

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

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HAPPY YEAR 2020!

Club President John Hickson wishes everyone Happy Holidays and a great 2020 New Year! He wants to thank everyone for the great support for the first half of our Club Fiscal 2020 Year. We have already accomplished much through this first six months, our Sunday Farmers Market, our Club ICARE Vision Screening and Community Giving. For December our Club has sent out \$21,900 in checks to those groups we support locally including some Lions sponsored activities. Our Sunday Farmers Market has been collecting over 1,000 pounds each Sunday of donated produce during this time for the needy.

Multi Club Holiday Gala, Sunday, December 8th The Annual Holiday Gala hosted by Belmont, Menlo Park Live Oak, Peninsula Veterans, San Carlos and San Mateo Lions Clubs had over 70 in attendance and the evening entertainment was the After Eight Singers arranged for by the San Carlos Lions Club. The After Eight Singers provided holiday music and ended with everyone joining in on “The Twelve Days of Christmas. The food service was great at the Hilton Garden Inn in San Mateo. Those attending brought new toys for needy children and canned goods for needy families that would be provided to local children and families. A raffle drawing was held and many attending won a raffle prize. The organizing Committee was composed of members from the sponsoring Lions Clubs and did a great job bringing us a fun and festive evening! Our Club had two tables at the dinner and we thank everyone for their support.

District Governor Helen Casclang Annual Club Visitation, Monday, December 9th DG Helen and select Cabinet Officers visited our Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Club and we had a great turnout for the visitation. DG Helen provided remarks on the positive projects and Community Giving that our Club continues to provide. She went on to make us aware of training opportunities open to our Club members and discussed Lions International President Dr. Jung-Yul Choi’s focus for his Lions Year that began on July 1, 2019. He stressed the importance of membership and Community Service. First Vice District Governor Fanny Chu, Region Five Chair Manny Paje and our Zone Chair Venetia Young made additional remarks.

Then Club President John Hickson assisted DG Helen in the presentation of four Lions Clubs International Foundation Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards for Community Service to Club First Vice President Bobbie McDonald, Second Club Vice President Tina Morris, Club Treasurer Priscilla Robertson and Club Secretary Jim Bigelow. After the meeting adjourned pictures were taken by the Clubs \$1,900 of toys for children that were being donated by our Club to the Menlo Park Fire Protection District for their holiday program for needy children in Bell Haven Community of Menlo Park and also in East Palo Alto.

Club ICARE Committee January through May the vision screening will continue with the Club SPOT machines at Children's Centers and local Schools. Our Club will continue to offer sponsoring children where their parents cannot afford follow up actions from vision screenings where a referral recommendation was provided. Our Club is receiving requests from adults and seniors periodically for help for eye exams and glasses where they cannot afford the cost of these services. We have adequate funds to help those in need.

PCL, District 4-C4 and MD4 meetings coming up There are two Peninsula Council of Lions meetings coming up. They are on Monday's January 27th and February 24th and both have a 6:00 pm registration/no host cocktails and dinner begins at 7:00 pm. The January 27th PCL meeting is at the Burlingame Lions Hall in Burlingame and the February 24th meeting location is yet to be announced. The Third District Cabinet meeting will be on Saturday, February 1st at the William E. Walker Recreation Center, 650 Shell Boulevard in Foster City with registration/continental breakfast at 8:30 am and the business meeting at 9:00 am. The 101st Multiple District Four Annual Convention is from Friday, February 21st through Sunday February 23rd at the Visalia Convention Center 300 S. Court Street in Visalia. The hotel is the Marriott. If you want to attend any of these meetings Jim Bigelow will provide or help with the registration material.

Update on Club Student Speakers Contest Our Club Co-Chairs as of December 20th indicate they are still awaiting responses from Student Contest information "Homelessness in California; What is the Solution?" that they have dropped off to at least eight schools. The Co-Chairs will now follow up by phone. We have confirmed with the Menlo Park Chamber that we have secured our Contest location at their office at the Menlo Park Caltrain Station for Monday, February 10, 2020 beginning at 7 pm. The Contest Judges and materials are set so we are ready. All we need now are Students who want to participate.

Club Farmers Market The December 21st and 28th Sunday Farmers Markets will be held during the Holidays. December 21st will be our normal Sunday Market. The one on December 28th will be limited and no booth fees will be charged and Lori Hennings will not be at that Sunday Market. John Hickson is coordinating for Club members to be present during normal Sunday Farmers Market hours, as we must have a Lion member on duty while the Market is in operation. He will advise on any pickup of donated produce. January on we are back on a normal schedule.

Coming up is the Peninsula Council of Lions Annual Police and Firefighters Awards Banquet on Friday, March 27th We will be contacting our local emergency responders to advise them of the PCL Annual Banquet and work with them on who will be honored and others attending. Normally we host the Atherton Police Department, Menlo Park Police Department and the Menlo Park Fire Protection District. This is a well-attended awards dinner with over 300 attending. It will again be held by the PCL at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Foster City.

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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

Jan. 5th (Sunday)	12:45 pm	Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market and pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy
Jan 12th (Sunday)	12:45 pm	Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market and pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy
Jan. 13th (Monday)	11:45 am	Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Club Board meeting at Little House, 800 Middle Avenue in Menlo Park
Jan. 19th (Sunday)	12:45 pm	Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market and pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy
Jan. 26th (Sunday)	12:45 pm	Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market and pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy
Jan. 27th (Monday)	6:00 pm	Peninsula Council of Lions dinner meeting at Burlingame Lions Hall, 990 Burlingame Avenue in Burlingame. Host cocktails at 6:00 pm and dinner at 7:00 pm
Feb. 1st (Saturday)	8:00 am	District 4-C4 Third Cabinet meeting William E. Walker Recreation Center, 650 Shell Boulevard in Foster City. Registration and continental breakfast at 8:50 am and business meeting begins at 9:00 am

Feb. 2nd (Sunday)	12:45 pm	Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy
Feb. 9th (Sunday)	12:45 pm	Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy
Feb. 10th (Monday)	11:45 am	Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Club Board meeting at Little House, 800 Middle Avenue in Menlo Park
Feb. 10th (Monday)	7:00 pm	Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Club Annual Student Speakers Contest at the Menlo Park Chamber Office 1100 Merrill Street at the Menlo Park Caltrain Station doors open at 6:30 pm and the Contest begins promptly at 7:00 pm
Feb. 16th (Sunday)	12:45 pm	Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy
Feb. 21st – 23rd (Friday – Sunday)		Multiple District Four “101st California Lions Convention” at the Visalia Convention Center at the Marriott Hotel, 300 S. Court Street in Visalia
Feb. 23rd (Sunday)	12:45 pm	Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy
Mar. 1st (Sunday)	12:45 pm	Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy
Mar. 8th (Sunday)	12:45 pm	Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy
Mar. 9th (Monday)	11:45 am	Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Club Board meeting at Little House, 800 Middle Avenue in Menlo Park
Mar. 15th (Sunday)	12:45 pm	Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy
Mar. 22nd (Sunday)	12:45 pm	Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy
Mar. 27th (Friday)	6:00 pm	55th Annual Peninsula Council of Lions Police and Firefighters Awards Banquet at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1221 Chess Drive. In Foster City Reception 6:00 pm and dinner at 7:00 pm

**Mar. 29th
(Sunday)**

12:45 pm

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Lions Objectives

To create and foster a sprit 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 secretarian 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 sprit 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.