

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

October 1, 2017

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 4, 2017 Board/General Meeting, 6:30 pm @ Mifune Bistro, 1583 Webster Street San Francisco

October 13, 2017 Lions Veterans Charities "USO Night" @ Walker Recreation Center, 650 Shell Blvd, Foster City. \$49 per person with cocktails at 6:30 pm and dinner/program at 7:30 pm. Nikkei Lions Club Richard Kishimoto (Sergeant Major US Army retired) will be the honored veteran. Individuals wishing to attend and do not have tickets, please contact Lion Steve to attend as soon as possible.

October 21, 2017 San Francisco JAACL Health Fair at Christ United Presbyterian Church, Sutter and Laguna Street, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

November 1, 2017 Board/General Meeting, 6:30 pm @ Mifune Bistro, San Francisco

November 4, 2017 District 4-C4 Cabinet Meeting @ Parkside School, San Bruno.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: On September 6th, club members had the opportunity to meet the new district cabinet and ask questions during District 4-C4 Governor Mario Benavente's Official Visitation with District 4-C4 Second Vice Governor Helen Casaclang, Region One Chair John Hui, and visiting Region Four Chair Sandra Ige. After opening the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, invocation, song and introduction of club members, I introduced our club's region chair Lion John Hui with a brief biography of his family, work, and experience in Lions who in turn introduced District 4-C4 Governor Mario. From that point onward, club members asked many questions as the district governor spoke about the issues of leadership and service, and goals for the district. He said that he was not used to public speaking when he first joined the San Bruno Lions Club, but over years as he advance from the club level to the district level, District 4-C4 Governor Mario appreciated the experience of speaking at meetings and gaining new friends with the organization, especially at the beginning of his term to meet with the 56 clubs in the district. District 4-C4 Second Vice District Governor Helen Casaclang spoke about the characteristics of club leadership from training at the Lions International Convention.

Lions Clubs International (LCI) continues to focus on ways to expand community service focusing on diabetes, youth, the environment, and hunger. The district governor stressed the need of club members to be aware of health issue to themselves as club members screen individuals attending health fairs for diabetes and other medical conditions. LCI also wants club members to consider the impact of this disease on their family and friends. Hunger within our local communities has become an issue because of the rising cost of housing and other needs, and the necessity to make decisions about what monthly expenses to pay. District

4-C4 Governor Mario urged the club to volunteer at and donate money to the local food bank. A food collection will be held at the District 4-C4 Cabinet Meeting on November 4, 2017. Region Chair John Hui will be organizing a bowling tournament as a fundraiser to fight hunger.

On September 17th, twenty-five volunteers from the George Washington High School Eagle Service Society collected \$199.18 in donations during SUMO CHAMPIONSHIP EXHIBITION at Peace Plaza in Japantown. The volunteers collected the donations from 10:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m., but that will have to change shift for volunteers next year as the club had a tent from 12:00 p.m. to p.m. Thank you to Lions Dan Yee and Bruce Iwafuchi for helping at the collection. Lion Bruce stayed until 3:30 p.m. Donations from club members for White Cane would be greatly appreciated.

Upcoming events are the October 13th Lions Veterans Charities, Inc. "USO Night" honoring Lions Richard Kishimoto and the October 21st San Francisco JACL Health Fair for eye screening. I encourage you to attend these events.

MD4 STUDENT SPEAKER CONTEST: The topic this year for the Student Speaker Contest is "Integrity and Civility Play What Role in Today's Society?". We will hold our club level contest in February, 2018.

WHITE CANE DAY - SEPTEMBER 17TH: Thanks so very much for the many students from the Washington High ESS who came out to help "shake the can". The following are the students of the top three teams:

Andy Yu, Joey Dang, Jennifer Chen, Justin Wong, Ben Young, Jason Chou - \$84.90
Annie Zhu, Natalie Weinstein, Emily Dang, Kaylie, Helly - \$26.32
Alexander Lau, Gary Lu - \$26.30

JACL HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR: On October 21st the Nikkei Lions Club will assist the San Francisco JACL in their annual Health Fair to be held at the Christ United Presbyterian Church (1700 Sutter St, San Francisco), 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Free flu shots will be offered for seniors over 65 and those without insurance. Examples of other organizations assisting are AARP, SF General Hospital, and UOP Scope Students. There are about a dozen organizations gathering to assist the JACL Health Fair.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES: The Lions Club International Convention will be held in Las Vegas, June 29 to July 3, 2018. The District 4-C4 Convention will be held at the Red Lion Hotel in Redding, May 3-7, 2018.

President: Bill Stipinovich; 1st Vice President: Dan Yee; 2nd Vice President: Bruce Iwafuchi; Secretary: Frank Torikai; Treasurer: Donna Kimura; Membership Recruitment and Retention: David Fujita