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March 2011

## A message from your District Governor Mike Simonini

Hello All Lions

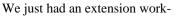
Well, it's getting near the end of the year (Lions Year) and we still have a lot going on. Student Speakers Region contests are going; good luck to

all the students.

Eyeglass collection may be over by the time you read this message but I hope that a lot more clubs participate this year than last year. Our district has been getting lax on the collection part.

The YCA dinner and drawing will

be held April 9th. Hope to see many of you there. Chairlady Lion Connie Bridgewater and her merry crew have worked hard this year. Sales are down, so if you purchased tickets, your chances of winning are better. See you at the dinner.



shop mainly for getting the new

Palo Alto club going. But, we can use the same game plan to help get new members for all clubs. WE NEED MEMBERS.

LCIF is asking for donations for the Japan disaster. Donations of a \$1000.00 are eligible for a Melvin Jones Award. This is great way to

At the March 11th South San Francisco Host Lions Club Spaghetti Feed & Bingo Scholarship Fundraiser, District Governor Mike and Lady Jane enjoy this successful event. get your Melvin Jones Award; you not only help the Japan Lions help the thousands that are in need of help but you also get

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Articles & photos may be submitted to Lion 4-C4 Newsletter Editor Paul Larson for publication in this Service & Teamwork Newsletter via email to lionpaul@chapelofthehighlands.com and must be sent no later than the 20th day of each month for inclusion in the next issue. Flyers for upcoming club projects and other "time sensitive materials" may also be emailed to the Editor and will be distributed ASAP to the appropriate 4-C4 Lions via their email. Thank you for your support and may good luck find all who read this Newsletter.



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## A message from 1st VDG Esther



Last week. PDG Carl Burson came to assist and provide us with tools in Club Extension. member recruitment. PDG Al Russell made the arrangements and Lion Toni Nava provided the venue and snacks.

It was a small group, but as always PDG Carl is a very good teacher, very clearly imparted to us his knowledge on the subject matter. The coming weeks will be devoted to applying what we learned and hopefully succeed in forming a new club in Palo Alto which is the goal of DG Mike in order to serve the community. Currently, we have the Palo Alto Host and East Palo Alto Lions our hopes are that everyone will be supportive and provide us with greater visibility. I commend PDG Al Russell for his untiring efforts in Extension and Membership Recruitment which is vital to our District. Recruiting is everyone's responsibility, if we continuously work on recruitment we can replace drops, transfers or loss due to deaths. Interested in helping? Call PDG Al or send him names of friends, relatives, business associates who might be prospective members. Remember if you don't ask, you will never know.

April is coming so is the Peace Officers and Firefighters Awards for both Peninsula and San Francisco Council and remember the YCA drawing. Everyone involved is hard at work to bring these events to you and they need your support and participation.

Congratulations to San Francisco Host Lions on their Lion Esther Lee 91st anniversary, the oldest club in our District chartered March 30, 1920.

## A message from 2nd VDG Bob

#### Confidence

"Be a Beacon of Service. The Key To Our Success Is Through Service and Impactful Service Projects." Sid L. Scruggs, III, International President. Net growth and the power of one is based on having fun meetings and



dynamic, organized and well publicized service projects.

I am passionate about the power of SERVICE. I cannot say it better than our International President Sid L. Scruggs, III stated in his "The Beacon of Hope": "Our motto "We Serve" defines our mission, and is the core principle of our organization. This year, we are rededicating ourselves to service. Service will, in fact, be the focal point of my 2010-11 Presidential Theme. As people increasingly seek ways to volunteer, the time has never been better for Lions to shine a light on service."

Growing our Lion club takes vision and courage in identifying and growing our future leaders, service, and acknowledging our collective weakness and strengths. We must have the confidence to be inclusive and promote a welcoming hand to individuals we may or may not know and speak up about the power of Lionism. I encourage you to have use (Continued on page 5)

Lion Paul, thank you for the announcements and the wonderful monthly bulletin!

In Lionism.

First Vice District Governor District 4-C4





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## From the Editor's Desk

Rain Rain go away come again another day. By the time you read this the rain may have already left...but as of now it seems like I am taking a

shower every time I stand outside. Yesterday, though, as I stood in front of Saint Dunstan's Church in Millbrae (Thursday, March 24th at 6:45 PM) the skies cleared enough for the sun to peer through and create the most amazing DOUBLE RAINBOW! Picture 2 full rainbows arching across the sky, one above the other. I never saw anything like it

before. *Moral to this story:* When times seem busy or hectic there may be a happy surprise if you just look in the right

The raindrop acts as a prism while the white light from the sun splits the white light into 7 colors (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet), causing a rainbow. When all the sunlight doesn't escape the raindrop the light reflects causing a double rainbow.

direction. Here are my wishes for your relaxing "Double Rainbow" to appear to you when needed! If you wish to submit an article please do so by the 20th of the month. Putting together a Newsletter is like a "time sensitive" puzzle, and it would help me



out a lot by emailing your <u>brief</u> article or pictures to me in a timely manner...the sooner the better.

Thanks for

your sup-

port and I look forward to seeing you around 4-C4 very soon!

Lion Paul Larson ~

District 4-C4 Newsletter Editor

## District Governor's Message (continued from page 1)

an award. We have had many donations and the district has donated \$1000.00. Remember where we live, the shake rattle and roll could very well happen here and we will be looking for help from afar. So let's get the donations going.

Talking about disasters, the district disaster team is having some training classes and we need more Lions to sign up. Chairman Lion Jack Van Etten has everything ready to go with the exception of enough lions. Lion Jack has spent many hours with the Red Cross getting everything lined up. We need to be prepared. So let's start signing up. vention committee has been hard at work planning this year's convention. All of the forms are on the district web page, lions4c4.org. We are going to have a great time. I wonder what is going to happen to the incoming governor and 1st spouse this year.

Police and Firemen Awards dinner for both the PCL and SFCCL are holding their awards dinner in April. The awards go to police and fire personnel that have been nominated by their chiefs for service above and beyond the call. Please make an effort to attend so we can show our appreciation for our first responders.

CONVENTION is right around the corner. The con- Thank You

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## Know your 2010-2011 District 4-C4 Cabinet Officers



Mike Simonini ~ District Governor



Esther Lee ~ 1st Vice District Governor



Robert Wilson ~ 2nd Vice District Governor



Ken Ibarra ~ Immediate Past **District Governor** 



Lydia Taylor-**Bellinger** ~ Cabinet Secretary



Steve Picchi ~ Cabinet Treasurer



**Rudy Pedagat** ~ District Executive Director



Paul Larson ~ District Newsletter Editor



Carl T<mark>ebell</mark> ~ Region 1 Chair



Region 1 Zone 1 Chair

Bill Stipinovich ~

**Rufino Ramos~** 

Region 2 Chair

Sandee Ige ~

Region 1 Zone 2 Chair

Albert Tam ~



Jon Froomin ~ Region 4 Zone 1 Chair



Cindy Smith ~ Region 4 Zone 2 Chair



Jim Bigelow ~ Region 4 Zone 3 Chair



PDG Mel Phillips ~ Membership **Development Team** 

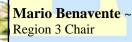
PDG Ray Rosenthal ~

Membership

Helen Marte ~

Region 2 Zone 1 Chair







**IPDG Ken Ibarra** ~ Membership Development Team

Development Team

Ora Seyler ~ Region 3 Zone 1 Chair

Dan Andersen ~ Region 3 Zone 2 Chair



<mark>Al He</mark>rnandez ~ Region 4 Chair







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## Message from 2nd VDG Bob Wilson (continued from page 2)

all resources, i.e., local newsletter, e-mail, social

network sites, Lions newsletter and, of course, the telephone, to publicize your outstanding Lion Club Service projects, club accomplishments, and meetings. Shout it out "WE SERVE."

My job, as a Lion and 2nd Vice District Governor is to serve and learn. You are doing a great job. Keep up your good work.



The link to "The Beacon of Hope" can be found on

the Lions International at www.lionsclubs.org/ EN/common/pdfs/ intprogram.pdf and is posted on my facebook account /skipperbob.

Honored to serve you as second vice district governor,

Lion Skipper Bob Wilson

At the Friday, March 11th South San Francisco Host Lions Club Spaghetti Feed & Bingo Scholarship Fundraiser, Lion Alison and 2nd VDG Bob smile for Lion Theresa Garcia's camera.

## Lion Jim Bigelow Reports on Menlo Park Host's Charitable Assistance



1. On Friday, March 25th at the Menlo Park Veterans Administration Hospital in Menlo Park the Menlo Park Host Lions Club donated an electric wheel chair donated to our Club by Lion David Hunter. The chair was used by his deceased wife and had new batteries installed just before the donation was made to the VA. Pictured L to R) La Shanda Holland, VA Hospital Administration, sitting in the electric chair Veteran Richard Porupsky, Lion David

Hunter and on the right Lion Bob Bass both from Menlo Park Host Lions Club. 2. Rebuilding Together Project at the home of Viola Clay in East Palo Alto at 1101 Westminster Avenue. The Law Firm of Murray & Murray is the major funder and will provide some volunteer hours. Some Area Lions Clubs

will provide some funding and many volunteer hours. The Lions efforts will be supplemented by Mike Marymee and

some resources from other RTB volunteers. The detailed work plan will be out in the near future. In early November I met with Viola and her daughter Latonia who both are disabled and live in the home. We will do what we can to improve this home but our budget will only go so far. I hope to again meet with the family this week and further discuss the details of items to be accomplished.



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## Special Accolades at the MD-4 Convention for the SF Premier Lions



*Editor's Note:* The following was reported by IPDG Ken Ibarra at the MD-4 Convention in Primm, Nevada on February 4 thru 6, 2011.

Pictured (L to R) Lion Jose Ebalo; Lion Margit Wirfs; Lion Rosa Ebalo with Immediate Past International President Eberhard Wirfs - the SF Premier Lions were one of three finalists for Most Outstanding Service Project (Small Club) for their Medical Mission to the Philippines in February, 2010.

Congratulations to the SF Premier Lions!

## Sunshine Report by Lion Yvonne Kantola

This past month, we've lost Lions and loved ones. We send our condolences to send them a card.

Yvonne Kantola, Past President, Pacifica Lions

- Lion Helen Habeeb of the BASO Lions for the loss of her sister;
- the family and Lions of the South San Francisco Host Lions for the loss of Past President Lion Patty Mayer;
- the family and Lions of the San Carlos Club for the loss of Lion Carl Garbe;
- the family and Lion of the Ocean Ingleside Club for the loss of Lion Octavia Carter;
- Lion Jessie Peoples for the loss of her son;
- Lion Steva Hayes for the loss of her husband.

May their memories be eternal.

I want to also thank the Lions who lets me know when someone needs a bit of sunshine. If you know of someone who's spirits might be lifted, let me know and I'll Certified Guiding Lion, Family & Women Membership Development Chairperson. District 4 C4

Pictured not that long ago are (back L to R) SSF Host Lions Club PP Sandee Ige, SF Hispanic Lions Club President Vilma Lopez; SSF Host Lions Club PP Theresa Garcia; and seated is

late SSF Lions Club Immediate Past President Patty Mayer. A well attended and touching "Celebration of Life" for Lion Patty took place on Sunday March 6th at 1:00 PM followed by a reception & Luncheon at the **Basque** Cultural Center.





## PDG Jocelyn Mina reports on a successful SF Host Lions Flag Day

#### FLAG DAY CELEBRATION: San Francisco Host Lions Club & Visitacion Valley Elementary School

"Give me liberty or give me death" (Patrick Henry, political leader during the American Revolution, 1736 - 1779) quoted by Gordon Mau--a 5th grade at Visitacion Valley Elementary School, to express what the American Flag means to him.

To promote observance of Flag Day, I met with Ms. Alene Wheaton (Principal), after the

New Year. I introduced myself as representative of San Francisco Host Lions Club and the reason of my visit; I briefed her about Lions Clubs International and the San Francisco

Host Lions Club--and most important--of the goals and objectives of the POSTER/ ESSAY CONTEST/ FLAG CEREMONY on Flag Day. We set the day for February 11. I brought the winning entries from Flag Day, 2009, which served as perfect guidelines for the desired size of Poster and the accompanying Essay on " What The American Flag Means To Me." Pictured during Flag Day on February 11. 2011 at Visitacion Valley Elementary School. SF: 1. Student Body during the Pledge of Allegiance; 2. (Left to Right) Lion Pres. Manny Paje; Ms. Alene Wheaton (Principal); Mr. Jeffrey Hunter (2nd grade teacher & In-Charge of Event); Gordon Mau (Fifth Grade & First Place Winner); Lion PDG Jocelyn Mina.

On the 10th, I met with Mr. Jeffrey Hunter, a 2nd grade teacher-in-charge of the event and to coordinate with the rest of the faculty in the distribution of the 250 mini-American Flags to all of their students.



He coordinated as well, the Contest which was open only to 3rd to 5th grade students. There were 40+ entries! It was very refreshing reviewing the entries and left me extremely optimistic of the future of this, our U.S. of A.! Mr. Hunter and I picked the six

(6) winners. There before us--the poster of the American Flag and a short essay--are proof that the youth of today truly appreciate what the American Flag symbolizes; that they will abide by the truths, principles, values, and responsibilities it upholds.

The following day the 11th was "D-DAY!" Our Lion President Manny Paje came to participate in the ceremonies. The entire student body from K to 5th and their teachers, led by Ms. Wheaton, recited the Pledge Of Allegiance and sang "America, The Beautiful." The students had their right hand over their heart as they recited the Pledge; waved their flags proudly as they sang along.

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## Successful SF Host Lions Flag Day (continued from page 7)

Thereafter, I made a brief statement thanking Ms. Wheaton for welcoming us warmly and enthusiastically, to do this youth outreach program once again; I addressed the student body in regard the objec-

tives of Lions Clubs members to promote patriotism and respect for the American Flag in elementary schools.

Last phase of the celebration was the presentation of the winners. Ms. Wheaton, Mr. Hunter, Lion Manny, and I, called on the winners; awards presented; pictures taken; Club checks pay-toparent or guardian or cash were awarded.

Gordon Mau, 5th grade wrote (in addition to quoting Patrick
*Pictured on Febr*

quoting Patrick<br/>Henry): "The<br/>American Flag<br/>makes me feel I<br/>am Home." He<br/>was awarded<br/>\$25.00 as First<br/>Place for his<br/>poster and short essay.Picture<br/>on Fl<br/>ley El<br/>Mr. J<br/>of Ev<br/>Fra<br/>Place

Pictured on February 11, 2011 on Flag Day at Visitacion Valley Elementary School (L to R): Mr. Jeffrey Hunter (In-Charge of Event, 2nd grade Teacher); Francesca Agcaoili (Third Place Winner, 3rd grade); Lion PDG Jocelyn Mina.

- Graciela Cenina, 5th grade wrote: "When I see the American Flag I think of unity, freedom,
- and solidarity. . . it's a nation full of opportunities and diverse ethnic groups." Her reward for Second Place was \$15.00.

Third Place winner, Francesca Agcaoili, 3rd grade wrote: "I too, respect the American Flag because it stands for freedom and justice." She received \$10.00 for winning Third Place.

> There were three (3) Honorable Mentions who were awarded \$5.00 each. They were, as follows:

> • Jalena Zapata, a 3rd grade wrote: " The red means valor, white means innocence and purity, blue means vigilance, perseverance, and justice."

• Leslie Kwong, 5th grade wrote: ". . .means we are a strong nation. . .

we are free."

Jonathan Ticao, another 3rd grade wrote: "Pride because of the men and women who gave their lives for us to be the nation we are today."

Our reward as Lions of San Francisco Host were their smiles and unadulterated pride! Simply put, their experience comes exposure; exposure comes understanding; understanding begets resolve; resolve begets strength; with strength comes a great nation, that is the United States Of America!

## Millbrae Lions Club Scout House: Help on the way from IFMA & RTA

*Editor's Note:* The following is a request from Millbrae Lions Club President Randy Sahae to help with desperately needed rebuilding tasks on April 23rd and 30th:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Esteemed Millbrae Lions Club

We have a wonderful opportunity to work with Rebuilding Together America (RTA) to fix up the Scout House (aka MCYC). The RTA partner that adopted us is the IFMA - - International Facilities Management Association.



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## Millbrae Lions Club Scout House: Help on the way (continued from page 8)

IFMA, RTA, and partners, will provide skilled and unskilled labor, breakfast, lunch and a BBQ dinner elsewhere. They are providing some of the materials (including carpeting donation already received). Your Lions Board of Directors has authorized advancing funds for additional materials.

They are asking that we also provide volunteers to help work on this day. All skills and unskills (!) are welcome - - see flyer. Leos 14 and over are welcome with parental permission.

There are two work days, April 23 and April 30. I would like to have at least 8 Lions each of those days. If we get a lot done on the 23rd, we may not need as many on the 30th.

Your participation is very important. Please respond TO ME no later than April 6. This is our biggest project in calendar year 2011. And my biggest project as a co-chairman, ever, since joining. I hope you will help support it. Many thanks...



Lion President Randy Sahae

## San Carlos Lions Make Progress at Mud Damaged 4H Farm

Pictured (L to R) 1. San Carlos Lions Ginger Silverman,



Scot Marsters & Cindy Smith deliver pizza & drinks to the San Carlos 4H during their day of moving rocks 2. San Carlos Lion Scot Marsters spent the day pick up rocks and moving them uphill.



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## 4-C4 Lions Eager to Donate Toward Japanese Earthquake & Tsunami



Thanks to the many Lions & Clubs that want to help those affected by the devastating Earthquake, Tsunami and Nuclear Disaster in Japan.

As of this writing donations have been pouring in to LCIF and to our District from those wanting to help.

Lion Jim Bigelow reported that the Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Club made a much appreciated quick response donation of \$1,000 to support LCIF Japan Earthquake relief;

SF The Castro Lions Club President Dennis Hale reports the following: We have some trying times with the Japanese situation just going crazy and the economy in jeopardy again, but we still serve better than ever. We can all be proud of the International Lions Club for sending 1.25 million dollars to the relief effort. District Governor Mike has offered a Melvin Jones to any club donating \$1000.00 to the effort. One of our members wrote a check for \$500.00 and we are now challenging the rest of our club to match it so we can donate the \$1000.00. As President I am willing to be the contact for any matching donations.

Also, the following is reported by Lion Jim Bigelow, Region Four Zone Three Chair: The District has advised that Club checks for the Japan Disaster Relief support should be sent directly to LCIF with a notation on the check Japan Disaster Relief. It is requested that Lydia Taylor-Bellinger, Cabinet Secretary be advised of the amount donated by the Club. As a courtesy it would also be good to let Region Four Chair Al Hernandez, Cabinet Treasurer Steve Picchi and PDG Al Rosenthal, District LCIF Chair know of your donations. Club donations or individual donations by Club members of \$1,000 plus can qualify for a Melvin Jones Award. Any size donations are welcome from Clubs or individuals for the California Initiative to support LCIF Japan Earthquake Relief Fund encouraged by our District and Multiple District Four.

Even though this disaster in Japan took place over 2 weeks ago your help is still needed. If you wish to donate it is not too late. What ever you can give will be appreciated by those in Japan who lost their homes, towns and families.

Take care, from Lion Paul Larson, Editor.

## SSF Host Lions Spaghetti Bingo



At the March 11th SSF Host Lions Spaghetti Feed & Bingo Scholarship Fundraiser at SSF Scavengers: 1. SSF Host Secretary & **PP Lion Tom Fourie & wife** Lion Pat with Lion Bob Bartoli: 2. Lion PP Theresa Garcia with Lions Silvia Cobos Dunn & Helen Olson packed up all the leftovers for Lion Gwen Strain's homeless project; 3. Happy Bingo winner SSF Host Membership Chair & PP Lion Chuck Elliott shows off his winning prize; 4. SSF Host Pres. Terry White (& SSF Public Works Director).



## Annual 4-C4 Collection of Used Eyeglasses Helps the Needy to See

Thanks to Lion Erik Winkler for this picture of the Annual Eyeglass Collection on Sat., March 26th in Daly City. Pictured are 4-C3 PDG Walter Griffin with other 4-C3 Lions listening to 4-C4 DG Mike Simonini. Lions Clubs from all over participated in turning in their collected eyeglasses. Your efforts are helping to make this project a success and helping the needy to see.



## **Mark Your Calendar**

# **Important 4-C4 Dates**

- PCL "Police and Firefighter Awards Banquet" April 1, 2011 at the Crown Plaza Hotel Foster City **RSVP**
- SFCCL "Peace Officers and Firefighters Awards Night" April 23, 2011 at Patio Español in San Francisco RSVP
- District 4-C4 Convention May 12 thru 15, 2011 at the Red Lion Hotel in Sacramento.
- Lions Clubs International Convention July 4 thru 8, 2011 in Seattle, WA.

Please send in your MMR and Activity forms in before the end of the month. Cabinet Secretary Lydia Taylor-Bellinger must receive the MMR and dues must be current to be eligible for 100% President and Secretary awards.

# MD-4 Student Speakers Contest 2010-2011

Topic: "Enforcing our Borders: State versus Federal Rights"

#### **Dates for 2010-2011**

- Club Contest .....by February 22, 2011
- Zone Contest .....by March 14, 2011
- Region Contest .....by April 11, 2011
- District Contest .....by May 2, 2011
- Area Contest .....by May 23, 2011
- MD-4 Final Contest....on June 4, 2011 (Council of Governors—San Jose, CA)

District 4-C4 Student Speaker Contest Chair Lion Rich Picchi: (650) 728-7639 or (650) 703-9834 or rpicchi@comcast.net

With this Newsletter are many good wishes for you, your family and loved ones!



Lion Paul Larson ~ 4-C4 Newsletter Editor c/o Chapel of the Highlands El Camino Real at 194 Millwood Drive Millbrae, CA 94030-1392



#### LIONS ETHICS

**TO SHOW** my faith in the worthiness of 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 of profit for 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 others. To be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.

WHENEVER a doubt arises as the right or ethics of my position of action towards my fellow man, to resolve such doubt against myself.

TO HOLD friendship as end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the true spirit in which it is given.

ALWAYS bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my unswerving loyalty in word, act as deed; to give them freely of my time, labor and means.

**TO AID** my fellow man 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.



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Award: Sandee Ige

"GENEROUS CONSIDERATION" among the peoples of the world through a study of the problems of international relationship.TO **PROMOTE** the theory and practice of the principles of good government and good citi-

TO TAKE an active interest in the civic, social, and moral welfare of the community. TO UNITE the members in the bonds of friendship and mutual understanding. **TO PROVIDE** a forum for the full and free discussion of all matters of public interest,

partisan politics and sectarian religion alone excepted. **TO ENCOURAGE** efficacy and promote high ethical standards and professions: provided that no club shall hold out as one of its objects financial benefits to its members.