

**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

**May 1, 2018**

- May 2, 2018            Board Meeting, 6:30 pm, and General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Sanppo  
Sushi Restaurant, 1701 Post Street (corner of Post and Buchanan),  
San Francisco Japantown. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION!
- May 3-5, 2018        District 4-C4 Convention @ Red Lion Hotel, Redding.
- May 4, 2018            District 4-C4 Annual Convention @ Red Lion Hotel, Redding, CA.
- June 6, 2018           Board/General Meeting, 6:30 pm, Mifune Bistro, San Francisco.
- July 4, 2018            TBD for the Board/General Meeting

**HAMILTON FAMILIES:** Hamilton Families is a non-profit in the Tenderloin that provides support to families that are homeless with temporary cholesterol and transitional housing. They are 100% dependent upon donation to provide supplies for the homeless families. There is always an urgent need for disposable diapers sizes 3,4,5; baby wipes; children underwear; travel size soap, toothpaste and shampoo; toothbrushes; baby blanket; baby bottles, sippy cups for kids; 55 gallon garbage bags; 30 gallon compostable garbage bags. Hamilton Families is located at 260 Golden Gate Ave in the Tenderloin, San Francisco. We are planning to do a drop off of supplies collected in June. Please bring any donations to the May meeting or call Lion Steve (510-996-8535) if you need donations picked up. Lion Bill can pick up ,in the Peninsula and Lion Steve can pick up in the East Bay.

**CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL SENIOR APPRECIATION BRUNCH:** Thanks to Lions Bruce Iwafuchi and Dan Yee in participating and assisting the Senior Appreciation Brunch Committee on April 22nd.

**PRESIDENT LION BILL'S MESSAGE:** As we come to the end of the 2017-2018 Lion year, the month of April was the busiest time for members with our participation in the Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival Queen Program and the San Francisco Coordinating Council of Lions Clubs annual Peace Officer and Fire Fighters Awards in addition to club members volunteering at the St. Martin de Porres House of Hospitality in San Francisco. The two recipients of the 31st Cherry Blossom Community Service Scholarship were recognized during a ceremony at the Peace Plaza Stage on April 14th who were selected by a committee of our club members organized by Lion Steve Hirabayashi from applications submitted by high school students from Northern California prior to the festival.

The Queen Program and the San Francisco Peace Officer and Fire Fighters Awards Night are held on the same evening so that we have to have some club members attend either event that evening. Lions Bruce, Alan Layug and guests, and I attended the Queen Program at the Kabuki Theater to watch our candidate Lauren Kieva Matsuo and the four other sponsored candidates participate in the program to select a Queen and First Princess and to assume the responsibilities of representing and serving the community as the 2018-2019 Queen Court. The Cherry Blossom Queen Court committee takes a tremendous commitment of time and energy of its committee volunteers in the preparation of the annual program during the festival and the continuous activities of the Queen Courts during the rest of the year.

We look forward to 2018-2019 Princess Lauren visiting our club to share her experience of serving on the court.

Lion Dan Yee, our recently designated Peace Officer and Fire Fighter Chair, represented the club at the San Francisco Council Peace Officer and Fire Fighters Award Night with our San Francisco Police Officer Honoree Rob Fung and our San Francisco Fire Fighter Honoree Brian Jesson. Lion Dan has always found honorees for our club as we want to recognize the service of peace officers and fire fighters.

The Northern California Cherry Blossom Community Service Scholarship Program is organized by Lion Steve with club members meeting to read the application of high school students focused on serving the community while excelling academically in school from throughout Northern California. The recipients of the \$2500 scholarships this year were Corey Hiroshi Kato of Vacaville High School and Shuka Park of Mira Loma High School of Sacramento.

Lions Bruce, Dan, Alan, Steve and I along with our newest member Lion Sarah Fedaie volunteered at the St. Martin de Porres House of Hospitality of the St. James Episcopal in preparing and serving food to those in need, and helped clean up on the morning of Sunday, April 8th. Thank you to Lion Sarah in making the arrangements so that our club could fulfill our participation in the District 4-C4 Fight Against Hunger. We look forward to continuing our participation in this service project in the future.

As we finish the current Lion year, I want the club to focus on accumulating a significant donation to the Hamilton Families program of support for families in temporary shelter and transitional housing in San Francisco by June club meeting with the donation of disposable diapers, baby blankets, baby bottles, and other items. The Tenderloin non-profit Hamilton Families is dependent on donations to help these families. If it is more convenient for members, you can provide a monetary donation that I can purchase these items. We can maintain this effort as a service project along with volunteering at the St. Martin de Porres House of Hospitality throughout the year and work towards providing worthwhile experience to encourage membership retention and recruitment.

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2018-2019: The following is the slate of officers for the next Lions year and elections will be conducted at the May 2nd Board meeting:

President - Steve Hirabayashi; 1st VP - Dan Yee; 2nd VP - Bruce Iwafuchi; Treasurer - Donna Kimura; Secretary - Frank Torikai; Membership Recruitment and Retention - David Fujita; Tail Twister - Phillip Mar; Lion Tamer - Richard Kishimoto; IPP - Bill Stipinovich; Directors - Kristina Boyd, Sarah Fedaie, Alan Layug, Edward Silva, Eddie Wilson