

THE NIKKEI LIONS CLUB OF SAN FRANCISCO - DISTRICT 4-C4

District Governor - Mario Benavente
District First Vice Governor - Lydia Taylor-Bellinger
District Second Vice Governor - Helen Casaclang

Region One Chair - John Hui
Region One Zone Two Chair - Pat Ancheta

March 1, 2018

March 7, 2018 Board/General Meeting, 6:30 pm, @ Mifune Bistro, 1583 Webster St, San Francisco

March 9, 2018 31st Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival Service Scholarship due with March 9th USPS postmark date to Lion Steve.

March 11, 2018 Region One Zone Two Student Speaker Contest @ Burlingame Lions Hall, 990 Burlingame Ave, Burlingame (Burlingame's Washington Park). Natasha Alvarado, senior from Mercy High School, will represent our club at the Zone contest. Good luck to Natasha.

March 24, 2018 Volunteering at St. Anthony's with their clothing distribution program, 150 Golden Gate Ave, San Francisco, 9 am to 1 pm.

April 4, 2018 Board/General Meeting, 6:30 pm, @ Mifune Bistro, San Francisco.

April 8, 2018 Volunteering at St. Martin de Porres House of Hospitality, 225 Potrero Ave., San Francisco, 7 am to 11 am to help with their meals program for those who are in need (meal serving, busing dishes, cleaning, etc).

April 14, 2018 San Francisco Coordinating Council of Lions Clubs annual Peace Officer/ Fire Fighters Awards Night @ Patio Espanol Restaurant, 2950 Alemany Blvd, San Francisco, 6:30 pm, \$55 advance or \$65 at the door. Choice of dinner items - NY steak, Salmon, Paella Valencia or Vegetarian Pasta. Officer Robert Fung, SFPD, and Fire Fighter Brian Jesson, SFFD, are the two honorees from our club. Officer Fung is a bike cop who has been a baseball coach at Washington High for 20 years with AAA and Transbay championships. Fire Fighter Jesson is also a baseball coach for years at Washington High and is in his 2nd year as the Varsity coach.

April 14, 2018 51st NCCBF Queen Program Show @ Kabuki Theater, San Francisco, 5:30 pm. As a queen candidate sponsor, the Club has a limited number of free tickets. Contact Lion Bill Stipinovich for more info.

May 3 to 6, 2018 District 4-C4 Annual Convention @ Redding Red Lion Resort Center. See Lion Bill if your are interested in attending.

HAMILTON FAMILIES: Hamilton Families is a non-profit in the Tenderloin that provides support to families that are homeless with temporary shelter and transitional housing. They are 100% dependent upon donations to provide for the program. There is an urgent need for disposable thermometers, disposable diapers, alcohol pads, instant ice packs, sippy cups, zip lock sandwich bags, paper lunch bags, detergent pods for washing clothes, and large trash bags. They can also use toiletries items such as toothpaste, bath soap, baby pacifiers, baby wipes, new baby clothes and children socks. Lion Bill is willing to pick any items you have on the

Peninsula if you cannot get them to the monthly meetings and Lion Steve is willing to pick in the East Bay. Hamilton Families is located at 260 Golden Gate Ave, San Francisco.

ST. ANTHONY'S NEEDS VOLUNTEERS: On March 24th, all members are asked to help St. Anthony's distribute clothing to those individuals in need. For over 65 years, St. Anthony's Foundation has been providing hot meals, medical and addiction recovery, and job training to thousands that are poor and homeless. They also operate the largest free clothing "store" in San Francisco. Volunteers are needed on a daily basis to help the 150 "guests" in their clothes selection. Our Club will provide some of those volunteers on March 24th with your help. Please help us help those in need. "WE SERVE!"

LION PRESIDENT BILL'S MESSAGE: The club student speaker contest was held on Tuesday, February 13th at the National Japanese American Historical Society (NJAHS) office in Japantown on the topic of "Integrity and Civility Play What Role in Today's Society" with two speakers. Our winner Natasha Alvarado of Mercy High School will represent our club at the Region One Zone Two Student Speaker Contest on March 11th at the Burlingame Lions Hall. It is a privilege for the club to provide the student speakers with the opportunity to develop communication skills in the process of writing and practicing the delivery of speech on challenging topics. Thank you to Lions Alan Layug, Dan Yee, and Steve Hirabayashi for organizing this project, especially Lion Steve for making the arrangement for use of the NJAHS office.

Several club activities have been scheduled in March leading into the Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival to be held on April 14th-15th, and April 21st-22nd in Japantown. Club members and other volunteers will be reading applications on March 17th for the 31st Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival Service Scholarship. The 31st Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival Queen Program press conference will be held on March 11th in which our club sponsors a candidate.

Club members will distribute clothing at St. Anthony's in San Francisco on March 24th. Although the purpose in volunteering at St. Anthony's is to fulfill the serving of food to those in need in participating in the district project Fight Against Hunger, we will continue to look for the opportunity to do so as the great awareness among individuals and other groups in the Bay Area has resulted scarcity of volunteering opportunities. Our newest Lions Sarah Fedaie has information on volunteering at Saint Martin de Porres.

Thank you to all the club members efforts in working on these small projects which when combined serve as the expression of our dedication to the Lions cause and our local communities in San Francisco. If you have used eyeglasses, please contact me as the District Eyeglass Collection is held in March. Also please consider donating toiletries, new/gently used clothing, and baby items to the Hamilton Families. I look forward to seeing you at our next club meeting.

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