



REACH for the STAR

The News of Lions Club District 4-C4



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A message from your District Governor Esther Lee

Wow, we did it!!! Almost over, but remember President Tam said that you have your office until 12midnight of June 30th and not before. So that's the reason I'll keep working to help our district. From the bottom of my heart I would like to thank all of you who in one way or another touched my heart. Your support, I cannot repay but my heartfelt thanks goes to you all, your unselfish dedication to further the cause of lionism, I will not forget. What you did for me, you did for your club, district and ultimately Lions Clubs International, remember we are all in this together.

I hope you had a wonderful time at the convention. Convention chair,

PCC Emil Kantola and his committee did an excellent job, this makes our convention successful, different from other districts and most enjoyable.



Pictured during the Friday evening May 18th dinner at the 4-C4 Convention in Sacramento (The Roaring 20's was the convention theme) are visiting International Director Yamandu P. Acosta with District Governor Esther Lee.

Got talent? Our lions performed for you and great costumes from all participants, to the winners of the club contests, congratulations... keep on reporting. Our International Director guest was Yamandu Acosta and PDG Sylvia Acosta, he has a different way of communicating and it kept us awake. He participated in the fun as well and it felt like they were one of us. Congratulations

to DG-elect Bob Wilson, 1st VDG-elect Steve Picchi and 2nd VDG-elect Jack Van Etten, all items passed like change the Membership Development Team to GMT/GLT

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Articles & photos may be submitted to **Lion 4-C4 Newsletter Editor Paul Larson** for publication in this **REACH for the STAR** 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 be emailed to **Lion Rudy Pedagat** at rrpedagat@comcast.net and will be distributed ASAP to the appropriate 4-C4 Lions via their email.



A message from 1st VDG Bob



Dear District 4-C4 Lions

I, thank you for your support in electing me your District Governor for the Lions year 2012 – 2013. Thank you for electing Lion Stephen Picchi as First Vice District Governor and Lion Jack Van Etten as Second Vice District Governor. Together with the Cabinet, Committee Chairs and each and every one of us, new and old Lions working together; we will S A I L - Service Action Integrity Leadership...SAIL into 2012-13 as a team. District 4-C4 is the No. 1 District in California.

Thank you DG Esther Lee and your convention committee for a fun and enjoyable 2012 Convention. We certainly ROARED. Thank you to all who took photographs especially a Shout Out to San Mateo Lions Club President Lion Michael Chan, BASO Lion Club Lion Alison Wilson and Millbrae Lions Club Lion Paul Larson. Thank you to all the Lions and guests who attended the Convention, thank you, your presence made the event a success. Thank you to 1st VDG Bob Ferber and his wife Lois of District 4-C6 (Silicon Valley) for adding to the success of this convention.

Together we will SAIL and SERVE together.

WE SERVE.

Lion Skipper Bob

A message from 2nd VDG Steve

Fellow Lions:

May is just about over and Lion Paul Larson sent out his usual e-mail, "I need your article for the District News Letter now". So here it is Lion Paul.



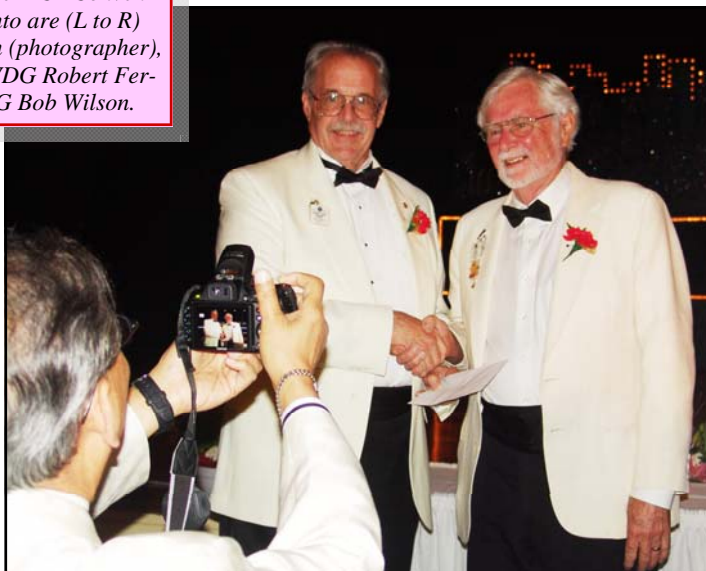
April 26-29 Rosie and I were the guests of 2nd VDG Andy Anderson of District 4-C5 at his Convention in San Ramon. It was my first time I was at another Districts Convention. They start the convention with their food fair on Friday and end Sunday with meetings till 11:30 am. We had a great time and met a lot of great Lions.

Welcome to the newest Club in our District the Peninsula Veterans Lions Club. To President Kevin and the mem-

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District Governor Elect
Live Well, Laugh Often, Love Much

Pictured during the Saturday, May 19th Banquet at the 4-C4 Convention in Sacramento are (L to R) Lion Michael Chan (photographer), visiting 4-C6 1st VDG Robert Ferber with 1st VDG Bob Wilson.





A message from the Editor's Desk

Greetings Lions of District 4-C4!

Yes, we all had a great time at the District 4-C4

Convention in Sacramento. I keep hearing from those outside our district that the 4-C4 Convention is very unique... more of a party than a series of meetings. Many other districts have their conventions as sort of

symposiums or seminars, but our convention is more of an end of term celebration with a different theme each year, along and annual events such as a costume parade, barber shop quartet contest, talent show, tail twister contest, hospitality suite contest,

international food square, etc. If you missed going this year you lost out, so plan to attend next year...and participate in the fun!



Friday evening, May 18, 2012 at the District 4-C4 Convention in Sacramento: Millbrae Lions Club Skit (Silent Movie - keystone cops & bank robber)...back row (L to R) Lions Wayne Gomes, Rich Bortolin, John La Duca, George Habeeb, Mike Gianni, Art Pignati; front row (L to R) Paul Larson and Lorrie Kalos-Gunn.

If you wish to submit an article please do so by the 20th of the month. Putting together a Newsletter is like a "time sensi-

tive" puzzle, and it would help me out a lot by emailing your brief article or pictures to me in a timely manner...the sooner the better.

From Lion Paul Larson ~ 4-C4 Newsletter Editor

District Governor's message (continued from page 1)

and Woodlake Hotel (formerly Radisson Hotel) was voted the district convention site for next few years.

The last week of May we will back to Woodlake Hotel for the Council of Governors Meeting and I

hope you try to attend the finals of Students Speakers contest on June 2nd. Special thanks to SF Coordinating Council of Lions and Peninsula council, and San Carlos Lions for your generous donation to Students Speakers

Foundation. Lion Helen Marte, chair is requesting for donations to the Foundation, so if you would like

to honor your fellow lion or your out-going president, give them a Fellowship before June 30th.



During the Friday evening May 18th dinner at the 4-C4 Convention in Sacramento DG Esther shows her appreciation to PDG Al Russell.

The Memorial weekend San Mateo lions supported by other clubs in the district will join the parade for the 101st Airborne – community parade and Burlingame Lions and other lion volunteers will cook breakfast, led

by 2nd VDGE Jack.

I hope you are ending this lion year on a positive note. I know we were quite busy for the year and that just shows that there is a lot to be done, (continued on page 4)



DG's message (continued from page 3)

without you the lion members of district 4-C4 the community will not benefit. You are needed, your input, your attendance, your recruit, your donation, they all matter, where will we be without YOU? Thank you my fellow lions. We did it!!!

Esther
Lion Esther Lee
District Governor 2011-12
District 4-C4
Lions Clubs International

Lions In Sight, Director at Large

"A true friend is someone who reaches for your hand and touches your heart."

4-C4 Convention Highlight Pictures



During the May 17 thru 20th 4-C4 Convention in Sacramento (**The Roaring 20's** was the convention theme) are a few of the Friday afternoon costume parade participants: **1.** South San Francisco Golden Gate Lions march to jazz; **2.** Foster City Lions Club cigarette girls; **3.** Burlingame Lions Club piggies on parade; **4.** San Bruno Lions Club mobsters chasing copster...(continued on page 7)





Message from 2nd VDG Steve (continued from page 2)

bers of the Club, welcome to our Family.

I finished my campaign visits with 5 more clubs. I thought 2 Clubs in one night was a lot, but Lion Jack being younger did 3 clubs the same night. Great job Jack.....



Pictured during the Friday evening May 18th dinner at the 4-C4 Convention in Sacramento are Rosie & 2nd VDG Steve Picchi.

That brings me to our Convention 5 days of fun and a lot of running around. The back of my pickup was full from just my gift bags, the district gift bags and the spouse's tea supplies. I guess I need to buy a bigger truck, maybe I can write it off to the Lions or maybe the tea. Our guest from 4-A3, 2nd VDG Margaret and PCC Bill Dunlevy had a great time at our Convention. I want to thank all the Lions of our District for your support and confidence in me. To my Club, great job and thank you.

This month we lost a great Lion PDG Bob Marshall from the San Bruno Lions. From my own Club we lost Dina Myers wife of Lion Buzz Myers. They will be missed.

Communicating to our members is a key to our clubs and district success.

Lion Steve, Blended to Perfection,
Service-Teamwork-Tradition

Sunshine Report by Lion Eleanor Lindquist-Britter



Dear Fellow Lions,
In May and June so far we sent Sunshine to our friends who had unexpected health concerns.

- PP Lion Al Morando, Millbrae Lions Club
- Lion Diane Damico, PSI Lions Club
- Gwen Strain, Bay-

view Hunters Point Lions Club

- Lion Toni Nava's father Bill Harmon
- Bill Britter, PSI Lions Club

Our Governor Esther Lee and all her Lions send their very best for your speedy recovery.

To our fellow Lions who have passed we wish you peace and a safe journey as you live in our memories forever.

- Past District Governor Bob Marshall, San Bruno Lions
- Lion Buzz and Lion Bob Meyers lost their wife and mother, Dina Meyers, Half Moon Bay Lions
- Past President Lion Les Moresco, Millbrae Lions Club

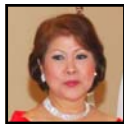
Love and Light,
Sunshine, Lion Eleanor
Britter.

P.S. June ends my term as Sunshine chair this year. It has been a pleasure serving in this capacity and I feel closer to all as we joined together for our very own. Thank you for the opportunity.





Know your 2011-2012 District 4-C4 Cabinet Officers



Esther Lee ~
District Governor



Rosa Ebalo ~
Region 1 Chair



Jack Van Etten ~
Region 4 Chair



Bob Wilson ~
1st Vice District Governor



Wilma Norona ~
Region 1 Zone 1 Chair



Chris Cheshire ~
Region 4 Zone 1 Chair



Steve Picchi ~
2nd Vice District Governor



Michael Kay ~
Region 1 Zone 2 Chair



Sylvia Chu ~
Region 4 Zone 2 Chair



Mike Simonini ~
Immediate Past District Governor



Bre Jones ~
Region 2 Chair



Cindy Smith ~
Region 4 Zone 3 Chair



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Region 2 Zone 1 Chair



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District Chaplain



Mario Benavente ~
Cabinet Treasurer



Augusto Valera Jr. MD ~
Region 2 Zone 2 Chair



Rudy Pedagat ~
District Executive Director



Sandee Ige ~
Region 3 Chair



Dan Andersen ~
District Newsletter Editor 1



Paul Larson ~
Region 3 Zone 1 Chair



Paul Larson ~
District Newsletter Editor 2



Kevin Kielty ~
Region 3 Zone 2 Chair





Know your 2011-2012 District 4-C4 Lions Club Presidents

PCL Lions Club

BA Special Olympics
Belmont
Brisbane
Burlingame
Daly City Gateway
Daly City Host
Foster City
Half Moon Bay
Menlo Park Host
Menlo Park Live Oak
Millbrae
Pacifica
Palo Alto Host
Peninsula Special Interest
Peninsula Veterans
Redwood City Fair Oaks
Redwood City Sunrise
Redwood Shores
San Bruno
San Carlos
San Mateo
San Mateo Metropolitan
SSF Golden Gate
SSF Host

PCL President

Deborah Kielty
Christine Beard
Michael Abney
Glenn Mendelson
David Hoffman
Sharon Keenan
Mary True
Celia "Dianne" Ayon
David Hunter
Margaret Carney
Ronald Frediani
Kathy Dedini
William Downey
Audrey Ng (Charter)
Kevin Guess (Charter)
Aide Garcia
Christine Cheshire
Gary Krippendorf
Charles "Smitty" Smith
Scot Marsters
Michael Chan
Jennifer Chen
Roy Blanco
Terry White

SFCCL Lions Club

SF Bay Area New Century
SF Bayview Hunters Point
SF Chinatown
SF Circle
SF Fil-Am
SF Geneva/Mission
SF Highlands
SF Hispanic
SF Host
SF Korean American
SF Marina North Beach
SF Merced Heights
SF Nikkei
SF Ocean/Ingleside
SF Park Gate
SF Park Presidio - Sunset
SF Premier
SF State University Campus
SF The Castro

SF President

Gina Tse
Gwendolyn Strain
Johnson Y C Lam
Linda H. Morete (New)
Ferdinand Feria
Ward Donnelly
Evangeline Roberts
Hernan Alvarez (New)
Pat Ancheta
Michael Kang
Rolly Mungues
Lydia Taylor-Bellinger
William "Bill" Stipinovich
Constance Bridgewater
Luis Martinez
Russell "Woody" Howard
Gemma Norona
Judy Thao
Troy Brunet

4-C4 Convention Highlight Pictures (continued from page 4)



Friday, May 18 Lions celebrated during campaign rallies for incoming DG Bob Wilson, 1st VDG Steve Picchi and 2nd VDG Jack Van Etten: 1. Lion Randy Sahae for Lion Steve; 2. Lion Bob Wilson blows his horn; 3. Lion Chris Cheshire is ready to do "The Charleston"; 4. Lion Jack Van Etten is ready to take off; 5. ID Yamandu Acosta speaks; 6. Lion Dick Kishimoto entertained us... (continued on page 8)





4-C4 Convention Highlight Pictures (continued from page 7)

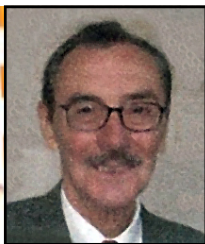


On Friday, May 18th Lions took in a full day of events starting off at 8:30 AM with a continental breakfast hosted by the "Peninsula Council of Lions Clubs": 1. PCL Officers, Treasurer Ora Seyler & PP Toni Nava, make last minute breakfast preparations; 2. PCL 1st VP Paul Larson & Pres. Mario Benavente hold up the PCL Banner (which kept blowing down in the early morning wind); 3. Lions "feed" during the Friday lunch meeting; 4. Following lunch various Lions Clubs participated in the Barbershop Quartet Contest with members of the SSF Golden Gate Lions singing standard melodies from the early

20th century; 5. Members of the Millbrae Lions Club harmonize several custom written lyrics set to famous 1920's tunes; 6. Convention hi-jinks makes PDG Maxine Frazier smile... (continued on page 9)

Birthday Wishes to our Past District Governors

Here's wishing you a VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY from all the Lions of District 4-C4...and many thanks for all that you have done for District 4-C4 and all that you continue to do!



July 2nd
PDG Michael Newell
1993-1994 ~
San Francisco
The Castro Lions Club



July 20th
PDG Ken Newman
1997-1998 ~
Burlingame
Lions Club





4-C4 Convention Highlight Pictures (continued from page 8)



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On the evening of Friday May 18th Lions gathered in the main banquet room for dinner with 1. Foster City Lion Amor Traceski singing for the opening ceremonies. Following dinner, clubs participated in the Talent Show Contest which included: 2. the "Peninsula Special Interest Lions Club" with Lion Bill Britter as a Dr. along with Lion Sandi Rocco doing the splits...wow; 3. the "Burlingame Lions Club"

performing a mobster skit along with 4. Lion Toni Nava as narrator; 5. the "San Bruno Lions Club" doing a spot-on live silent movie skit (had to be seen in person to experience

the full effect); 6. the "SSF Golden Gate Lions Club" performing a comedy skit; 7. the "Millbrae Lions Club" performing another silent movie type skit based on a crook robbing a bank with many keystone cop Lions running amok through the audience and 8. Lion Paul Larson as the crook. The evening was filled with laughter and excitement. Later that night as Lions visited various hospitality suites the San Bruno Lions served up their annual 11:00 PM weenie roast...(continued on page 10)



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Saturday, May 19th also packed in a full day of events along with the most attendance. Starting with the memorial service for fallen Lions, and later the Tail Twister Skit Contest. Meetings for district big-wigs and club award presentations were also going on at this same time. In the afternoon the



"International Food Fair" went into full swing with Clubs preparing various delectables to share with hungry Lions: 1. Millbrae Lion PP Rich Bortolin cooking linguica; 2. San Carlos Lion Connie Barba serves tri-tip to Lion Dan & Cathy Quigg. Several clubs also had initiations of their incoming presidents including 3. The Millbrae Lions Club "12 Apostles" or the "Dirty Dozen" (due to SNAFU's with several key positions it was decided that the best course of action would be for 12 Millbrae Past Presidents to take a month each serving as President for 2012—2013) and those PP's that could



be chased down are pictured in a chain-gang; 4. The San Bruno Lions Club customary sloppy initiation with Lion Rick Dimitroff...a broken man...incoming as President. Late afternoon was time to clean up and dress up for the Governor's Cocktail Party and Gala banquet: 5. BASO Lions Beauties; 6. Lions Jack



Van Effen, Margaret Lee, Gwen Strain & Macy Mak Chan look toward camera; 7. Lions Smitty Smith, Vilma Lopez and Verdine Thompson enjoy the banquet; 8. Convention

Chair PCC Emil & Yvonne Kantola - thank you and all who helped for a job well done!





Convention Contest Winners

BARBERSHOP QUARTET CONTEST

First Place Millbrae Lions Club
 Second Place SSF Golden Gate Lions
 Third Place San Bruno Lions

AMATEUR SHOW CONTEST

First Place San Bruno Lions
 Second Place Millbrae Lions
 Third Place Special Interest Lions
 Fourth Place SSF Golden Gate Lions
 Fifth Place Burlingame Lions

CUSTOM PARADE CONTEST

First Place San Bruno Lions
 Second Place Foster City Lions
 Third Place SSF Golden Gate Lions
 Fourth Place SF Martina North Beach Lions
 Fifth Place Burlingame Lions

TAIL TWISTER CONTEST

First Place Burlingame Lions
 Second Place San Bruno Lions

HOSPITALITY ROOM CONTEST

First Place Burlingame Lions
 Second Place Millbrae Lions
 Third Place SSF Golden Gate Lions
 Fourth Place Foster City Lions
 Fifth Place SF Marina North Beach Lions
 Sixth Place Brisbane Lions
 Seventh Place San Bruno Lions

Best Food Category Contest

BEST APPETIZER

First Place SSF Golden Gate Lions
 Second Place Brisbane Lions
 Third Place SF Chinatown Lions
 Fourth Place Half Moon Bay Lions
 Fifth Place Special interest Lions
 Sixth Place San Bruno Lions

BEST MAIN DISH

First Place San Carlos Lions
 Second Place Millbrae Lions
 Third Place Redwood Shores Lions
 SF Highlands Lions
 Fourth Place SF Circle Lions
 SF Fil-Am Lions
 SF Premier Lions
 Fifth Place SF Nikkei Lions
 Sixth Place SF Marina North Beach Lions

BEST DESSERT

First Place Foster City Lions
 Second Place SF The Castro Lions
 Third Place SF Highlands Lions



Lions Lydia Taylor-Bellinger & Steve Picchi enjoy the International Food Fair.

4-C4 2011-2012 Club Contest Winners

CONTEST	PERPETUAL AWARD	SPEC	CATEGORY	WINNER
Blood Donor			1 to 29	San Mateo
			30 to 50	San Bruno
			51+	Foster City
	Dr. Gus Kerhulis Plaque	<35		San Mateo
	Gil Larish Trophy	36>		Foster City

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4-C4 2011-2012 Club Contest Winners (continued from page 11)

CONTEST	PERPETUAL AWARD	SPEC	CATEGORY	WINNER
Bulletin	Phil Ritzau Plaque		Weekly Semimonthly Monthly	Burlingame Foster City Daly City Host Daly City Host
Community Service	The Lions Roar Plaque/ Community Service Plaque		1 to 29 30 to 50 51+	Redwood City Sunrise Daly City Host Foster City Redwood City Sunrise
Eyeglass Collection	Matt Boxer Plaque Bob Rose Plaque	<35 36>	1 to 29 30 to 50 51+	Menlo Park Host Daly City Host Burlingame Daly City Host Burlingame
Fagan	Fagan Plaque			San Bruno
Fundraising	The Lions Roar Plaque/Fund Raising Plaque		1 to 29 30 to 50 51+	Redwood City Sunrise Daly City Host Foster City Foster City
Hearing Conservation Most Life Memberships Sold - Ear of the Lion Overall	Gary Donnellan Trophy George Habeeb Plaque		1 to 29 30 to 50 51+	(No Submissions) Menlo Park Host Daly City Host San Carlos Daly City Host
Inter-club Visitations	Joseph A. Giuffre Plaque		1 to 29 30 to 50 51+	Bay Area Special Olympics South San Francisco Host Foster City South San Francisco Host
International Relations	Dr. Chang Wah Lee Trophy		1 to 29 30 to 50 51+	SF Marina-North Beach San Francisco Host (No Submissions) San Francisco Host
Invite A Guest	Fred Newman Plaque		1 to 29 30 to 50 51+	Redwood City Sunrise Daly City Host (No Submissions) Daly City Host

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4-C4 2011-2012 Club Contest Winners (continued from page 12)

CONTEST	PERPETUAL AWARD	SPEC	CATEGORY	WINNER
Joint Ventures			1 to 29 30 to 50 51+	SF Circle San Francisco Host Foster City San Francisco Host
	Ray Rosenthal Plaque			
Longtail				Sandee Ige - South San Francisco Host 8th Consecutive Year
Membership			1 to 29 30 to 50 51+	SF Marina-North Beach San Francisco Host Foster City SF Marina-North Beach
	Don Stanaway Trophy			
Scrapbook - Formal				Peninsula Special Interest
Scrapbook - Informal				Bay Area Special Olympics
Senior Activities			1 to 29 30 to 50 51+	SF Premier Daly City Host San Carlos Daly City Host San Carlos
	Andy Anderson Plaque Don Baciocco Plaque	<35 36>		
White Cane			1 to 29 30 to 50 51+	San Mateo Daly City Host Foster City Daly City Host Foster City
	Matthew J. Boxer Plaque Annabelle Bacci Trophy	<35 36>		
Youth & Community Activities			1 to 29 30 to 50 51+	SF Merced Heights San Francisco Host San Carlos SF Merced Heights SF Geneva-Excelsior
	Greg Hugera Trophy Alma & Rudy Laredo Plaque			
Youth Outreach			1 to 29 30 to 50 51+	Redwood City Sunrise Daly City Host Foster City Daly City Host Foster City
	George Contos Plaque Dick Noftsgger Plaque	<35 36>		
Top Club			1 to 29 30 to 50 51+	SF Merced Heights Daly City Host San Carlos SF Merced Heights
	Rafe Martin Trophy			



Patriotic Charter Night for the new Peninsula Veterans Lions Club

On the evening of May 5, 2012 Lions from all over District 4-C4 gathered at Mahaney Hall in San Carlos for a delicious catered buffet dinner and inspiring installation in support of Charter Lions and Club Officers for the new Peninsula Veterans Lions Club. Past District Governor Al Russell along with his crew of Lions have been working on



putting this new club together for more than a year, with different ideas and paths this new club could have taken. Veterans were an important group that needed to be represented in our district,

and an enthusiastic group of Veterans from Menlo Park stepped up to the task of forming the newest Lions Club on the Peninsula. Past International Director Bill Crawford was on hand from San Diego to give an inspirational speech and induct the new Lions. Pictured above is Lion Kevin Guess newly installed as Charter President (left) with his Charter Board of Directors (background) and DG Esther Lee and PID Bill Crawford (center foreground).

Lions Veterans Luncheon a BIG Success

The Foster City Lions and Lions Veterans Charities teamed up on Sunday, May 6th at the Palo Alto Veterans Administration Hospital to treat inpatient veterans and their guests to a seven course Chinese buffet luncheon. When the clock struck noon, veterans, some in wheel chairs and some with staff escorts, started along the buffet line to enjoy this break from the routine hospital menu. The Vets were in good humor and not shy about expressing their preferences. The Lions dished out the fragrant entrees to order, having a great time bantering with the Vets in the process. Approximately 275 diners enjoyed the buffet, including approximately 100 Vets who were served in their rooms.

Lions Amor Traceski and Dick Kishimoto "entertain the troops".



of the Nikkei Lions, and Lion Amor Traceski, of the Foster City Lions.

The Vets were full of thanks as well as food as they bid farewell at day's end. It was a great pleasure for the Lions to serve these deserving men
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Throughout the day, musical selections including vocals were provided by Lion Richard Kishimoto,



Lions Veterans Luncheon a BIG Success (continued from page 14)

and women who served their country so well and often bear the scars of their service. The Lions would not have the honor of supporting our Vets if it wasn't for the financial contributions of thoughtful citizens of our generous community. Checks made out to Lions Veterans Charities, Inc. or the Foster City Lions Club, marked for veteran's projects, can be mailed to Lion Roger Chinn, 833 Constitution Drive, Foster City CA 94404. We are grateful for your support.

Members of the Foster City Lions Club serve a Chinese lunch to hungry Veterans.



Lions Donate Supplies to USO

On May 14, Lions from Lions Veterans Charities, Inc. again bought and delivered supplies to the USO at SFO. Over \$1,000 worth of needed supplies were delivered to a very pleased group of volunteers at the USO. The supplies include much needed coffee and cream, paper cups, pre-packaged single snacks and baked items, and soft drinks. This delivery of supplies will last for approximately 2

months at which time the Lions will again fill the pantry of the USO/SFO.

This USO serves over 2,000 military guests a month (and more during the holidays), many of them servicemen and women and veterans, those who are traveling out of SFO or coming home, and family members and friends there to bid good by or greet them home from duties elsewhere in the world. Many will be USO guests waiting for connecting flights, or just waiting for arrivals and departures. Almost all USO personnel are volunteers, dedicated to serving the flow of their "military guests".

These supplies are the result of help from the public; your support is appreciated. Donated cans of coffee are a great help. Inquiries may be made to the following:



Foster City Lion Wendal Quan (left) and USO volunteer Gary Frink, unloading supplies at SFO for the USO.

Lions Veteran Charities, Inc.
833 Constitution Drive
Foster City, CA 94404
email: roger@chinnassociates.com



Lion Jim Bigelow reports on upcoming Palo Alto Host Lions Concours

Palo Alto Host Concours d'Elegance at Stanford. This year's Concours is scheduled for Sunday June 24, 2012 on Stanford University Playing Field located on Sand Hill Road at Pasteur Drive. Lion Tony Cuvi from our Club (Menlo Park Host) will lead the effort for our Club to help park exhibitors vehicles/trailers from 6 am to about 10am. Our Club has assisted with this for several years and enjoys helping out. Also many of our Lions District 4-C4 Clubs participate and assist the Palo Alto Host Lions with this annual fundraiser. This is one of the finest collector vehicle shows in the western US. The public is invited to attend from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm.



Lion Jim Bigelow reports on Menlo Park Rebuilding Together Project

Here are the pictures from Menlo Park Host, Menlo Park Live Oak Lions and our partners The Law Firm of Murray and Murray and Stanford Hospital

& Clinics. I was again the Rebuilding Together House Construction Captain responsible for this home renovation. The home is located on Hamilton Avenue in Menlo Park Belle Haven neighborhood. We spent over two weeks on this project and the value of the improvements are about

\$16,500. We replaced 285 feet of fencing, repainted the exterior of the home, did some painting inside, new drapes in the bedrooms, replaced several windows with new double pane windows, repaired ga-

rage door, did electoral work including new light fixtures, replaced the kitchen sink with a stainless steel sink, removed 55 yards of trash from the prop-

erty, did roof/gutter repairs, carpet cleaning, plumbing work, tree trimming to name a few. We put in more than 500 volunteer hours on this home renovation. The Lions and our partner companies

were also financial sponsors providing over \$8,000 for this project.

The homeowner is Bernice Jenkins who is in her early 80's and has been living in her home since 1957 in Menlo Park. She is disabled and her daugh-



The home-owners pictured with Lions & volunteers who spent many man-hours helping to replacing items such as fencing, windows, drapes along with many repairs valued at \$16,500.00.

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Menlo Park Rebuilding Together Project (continued from page 16)

ter Mickey Irvine takes care of her and Mickey is in her mid 60's and is retired. Also living at the home is a grandson Maurice Jenkins who is 18 years old. Bernice's son Mark Jenkins and sister Mickey also worked very hard with our home renovation crew. We also had the neighbors on both sides helping with the fence replacement project. The Jenkins Family was very appreciative of all the improvements accomplished at this home.

Jim Bigelow, Rebuilding Together Peninsula Construction House Captain site #12012MEN and Club Secretary/Treasurer Menlo Park Host Lions Club

Clearing debris from the back yard with newly built fence in the background.



Lion Michael Chan reports on 101st Airborne Parade in San Mateo

Dear Lions and Friends,

Photos taken by Lion Ben Kwok and Lion Michael Chan of SM Lions at the Parade. Indeed this was a fun and happy occasion for the City of San Mateo, the SF Bay Area Cities, and for the San Mateo Lions and 7 other Lions Clubs / Lions Veterans Charities, totaling about 25-30 Lions who came to honor

our Veterans and troop coming home to San Mateo after their adoption by this City and the SM Lions 40 years ago. Great spectators turn out and excitement with the helicopters flying over at the start of the parade. San Mateo should do this more often and with more Lions Clubs involvement early on. Thanks to the world famous 101st Airborne for their effort and giving the US a better place to live.

WE MUST do more for our veterans! Thanks to those Lions who came to support this event. Many of us felt that it is NOT just for San Mateo, it is not just a Lions Club or District occasion, it is more of a personal conviction from one's heart. Have you hug a veteran today?



Lion President Michael Chan drives the San Mateo Lions Club lead car which preceded a contingent of San Mateo Lions along with Lions from other clubs.

San Mateo Memorial Day Celebration
(announcement prior to event):

On the 40th anniversary...

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101st Airborne Parade in San Mateo (continued from page 17)

of the first welcome home parade of the adopted unit by the City of San Mateo, current and past members of Company A of the 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Screaming Eagles) will fly to San Mateo to be honored and celebrated as they originally were on their return from Vietnam in 1972.

The weekend is full of activities ranging from a special troop dinner to a workout boot camp with the troops. The weekend will be capped off with a patriotic community parade in downtown San Mateo at 11am followed by a BBQ and family festivities in Central Park on May 27th.



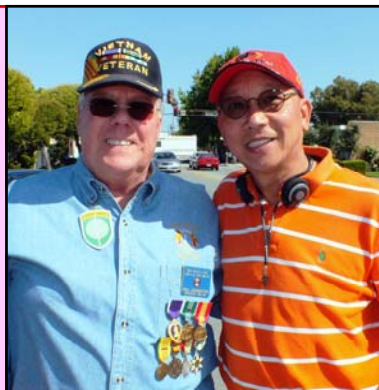
Above: Lions march on parade; Below: Troops are warmly welcomed home as they march behind the USAF Band.



Lion Michael Chan gives praise to Lion Veteran Paul Cademartori

Dear Lions & Friends,

Here is a photo I took with Lion Paul F. Cademartori (left), Certified Guiding Lion from San Carlos Lions Club. I found out that Lion Paul was one of the Lion Veterans that paraded along with the San Mateo Lions & 7 other Lions Clubs / Lion Veterans Charities in the 101st Airborne Welcoming Parade. He received many Metal of Honors and the Purple Heart was one of them! He has been a Lion for 30 years and is a Vietnam Vet. Allow me to salute you, Lion Paul, on behalf of all San Mateo Lions and District Lions. Thank you. Would it be proper and any interest to provide a forum or an occasion when Lion Veterans can share with us their favorite stories, adventures and experience? We need to honor and recognized the contribution of our Veterans, many of whom have fallen into hardship, lost their home and families.... I am so happy for Lion Paul, who was able to take good care of himself and now owns and operate his Security business - Maloney Security Inc.





Millbrae Lions Club hosts "Island" themed Peninsula Council meeting

On Monday May 21st, upon return from the District 4-C4 Convention, the Millbrae Lions Club hosted the "Peninsula Council of Lions Clubs" meeting with a wonderful BBQ feast at the Chetcuti Room in Millbrae. Pictured are PCL Officers (L to R) 2nd Vice President Sylvia Chu, Treasurer Ora Seyler, Immediate Past President Rudy Pedagat, District Governor Esther Lee, President Mario Benavente and 1st Vice President Paul Larson. All the Lions in attendance were not too burned out with Lionism following the Sacramento Convention. The meeting was well attended and we all had a nice time.



Mark Your Calendar



Important 4-C4 Dates

Plan For The Following

- **Club Officer Leadership Training:**
Saturday, July 7, 2012
Parkside Middle School, San Bruno...
- **Peninsula Council Installation:**
Saturday July 14, 2012, Green Hills
Country Club in Millbrae...
- **District 4-C4 Installation:**
Sunday July 22, 2012, South San
Francisco Conference Center...
- **San Francisco Coordinating Council**
of Lions Clubs Installation:
Friday July 27 at the Elks Lodge in
South San Francisco

MD-4 Student Speakers Contest 2011-2012

*Topic: "What Could the America of Yesterday
Teach the America of Tomorrow?"*

Dates for 2011-2012

- Club Contestby February 21, 2012
- Zone Contestby March 12, 2012
- Region Contestby March 30, 2012
- District Contestby April 27, 2012
- Area Contestby May 21, 2012
- MD-4 Final Contest.....on June 2, 2012

District 4-C4 Student Speaker Contest Chair
Lion Helen Marte: (415) 564-9764 or
Email at lionhmarte@yahoo.com

NOTE: District Governor Esther wants you to
know her email address to use from now on is:

evlee22@gmail.com

REACH *for the* STAR

Lion Paul Larson ~ 4-C4 Newsletter Editor

c/o *Chapel of the Highlands*

El Camino Real at 194 Millwood Drive

Millbrae, CA 94030-1392



District Governor Esther at the Conservatory of Flowers in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco

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.



LIONS OBJECTIVES

TO CREATE and foster a spirit of "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 citizenship.

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.