

**Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Growler and other  
Lions Activities**

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**January/February 2019**

**Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Club receives \$67,337.98 from the Henning Trusts Closure** During the latter part of 2018 Club President John Hickson was contacted by the Trustee of the Henning Trusts that final distribution and closure of the Trusts would be made and our Club needed to provide the documentation as requested to receive our funds as a beneficiary of the Trust. Priscilla Robertson, Club Treasurer and Jim Bigelow, Club Secretary assisted John to prepare the needed documentation. In December our Club received four checks to complete the payments to our Club. There were twelve charitable groups receiving final distributions as the Henning Trusts were closed.

As background for many years our Club in February of each year received a check for \$11,000 for our Club to use for charitable giving to our local community and Lions activities/Foundations. Our Lions Club was selected many years ago to receive donations from the Henning Trusts for our work with the needy and our sight and hearing assistance were of particular interest. Over the years the Trust funds were invested in the Stock Market and did exceptionally well over the years and charitable groups received annual checks far beyond the time the Trusts were expected to operate. A few years ago the annual checks stopped and the Trustee working with the Family decided to close the Trusts and distribute the Trust funds to the Family and twelve charities.

Our Club has been honored to receive the Henning Trusts annual \$11,000 checks and the final closure payout of \$67,337.98. Our Club has used these funds as intended and John Hickson our Club President will engage our Club Board in a discussion as to how we will continue to use the final funds just received as we have in past years. Anticipating receipt of the final Trusts distribution in December our Club Board took an action at our November Club Board meeting to approve up to \$8,100 of these funds when received to purchase a second SPOT Vision Screening machine, printer and carrying case for our ICARE Committee vision screening activities and Tina Morris, Committee Co-Chair completed this task and we now have an operational second SPOT vision screening machine as requests for vision screening services increases from our local schools and children's centers.

**Club Student Speakers Contest set for Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>** Our Annual Club Student Speakers Contest so far will have two local High School students from two

different schools competing presenting their views of 5 minutes to a maximum of 10 minutes on this years topic “Freedom of the Press What Does it Mean?” The location is the Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce Office at 1100 Merrill Street at the local Caltrain Station. We are requesting all participants to arrive by 6:45 pm so the Contest can begin promptly at 7:00 pm. The doors will open at the Chamber Office at 6:30 pm. The Contest Winner will move on to the Region Four Zone Three Contest to be held on Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm and will receive a Club check for \$100 and the Contest Finalist a Club Check for \$25. The Zone Contest Winner receives \$150, the Region Contest Winner \$250, the District Contest Winner \$4,500, Lions Area Contest Winner \$6,500 and the MD4 Contest Winner \$10,000.

Light refreshments will be provided after the last Student Speaker presentation is given and allow time for the scoring of the Judges sheets to be completed. We will need Club members as Timers and Tellers to help with the Contest. No introductions will be made until after the Contest results and refreshment break has ended. Then the Student Speakers will be introduced and they can introduce any family, friends and teachers if present. The Judges will be introduced as well as self introductions of Club members and friends who are present. The Club level Student Speakers Contest is the beginning of the statewide contest process and allows youth the opportunity to hone their public speaking skills. Margaret Carney and Dorothy Page are the Co-Chairs of our Club Contest.

Peninsula Council of Lions January 28<sup>th</sup> Dinner Meeting The PCL will hold its monthly dinner meeting on Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at the Burlingame Lions Hall, 990 Burlingame Avenue in Burlingame. No host cocktails 6:00 pm and dinner at 7:00 pm followed by Club Reports. Club President John Hickson and some Club members plan on attending and singing a new song for our Club as part of his report at the meeting. Cost for those having dinner is \$30 and RSVP to [RSVP2PCL@gmail.com](mailto:RSVP2PCL@gmail.com) or Lion Debbie Kielty 650-515-9784. The Bay Area Special Olympics Lions Club is hosting the meeting. Please RSVP by January 25<sup>th</sup>.

Sunday Farmers Market Update Through the end of December the Sunday booth fees have exceeded \$1,000+ and donated produce for the needy from the farmers have also been in the 1,000 + pounds. In January so far weather is becoming a factor and is likely to be a factor in February. This time of the year we have less vendors and this tends to be when our weekly income drops and the amount of donated produce drops as the winter growing season is more limited. The Club has changed its banking arrangement from Union Bank to Bank of the West and it is easier for Jitze Couperus to make the Sunday deposits into the after hours drop box. As we are in the winter season we also want to remind everyone that our Sunday Farmers Market is rain or shine in its operations. Even in a significant storm we are still open on Sundays. Many thanks to those who continue help each Sunday.

ICARE Committee Update The second half of the Fiscal year will continue to be a busy one with additional vision screening requests coming in from more local schools and children’s centers. Tina Morris, Co-Chair of the Committee has

received the new second SPOT Vision Screening machine, printer and carrying case. As of January 11<sup>th</sup> she reported the new machine is now in service. Many thanks to Tina and husband Dick for making this happen.

**Lions Clubs Joint Holiday Gala, Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** The Annual Lions Holiday Gala planning has been completed and a flyer is attached to this Growler. The sponsoring Clubs of which our Club is one has set the cost per person at \$35.00 and the location has been moved to Mahany Hall the meeting place of the San Carlos Lions Club next to the San Carlos downtown. The food will be catered and tentatively Prime Rib, Salmon and a vegetarian item will be provided in a buffet. A no host reception will begin at 6:00 pm and dinner will be at 7:00 pm. There will be holiday music by the After Eight Singers. Each dinner includes a raffle ticket and several raffle prizes will be given out. When you send in the completed flyer with your check please write on the form our Club name Menlo Park Live Oak Lions.

**Club Treasurer Priscilla Robertson update** Priscilla Robertson will soon finish the mailing of our first half of our Fiscal 2019 year donation checks as approved by the Club Board in August. She will also be paying for the new second SPOT Vision Screener, printer and carrying case. At the Club Board meeting in November it was recommended we move our banking from Union Bank to Bank of the West in downtown Menlo Park. That change is underway and will be completed soon.

**Third District 4-C4 Cabinet Meeting Scheduled for Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>** Club President John Hickson is planning on attending and representing our Club. If any other members would like to attend it will be held at the Parkside Middle School, 1801 Niles Avenue in San Bruno. The cost is \$20 if you RSVP by January 28<sup>th</sup> and it includes continental breakfast at 8:30 am and you can pay at the door. Lunch is provided and if you want to attend let John Hickson know so we can RSVP for you. If you like you can send a check in advance payable to District 4-C4 to District Treasurer Rich Picchi, P.O. Box 1987, El Granada, CA 94018. The meeting is hosted by Region Three.

**Peninsula Council of Lions 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Police and Fire Awards Banquet** This years event will be held on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Foster City. Coordination has begun with the Atherton Police, Menlo Park Police and Menlo Park Fire Protection District. The award categories for these emergency responders are Heroism, Valor and Community Service or Life Time Achievement. Our Club will coordinate with these Agencies and PCL and our Club hosts these agencies and those being honored each year. We will need a few of our Club members to attend and sit with our local Agencies at this dinner. Usually over 400 attend this recognition.

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# **Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Important Dates to Remember**

**NOTE: Sunday Farmers Market Hours are 9 am – 1 pm**  
**Bobbie McDonald and Tina Morris will schedule Vision Screening at the Local Schools and Committee Meetings as needed**

## **January 2019 begins our new calendar year**

<b>Jan. 6<sup>th</sup></b> <b>(Sunday)</b>	<b>12:45 pm</b>	<b>Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market and pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy</b>
<b>Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup></b> <b>(Monday – Friday)</b>		<b>Club ICARE Vision Screening this week at local schools and children centers</b>
<b>Jan. 13<sup>th</sup></b> <b>(Sunday)</b>	<b>12:45 pm</b>	<b>Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market and pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy</b>
<b>Jan. 14<sup>th</sup></b> <b>(Monday)</b>	<b>11:45 am</b>	<b>Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Board meeting at Little House, 800 Middle Avenue, Menlo Park</b>
<b>Jan. 20<sup>th</sup></b> <b>(Sunday)</b>	<b>12:45 pm</b>	<b>Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market and pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy</b>
<b>Jan. 27<sup>th</sup></b> <b>(Sunday)</b>	<b>12:45 pm</b>	<b>Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market and pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy</b>
<b>Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>(Saturday)</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Third District 4-C4 Cabinet meeting at Parkside Middle School, 1801 Niles Avenue, San Bruno. 8:30 am continental breakfast and business meeting begins at 9:00 am.</b>
<b>Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>(Sunday)</b>	<b>12:45 pm</b>	<b>Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market and pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy</b>
<b>Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup></b> <b>(Monday – Friday)</b>		<b>Club ICARE Vision Screening this week at local schools and children centers</b>
<b>Feb. 10<sup>th</sup></b> <b>(Sunday)</b>	<b>12:45 pm</b>	<b>Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market and pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy</b>
<b>Feb. 11<sup>th</sup></b> <b>(Monday)</b>	<b>11:45 am</b>	<b>Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Board meeting at Little House, 800 Middle Avenue, Menlo Park</b>

<b>Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> (Monday)</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Club Student Speakers Contest at the Menlo Park Chamber Office 1100 Merrill Street, Menlo Park (Caltrain Station) Contest topic “Freedom of the Press What Does it Mean?” Contest begins promptly at 7:00 pm and It is recommended that participants arrive by 6:45 pm.</b>
<b>Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)</b>	<b>12:45 pm</b>	<b>Menlo Park Lions Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy</b>
<b>Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)</b>	<b>12:45 pm</b>	<b>Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy</b>
<b>Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup> (Sunday)</b>	<b>12:45 pm</b>	<b>Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy</b>
<b>Mar.4<sup>th</sup> (Monday)</b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	<b>Region Four Zone Three Student Speakers Contest at Skylawn Memorial Park, Highway 92 at State Route 35 in San Mateo, Ca. 94402. Zone Chair John Hui will lead this Zone Contest. Suggest arriving by no later than 6:00 pm</b>
<b>Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> (Monday – Friday)</b>		<b>Club ICARE Vision Screening this week at local schools and children centers</b>
<b>March 10<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)</b>	<b>12:45 pm</b>	<b>Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy</b>
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<b>Mar. 24<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)</b>	<b>12:45 pm</b>	<b>Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy</b>
<b>Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> (Monday)</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Region Four Student Speakers Contest at Mahanney Hall, 1336 Arroyo in San Carlos, Ca 94070. Region Chair Michael Coffaro will lead this Region Contest. Suggest arriving no later than 6:45 pm.</b>
<b>March 31<sup>st</sup> (Sunday)</b>	<b>12:45 pm</b>	<b>Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy</b>

## **Lions Objectives**

**To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.**

**To promote the principle of good government and good citizenship.**

**To promote an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.**

**To provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.**

**To encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors**

## **Lions Code of Ethics**

**To show my faith in the worthiness of my 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 or profit as 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 another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.**

**Whenever a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubts against myself.**

**To hold friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one another, but that true friend demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.**

**Always to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state, and my community, as to give them my unswerving loyalty in work, act and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.**

**To aid others 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.**

