

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

November 1, 2017

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- November 1, 2017 Board/General Meeting, 6:30 pm @ Mifune Bistro, 1583 Webster Street San Francisco
- November 4, 2017 District 4-C4 Second Cabinet Meeting @ Parkside Intermediate School, 1801 Niles Ave, San Bruno, 8:30 am, \$20 after Oct 30, 2017. This is a canned food drive by the District for the Northern Peninsula Food Bank so bring canned foods to the Club meeting on November and we can bring it to the Cabinet meeting if you are not planning to attend. Cost is \$15 before Oct 30th and check can be sent to Lion Dr Jun Valera, 4299 Callan Blvd, Daly City 94015 made payable to "District 4-C4".
- November 18, 2017 The San Francisco JACL is holding a benefit concert dramatic reading of "Hold These Truths" by Greg Watanabe, 7:00 pm, Fort Mason Center, \$50 admissions. For further info - sfjacl@yahoo.com. "Hold These Truths" was written by Jeanne Sakata and it is the story of Gordon Hirabayashi and his heroic challenge to injustice - EO9066.
- December 6, 2017 The normal meeting on the first Wednesday of the month has been "blacked out" and moved to Saturday, December 9th.
- December 9, 2017 Nikkei Lions Club Holiday Luncheon @ Estrada Mexican & Caribbean Restaurant, 7440 Mission St, Daly City (not in San Francisco), noon. Cost TBD and will be in the December newsletter. Please, all members and their families, join us for this year end event. For further info, get hold of President Lion Bill Stipinovich who is setting up the luncheon and will be taking the reservations by club members.

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 February, 2018. Lion Alan Layug is our Chair for the event and will provide more info as we get closer to February.

NIKKEI LIONS CLUB 2017 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON: Our luncheon for the 2017 Holidays will be held on December 9th at the well known Estrada Mexican & Caribbean Restaurant, 7400 Mission St, Daly City, noon. Do not get confused and think it is in San Francisco. Please join us to exchange wishes for a Happy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year. President Lion Bill Stipinovich is making the arrangements and will be the one to take the reservations from all members and the number in their group. It will a joyous affair to attend. Cost to be determined after Lion Bill finalizes the arrangements.

WELCOME LION SARAH FEDAIE: Lion Donna Kimura, Lion Sarah's sponsor, writes "It is our honor to welcome Sarah Kumiko Fedaie to the San Francisco Nikkei Lions Club. Lion Sarah is

known in the Japanese American Community as someone with a huge heart. She never hesitates to bring her amazing organizational skills to help out events in the Community. It is no wonder that she was Miss Tomodachi (Miss Congeniality) in one of the past Cherry Blossom. Programs as her bubbly personality shines wherever she is. Lion Sarah has already volunteered for the Nikkei Lions in the past - participating in our Crab Feed. We are so honored and look forward to working with Lion Sarah in future club projects.

LION PRESIDENT BILL'S MESSAGE: In my October President's Message, I forgot to mention that District 4-C4 Governor Mario Benavente sent me a card with a picture of him and Lion Rose at the 100th Lions Club International Convention in commenting on the hospitality from the club towards the visiting cabinet members, and encouraged the club to continue to serve, and to support the fight against cancer and diabetes. New member Sarah Kumiko Fedaie who has volunteered at past club Crab and Spaghetti Feeds attended that meeting. Her membership in the club was approved at the October Board Meeting. New Lions members in this year of celebrating 100 years of Lions are referred to as Centennial Members. She has joined the Lions organization at a special moment in its history, and our club in our effort to serve our community of Japantown, the District, and Lions causes worldwide.

October 21, Lions Steve Hirabayashi, Bruce Iwafuchi, Dan Yee, Alan Layug, and myself participated in the San Francisco Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) Chapter Kenko No Hi Free Community Health and Wellness Fair at the Christ United Presbyterian Church providing vision screening with a Plus vision screening machine from the District. Thank you to Lion Bruce informing the club about this opportunity through Barbara G. Suyehiro of the San Francisco JACL. Past District Governor Jack Van Etten established this program during his term to provide clubs with the opportunity to expand community service with a focus on vision care. The opportunity for our club to participate in the JACL Health Fair with other participating groups in providing health screenings for seniors was a great experience for those members in attendance. Several of the health providers at the health fair came over to our table to ask questions about the Plus vision screening machine. The students from the UC Berkeley School of Optometry came over to look at the machine.

On October 13, our club member Lion Dick Kishimoto was honoree for his military service at the Sixth Annual USO Night at the William Walter Recreation Center in Foster City with Lions Steve Hirabayashi, David Fujita, Phillip Mar, and myself in attendance. Well over one hundred Lions and friends attended the event as reservations were being received by the organizing committee. Lion Kevin Guess of the Peninsula Veterans Lions Club and Lion Steve provided the introduction of Lion Dick's service in the military and Lions as well as his business experience. Lions Dick spoke about working with Lion Frank Torikai on the District Entertainment Committee during the District 4-C4 Conventions and how Lion Frank was efficient in setting up audio equipment based on the needs of the convention and according to the convention schedule as well as making sure that batteries were charged and the audio equipment was operating properly. He also spoke about Lion Franks's service in the United States Air Force as a pilot during the Vietnam War, and work with Federal Aviation Administration as an air traffic controller and trainer. He wanted Lion Frank to be at the event to share in his being honored by the Lions, and acknowledged the service of other veterans.

I look forward to seeing at the club meeting, and hope that you can attend the District 4-C4 Cabinet Meeting in San Bruno on November 4.

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