaway did the installation. Lion Mel Phillips was the emcee for the evening. Lion President Dora explained how she came to be involved in Lionism. When she finished her acceptance speech, she received a standing ovation. It was a moving speech and she is looking forward to a banner year for the San Bruno Lions Club.

Cars in the Park and Blood Drive

Burlingame Lions upcoming Cars in the Park and Blood Drive is an opportunity for clubs to get contest points. We need a few more blood donors.

The blood centers are very low right now and can use all the donations we can get them. What better way to serve than to give of yourself, so others can live.

Sounds kinda corny but recently in my family, a situation arose where a family member may have need blood. It hit home when the nurse said the blood bank was very short and they may need to use family members instead. Thank the Lord there are enough of my husbands family around, but what if there weren't.

Giving blood can save lives. Anything you can due to help will be appreciated.

Call or email me, Lion Toni Nava at (650) 504-5222 with your sign -ups.

4th annual
Burlingame
Lions Club

Cars in the Park
Saturday, July 26, 2008
9 am to 3 pm in WASHINGTON PARK
Corner of Burlingame Avenue and Carolan Drive - Near Burlingame High School

FREE TO THE PUBLIC AND FUN
FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

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Lion Robert Ramos Installed as President of the San Francisco Council of Lions

Excitement was in the air at Patio Español Spanish Cultural Center in San Francisco where Lions from all around the City, and also the Penin-

sula, gathered for the 2008-2009 San Francisco Coordinating Council of Lions Installation of Officers. This was my first time attending SFCCLC meeting...many familiar faces were there to greet me and others were new, but all were Lions and welcoming. I sat at a table close to the front with SSF Host IPP Sandee Ige and VDG SB Lion Ken Ibarra along with SF Chinatown Lions President Albert Tam and PDG Larry Wong, and also outgoing SF Council IPP Rosie Jones and incoming SF Council Secretary Bob Lawhon. Also at our table was the very impressive SF Council's Scholarship Winner: Lily Jia Li Zhu from China who just graduated with a 4.7 average from Galileo High School and will soon be attending Harvard University.

The Program for the evening was hosted by Foster City Lion PDG Ray Rosenthal and the Installing Officer was Pacifica Lion DG Emil Kantola who "christened" SF Hispanic Lions PP Robert Ramos as President and SF Chinatown Lion Margaret Lee as IPP. Wishing to show her appreciation for her term as President, Lion Margaret announced "I went shopping" and presented certificates and gifts to those Lions who helped her during her term. Also during her speech Lion Margaret mentioned 3 C's needed in Lionism: Charisma, Confidence and Cash...she cited ME, Lion Paul Larson, as an example of "Charisma" which I thought was nice of her...with VDG Ken Ibarra having "Confidence", and Bay View Hunter's Point Lion Dr. James Calloway well regarded for raising "Cash". Before the acceptance speech by Lion President Robert, an introduction was made by his son, Robert Ramos, Jr. who surprisingly has been a Lion for already 4 years...since he was 18! The evening concluded with a rendition of "Happy Birthday" to Sandra Ramos, wife of newly installed President Robert, along with birthday cake for all.
Millbrae Lions Club President Paul Larson.

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.



2007-2008 Rick Nuccitelli
District Award Winner
Lion Mike Simonini



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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