



Lion District Governor
Emil Kantola

DG MESSAGE

For those of you that came to the convention, your friendship and camaraderie made the convention great. For those that did not come, you missed one of the best conventions ever.

Thank you to the convention committee. You made the convention happen. You arranged all of the details that made the convention run smoothly. You made it so that all of us could sit back and enjoy the convention.

The convention is like a family reunion. You get to see Lion friends at the convention that you may have not seen since last year. I ran across a card I received at the beginning of the year saying the difference between Friends and Lion Friends. It went as follows:

FRIENDS: Never ask for food. LION FRIENDS: Always bring the food.

FRIENDS: Will congratulate you for doing a good job.

LION FRIENDS: Will jump in and help you do the job.

FRIENDS: Will say 'hello'. LION FRIENDS: Will give you a big hug.

FRIENDS: Have never seen you cry. LION FRIENDS: Cry with you.

FRIENDS: Will eat at your dinner table and leave.

LION FRIENDS: Will spend hours there, talking, laughing, and just being together.

FRIENDS: Are for a while. LION FRIENDS: Are for life.

Congratulations to Lion Rudy Pedagat for being this year's Rick Nuchitelli / Sy Moyer awardee. This was well deserved. Lion Rudy was a zone chair, bulletin editor, budget committee member, as well as being there at every turn. Thank you Lion Rudy.

Congratulation to PDG Mel Phillips for being the District Lion of the Year. Lion Mel is a Lions Lion. He has been club president Past District Governor and is always there for his club, the District and more. Lion Mel is the first Lion of the year for our district. Thank you Lion Mel.

The following awards were also presented at the Convention:

The MD4 excellence Awards were presented to Lion Roger Gulen, Lion Mario Benavente and Lion Erik Winkler.

The District Leadership Awards were presented to Lion Tony Nava, Lion Mike Simonini and Lion Ken Ibarra.

An International Appreciation Certificates were presented to Lion Harold Muller, Lion Dick Kishimoto, Lion Richard Picchi, Lion Rudy Pedagat, Lion James Bigelow and Lion Esther Lee

The Governor Appreciation Medals were presented to Lion William Stipinovich, Lion Denise Kelly, Lion Margaret Lee, Lion Marilyn Schappert, Lion Randy Sahae and Lion Paul Cademartori.

A Special Governor Appreciation Medals was also presented to two Lion Presidents this year. Lion President Sylvia Chu and Lion President Rufino Ramos.

This year was a contested election and the following Lions will be your leaders for the upcoming year. Lion Ken Ibarra as District Governor, Lion Michael Simonini as First Vice District Governor and Lion Esther Lee as Second Vice District Governor. Congratulations to all. Lion Bob Wilson also ran for second Vice District Governor. Lion Bob ran a great campaign and I am sure we will see more of Lion Bob in the future.

The International Director Beverly Stebbins, DG Cathy Garcia, VDG Dan Lyons and their spouses thank the Lions of our District for your hospitality and friendship. I too thank you all for a great convention.**DG Emil**



Lion District Governor
Elect Ken Ibarra

Fellow Lions:

You may be thinking that I'll be writing about all of the fun and fellowship many of us experienced at our convention in Sacramento. How we come together for a few days and entertain each other and a few guests. How many of us had time to rehearse skits and think up and make costumes – how *did* we find the time? How the intense planning of a few made for a well-organized and memorable event. How, in between the partying and tomfoolery we honor the hard work and service of the past year and memorialize the loved ones who once worked by our sides. How an international officer, a stranger at first, becomes a lifelong friend. How certain individuals unleash their passion to become our leaders and how we embrace our past district governors and their legacies. Did I mention that you may think I will go on and on about the many talented and untalented members amongst us? Specifically in singing and acting.

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LIONS DISTRICT 4-C4

May 2009

O C A L H E R O E S

Meet your District 4C4 2008-2009 Officers:

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**Congratulations
to this year's**

TOP CLUB

South San Francisco

Host Lions

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REGION 1

CHAIR: Rogelio (Roger) Gulen, San Francisco Host Lions Club romasyl@aol.com (510) 429-0603

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Zone 3 Chair - SF Park Gate, SF Park Presidio, SF Geneva Mission, SF Korean American, SF Sunset

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Zone 3 Chair - Half Moon Bay, Daly City Gateway, Daly City Host, Pacifica

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REGION 3

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Zone 1 Chair - Burlingame, Foster City, Millbrae, San Mateo, San Mateo Metro

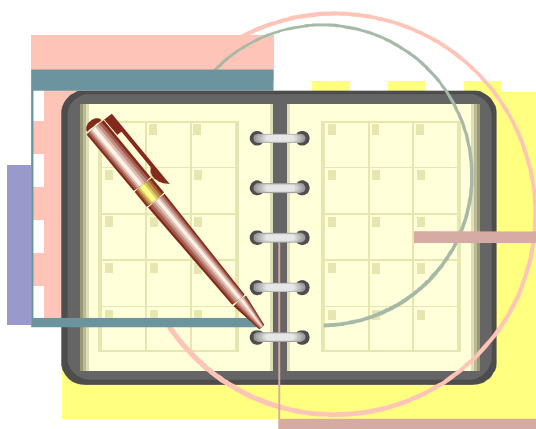
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Zone 3 Chair - Atherton, East Palo Alto, Menlo Park Host, Menlo Park Live Oak, Palo Alto

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CALENDAR

May 27 - Monthly SF Council Meeting Imperial Palace Restaurant, 818 Washington Street, San Francisco, 6pm, reservations were due May 20. Contact Lion Charissa Gong (415) 956-9888

May 30 - President-Elect Training Seminar, Oyster Pt. Yacht Club, SSF 650-589-4613 Lion Ken

June 9 - South San Francisco Host Installation, Oyster Pt. Yacht Club - 6pm - Contact Lion Helen Olson, 650-878-0511 Deadline for Reservations June 1, 2009

June 13 - Club Officer Leadership Training, Millbrae Rec. Center (9am-1pm) 650-589-4613 Lion Ken

June 19 - Daly City Host Installation, Basque Cultural Center, 599 Railroad Ave, South San Francisco, 6pm, Deadline June 11, RSVP to 650/755-9567 or email dchostlions@comcast.net

June 19 - Golden Gate Lions Summer Dinner Dance, Buri-Buri Social Hall, 33 Arroyo Street, South San Francisco Lion Elma Loreda (510) 222-6346

June 20 - Millbrae Lions Installation - South San Francisco Conference Center - 6:30pm - contact Lion Rich Bortolin (650) 343-9185

June 22 - Peninsula Council Meeting hosted by South San Francisco Host Lions.

June 27 - Burlingame 80th Installation of Officers, Doubletree Hotel Burlingame, 6pm, 650-348-7886 Email: KLIMNI@sbcglobal.net

July 18 - SF Hispanic Lions Installation, Elks Lodge, 920 Stonegate Drive, So. San Francisco

July 25 - San Francisco Host Lions Club Installation of Officers at Grosvenor Hotel, 380 South Airport Blvd., South San Francisco Cost \$50.00

August 9 - District Installation, SSF Conference Center (6pm)

KEY 2009-2010 DATES from Lion DG Elect Ken Ibarra

1st Cabinet Meeting: August 22, 2009

2nd Cabinet Meeting: November 14, 2009

3rd Cabinet Meeting: February 20, 2010

2010 District 4-C4 Convention will be May 20-23, 2010 at the Red Lion Hotel

In addition, these are important dates that I, along with the VDG's, will/may be attending:

June 5-7: Council of Governors (Palm Springs)

July 1-5: DG Training (Minneapolis)

July 6-10: International Convention (Minneapolis)

July 31- August 2: Council of Governors (Fairfield)

Sept. 23-25: USA/Canada Forum (Memphis)

Oct. 16-18: Council of Governors (Hosted by 4-C4)

Feb. 3-4, 2010: Council of Governors (Riverside)

Feb. 5-7, 2010: MD4 Convention (Riverside)

June 3-6, 2010: Council of Governors (Central Coast)

June 28-July 5, 2010: International Convention (Sydney)

LIONS DISTRICT 4-C4

May 2009



Reported by Lion Jose Ingojo

Last year, a typhoon hit the province of Zambales in the Philippines, devastating the town of Santa Cruz. Even before this, there was already a great need for basic medical care for the many indigent Filipinos living there. With this in mind, the San Francisco Premier Lions Club, under the leadership of its President, Rosa Ebalo, embarked on holding a Medical and Dental Mission to this devastated area.



**San Francisco Premier
Lions Club Medical and
Dental Mission 2009**

For months prior to the actual Mission, San Francisco Premier Lions Club sought donations of funds and eyeglasses. Medical supplies were bought. Doctors and dentists were recruited. Lion Jose Ebalo left weeks in advance, to do preparatory work and coordinate with Mayor Luisito Marty of Santa Cruz. This included inspection of the site, making arrangements with Customs officials, arranging lunch for the volunteers, and determining the medical equipments needed. Arrangements were made for local medical & non-medical professionals to volunteer their time and expertise for the mission. A total of 62 volunteers were committed. Two optometrists worked for four nights grading eyeglasses donated by Lions in Sight.

Starting February 26th, members of the Medical & Dental Mission team began arriving in the Philippines. These included Club President Rosa Ebalo, Lion Rex Reyes, Lion Dr. Gaudy Ebalo-Reyes, Lion Dr. Teresita Degamo and 4 dentists, headed by Dr. Virgilio Bautista. Accompanying the contingent from the US-based SF Premier Lions Club were 4 big boxes of medicine & 1 big box of donated glasses. The rest of the medical supplies and eyeglasses were shipped ahead of time, courtesy of LBC Foundation.

MARCH 7-9: On the first day of the mission, many patients came. Blood sugar testing, blood pressure screening, urine testing and other tests were performed by 5 RNs and 9 graduate nurses. Specialized clinics were set up: 2 OB-GYNs for gynecological examinations, 6 dentists for dental examinations and extractions, 6 optometrists for eye refraction and dispensing of eyeglasses, 6 doctors for internal medicine and pediatrics & 3 medical surgeons for circumcisions.

On the second day of the Mission, more patients came, especially children, and more children's medication had to be bought, such as de-worming medications and multivitamins. On March 9th, patients continued to show up at the Ebalo residence even though the Mission was officially over. Ten more patients were treated, and more reading glasses handed out. Medical supplies left over from the Mission were distributed to the local hospital and clinics.

MARCH 12-14: On March 12th, members of the San Francisco Premier Lions Club traveled to Manila for a Governor's visitation, where certificates were awarded to the District Governor and his Staff in appreciation of all their help. On March 14th, they traveled to the Elsie Gaches Village, a facility for mentally challenged persons, in the town of Alabang and donated a much-needed juicer and two blenders.

REFLECTIONS ON ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Over the course of 2 days, six Internists and Pediatricians, headed by Lion Dr. Ebalo-Reyes and Lion Dr. Teresita Degamo, saw 900 patients. Drs. Yabut and Lazaga, OB-GYNs, saw 240 patients and performed 80 pelvic exams. Three surgeons performed 70 circumcisions, 6 dentists completed 183 dental extractions, and 6 optometrists dispensed 900 pairs of eyeglasses. Overall, 91 volunteers served & more than 2,000 patients were seen / treated. In addition, \$1,900 was donated by the San Francisco Premier Lions Club for 20 prospective cataract surgeries.

A special thanks to LCIF for their help and for the award of matching grant, to the Lions in Sight for generously donating 4,000 unneutralized glasses, to the LBC Foundation for providing free shipment of supplies, to DG Emil Kantola, VDG Ken Ibarra and ID Dana Biggs for their support and help in expediting the approval of our grant application, to Governor George Ong -Tan and Lion President Rolando Feliciano of District D301-D2 for their support & contribution, and last, but not least, to Luisito Marty, the Mayor of Santa Cruz, Zambales, for his invaluable support and contribution to the Mission.

It was indeed a memorable trip and Mission well-done, and with many fond memories. *More Pictures PG 5*

LIONS DISTRICT 4-C4

May 2009



LOCAL
HEROES

National Rebuilding Together Day 4/25/09

Menlo Park Live Oak and Menlo Park Host Lions

The picture to the right was taken at Willie Porter's home on National Rebuilding Together Day at 2726 Illinois Street in East Palo Alto upon completion of the replacement of the fence on the east side of the home. Willie is the second in from the right with two sons and a daughter in the picture. The four on the left are the Lions fencing crew from left to right Christian Devito, John Fenstermaker, Bob Bass and Jim Bigelow from the Menlo Park Host Lions Club. The funds for the fencing replacement project were donated by the Menlo Park Live Oak and Menlo Park Host Lions Club. The old fencing that had fallen over was demolished last Thursday by Lions Bob Bass, Mark Justman



and Jim Bigelow. Mike Marymee and friend Dean Moresco also helped that day including framing the new fence. This was a project for Rebuilding Together Peninsula at Site #09018. The Construction House Captain was Jay Ayers.

This is a group picture of some the volunteer workers which contains members of the Church of Latter Day Saints, Lions members, the Carmen Moreno Family, Potter Family helpers and in the middle in the blue shirt is Construction House Captain Jay Ayers with Willie Porter to his immediate left. Both Jay Ayers and part of his crew, Lions members, Potter Family, Mike Marymee and Dean Moresco accomplished pre-work prior to last Saturday so

the majority of the project could be completed on Saturday. Jay had arranged for all the exterior windows to be replaced with double thermal pane new windows, much of the bathroom removed and replaced with new fixtures and tub surrounds, paint exterior of the home, other items inside the home, tree trimming and the removal of two 40 yard debris boxes to clean up the yard and fence

removal debris.

Willie Porter and her two sons and daughter pose with Menlo Park Host Lions Club who worked on the fencing replacement project. The Lions from left to right wearing caps except one are John Fenstermaker, Tony Cuvi and nephew Christian Devito (Tony's nephew with hand on shoulder) and far right Bob Bass. An extensive amount of the western fence was demolished and replaced. This picture was at the end of the fencing project completion.



Jim Bigelow, Menlo Park Host Lions Club Secretary/Treasurer and Past Construction House Captain for Rebuilding Together Peninsula



San Francisco Premier Medical and Dental Mission 2009

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Convention 2009 *The Spirit of Giving*



LIONS DISTRICT 4-C4

May 2009



LIST OF WINNERS OF THE CONVENTION CONTESTS

– MAY 14 – 17, 2009

- 1) **AMATEUR SHOW CONTEST** – 6 clubs participated
 - 1st Place + \$50.00 cash San Bruno Lions
 - 2nd Place Millbrae Lions
 - 2nd Place South San Francisco Golden Gate Lions
 - 3rd Place Burlingame Lions
- 2) **BARBERSHOP QUARTET CONTEST** – 4 clubs participated
 - 1st Place + \$50.00 cash Millbrae Lions plus \$50.00 cash
 - 2nd Place South San Francisco Golden Gate Lions
 - 3rd Place San Bruno Lions
- 3) **COSTUME PARADE CONTEST** – 6 clubs participated
 - 1st Place + \$50.00 cash Pacifica Lions
 - 2nd Place Burlingame Lions
 - 2nd Place San Bruno Lions
 - 3rd Place Millbrae Lions
- 4) **TAIL TWISTER CONTEST** – 3 clubs participated
 - 1st Place + \$50.00 cash South San Francisco Golden Gate Lions
 - 2nd Place Millbrae Lions
 - 3rd Place San Bruno Lions
- 5) **HOSPITALITY ROOM CONTEST** – 13 clubs participated
 - 1st Place Burlingame Lions
 - 2nd Place South San Francisco Golden Gate Lions
 - 3rd Place Pacifica Lions

Reported by Lion Rudy Pedagat



BRISBANE BANNER M.I.A.

One of the two Brisbane Banners from their Hospitality Suite at the Convention has been declared Missing in Action. If by chance you discover this banner, please contact Lion Skipper Bob Wilson or any Brisbane Lion. Thank you.



2002-2003
GOVERNORS





SF Hispanic Fundraiser March 29



THANK YOU!

to the following Lions Clubs:
 SSF Host Lions Club President Lion Theresa Garcia & guests
 San Bruno Lion Club President Lion Dora Bergman, Lion Colleen Bedrosian & guest
 SF Host Lions Club Lions Roger & Maggie Gulen
 SF Bay Lions Club Lions Frank & Miriam Ayala
 Brisbane Lions Club Lion Bob, Lady Alison & daughter Lion Libby Wilson AND
 SSF Golden Gate Lions Club Membership Chair, Lion Verdie Thompson
 for their participation and support
 on our March 29, 2009 eye surgery fundraiser
 for three children losing their sight
 in Santa Lucia, Nicaragua

OVER \$4,500.00 WAS RAISED!!!

Approximately 350 people attended/supported the event. We had fabulous folkloric dancers, great music, along with other special entertainers as we danced the afternoon away!



Zeppelin rides return to the Bay Area!

Come to the Palo Alto Host Lions meeting, June 2, noon, at the University Club of Palo Alto, 3277 Miranda Way, Palo Alto (off Hillview) to enjoy a great lunch and hear about the history of Zeppelins and how you can ride one in the Bay Area. Enjoy an experience not available since the 1930's. Lunch is \$20.00 by reservation. Call Lion Bill Downey at 650-424-1371 by May 28 if you can attend.

Photo by Roger Cain





Veterans Fishing Program

We have been offered fishing trips by the San Francisco Police Department to be jointly sponsored by their Kids Fishing Program and one of our Lions Clubs.

This is a great opportunity for Lions who have been interested but don't have the opportunity to start their own club program. Over half of the cost of each trip will be paid by the SFPD program with the other half by your Lions club.

Lions Veterans Charities will also assist and provide experience in organizing and hosting the trips with our veterans. Call or email Lion Roger Chinn if your club is interested. We expect calls by many Lions so make that contact ASAP! Our local ocean fishing starts June 15, 2009. Lion Roger Chinn roger@chinnassociates.com 650.345.2877



More Pictures from the Convention

Small Business of the Year - from the website of California State Assemblyman Jerry Hill



I was pleased to recognize Ralston Florist of Belmont as the 19th Assembly District Small Business of the Year for 2009. Owned by Elena and Mike Franzoia since 1988, Ralston Florist has gone above and beyond to serve the community.

Elena and Mike have been actively involved with many civic and business organizations including the Belmont Chamber of Commerce and the **Belmont Lions Club**. Ralston Florist has also supported local groups: schools, religious institutions, youth groups, athletic clubs,

service clubs, cultural organizations and civic groups, providing them with flower arrangements and financial contributions. Ralston Florist is proud of its many educational programs, teaching floral design and providing floral demonstrations to individuals and groups ranging in age from preschool to adult. Ralston Florist is also a member of numerous professional organizations including Master Florist, FTD and TELEFLORA, the California State Floral Association and the American Institute of Floral Designers.

California Small Business Day, the final Wednesday in May of each year, was established in 2000 by the California State Assembly in recognition of the importance of small business to the economy of the state. The theme for this year is "A Salute to Small Business." This year's honorees will be recognized at a luncheon to be held in Sacramento on May 26.





VDG Continued:

You might even wonder what my thoughts are about eating hotdogs near midnight only to awake early for gin fizzes. I'd be remiss if I were to go on and on about the delicious food our friends offered during the Food Fair. And, what can one say about the tradition of initiating incoming presidents and a certain DGE, mostly with food products and with the fervent desire to humiliate.

Come to think of it, I should probably mention that no matter how hard we play – we could all clean up well and get dressed-to-the-hilt in gowns and black ties. I could probably go on about that gala banquet where we were all smiles because we felt so good about the year and the weekend – and nodded approval to those that did so much. How the “biggest” man was named Rudy and appropriately, our Lion of the Year was a PDG named Melvin. I can also mention that along with those smiles, were tears of joy and overwhelming pride.

No, I don't think I'll talk about all of that. Instead, I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to DG Emil and Lion Yvonne for having Amy and me on your wonderful ride. The accomplishments, the trials and tribulations, the mentoring and the support were times that I will use and cherish. Your passion for our organization has truly made many of us better Lions. I am honored and privileged to succeed DG Emil and immensely inspired to serve with VDGE's Mike and Esther. But most of all, I thank all Lions of 4-C4 and their spouses, partners and friends – for the past years, the past weekend, and the days to come. Can you feel the love? Get used to it.

All you need is love... In Lionism, **VDG/DGE Ken Ibarra**



4C4 Lion of the Year

Fellow Lions:

If you were able to our District Convention, last week, you missed a great time, good food, entertainment and marry-mint. It all started, for some of us, Thursday at golf and never slowed down until we were on way home Sunday. Pat and I send our congratulations to our newly elected officers and also to our seated governor and his cabinet for a year that was well done. We also want all Lions to know that the convention committee provided, all of us, with an well organized and fun convention. We are looking forward to seeing you all at the District Installation. Have a Wonderful Day *Lion Mel Phillips*

To All Lions,
Thank you for your support in electing me as your next 1st Vice District Governor. I look forward to working with the new cabinet officers. I know that I will have very BIG shoes to fill following Lion Ken. Thank you to DG Emil Kantola for keeping our District the BEST in MD4. Thank you Lion Yvonne for all your work also. Both Lady Jane and I want to thank all of you again and especially my club, The MILLBRAE LIONS for their support from the very start.
Thank You *Lion Mike & Lady Jane*



VDG Elect

Installations

June 9 - South San Francisco Host - Deadline for Reservations June 1, 2009

June 19 - Daly City Host Installation, Deadline June 11, 2009

June 20 - Millbrae Installation - South San Francisco Conference Center - 6:30pm

June 27 - Burlingame Lions - 80th Installation of Officers

July 18 - SF Hispanic Lions Installation, Elks Lodge, 920 Stonegate Drive, So. San Francisco

July 25 - San Francisco Host Lions Club Installation of Officers at Grosvenor Hotel, SSF

August 9 - District Installation, SSF Conference Center (6pm)

More Details on Main Calendar. To list your club, contact 4C4Newsletter@gmail.com



San Carlos Lions PARADE YOUR CAR Show

It was our first Car Show and no rain
was going to dampen our Lion Spirits!
Lion Lakshmi YOKOYAMA

Nikhil Brocchini from Franklin Elementary School wins the Burlingame Lions Club First Annual All Schools Spelling Bee

The Burlingame Lions Club announced the winner of the first annual Spelling Bee competition held on Saturday, May 9, 2009. This year's Champion Speller was Nikhil Brocchini from Franklin Elementary School. The Second place speller was Chris Denney, also from Franklin school. Third place went to Katherine Brogan from Roosevelt Elementary School. The team from Franklin Elementary School prevailed over the others to win the Burlingame Lions Spelling Bee and take home the perpetual trophy. Franklin School also took away a check for \$450, \$300 for participating and an extra \$150 for winning. The other schools each got \$300 checks.

The event featured the best spellers from three of the Burlingame elementary school fifth grade classes. Franklin Elementary: Sarah Lasman, Kelly Nyugen, Nikhil Brocchini and Chris Denney; Roosevelt Elementary: Julianne Fong and Katherine Brogan; Washington Elementary: Zoe Sarwar, Michael Hennelly and Joseph Howard. "This event proved to be a great success for the community and the students," said Garbis Bezdjian, Burlingame Lions Club President. "The children showed great sportsmanship, and brought pride to their respective school."

This was a Burlingame Lions Club community service program designed to support the local elementary schools and provide a competitive arena for the exceptional students.



Lions Club Spelling Bee Winners: from left to right third place winner, Katherine Brogan from Roosevelt Elementary School, First place winner, Nikhil Brocchini and second place winner, Chris Denney from Franklin Elementary School.



SB Pres. Elect Mejia



SSF Golden Gate Quartet



Lions In Passing - Sunshine Report

Elsa Baptiste, mother of Lion Fenton Baptiste

If you or your club would like a sunshine card sent to an ill Lion, please let me know and I will send one out to them. Please contact me at LionYvonne@gmail.com

District 4C4 Student Speakers Contest Report

The District 4C4's Student Speakers Contest was held on April 24, 2009 at the Mission Blue Recreation Center located in Brisbane. There were 49 people in attendance, which included 5 judges, 3 tellers and 3 timer, 3 contestants, their family, friends and fellow Lions. We had DG Emil Kantola and First Lady Yvonne, PDG Mel Phillips and Lady Pat, Student Speaker Area Chair PDG Linda Griffin, VDG Ken Ibarra, Region Chairs Roger Gulen, and Erik Winkler, Zone Chairs Margaret Lee, Bill Stipinovich, Rudy Pedagat and Cabinet Secretary Esther Lee.

The Student Speakers were:

Region 1 Tara Gamboa a sophomore from Mercy High School sponsored by Marina North Beach Lions Club.

Region 2 Alex Cardenas a senior from San Mateo High School sponsored by the Millbrae Lions Club.

Region 3 Rachel Gardner a senior from Burlingame High School sponsored by San Bruno Lions Club.

We had five well-qualified judges from all walks of life. They were as follows: Brian Truong- Product Manager at Google YouTube. Jim Bradford – BS Degree in Psychology from Cal State, Hayward, with a minor in speech and drama. Dr. Tony Ramirez – A high school principal in San Francisco with 35 years service as a teacher of history and foreign languages, counselor and principal at 3 high schools. Jeff Bayer – Development Director for the Mid-Peninsula Boys & Girls Club. Dr. Anita Grier – Has extensive experience in education as an administrator, principal, program manager, special education teacher, program administrator and ADA Director at San Francisco Unified School District.

The judges selected Region 2 contestant **Rachel Gardner as winner of the District 4C4 Student Speaker Contest.**
Congratulations Rachel! She plans to attend University of Southern California this fall. Rachel advances to the Area 2 contest May 16th in Sacramento.

Student Speaker Contest Update: On Saturday, May 16th at 3:00 PM the Area 2 Student Speaker Contest was held at the Red Lion Hotel in Sacramento. In attendance were San Bruno's president Lion Dora Bergman, Region Two Zone Two Chair Lion Mario Benavente, Janet Kishimoto and myself, Lion Dick Kishimoto District 4C4 Student Speaker Chair. Our District winner Burlingame High School Senior Rachel Gardner, her mother and brother, were present to support Rachel.

The competition had to go to three levels before the winner for Area 2 was announced. Our Rachel was a runner up in the Area 2 contest. I wish to congratulate Rachel Gardner for her truly outstanding performance. Also, thank you and congratulations to the San Bruno Lions Club for their participation in the District 4C4 Student Speakers Contest.

Respectfully submitted Lion Dick Kishimoto - 4C4 Student Speaker Chair



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.