

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

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March/April 2020

Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market reaches 1,000,000 pounds of donated produce shortly before our Market's 28th Anniversary and \$922,000 in Community Giving! Our District 4-C4 Governor Helen Casaclang requested our Club President John Hickson at the February Peninsula Council of Lions dinner meeting that we respond with information on our Club activities, fundraising and Community giving. During that research for our current Fiscal Year 2020 (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020) we were surprised to learn that our Sunday Farmers Market has now reached a milestone of our Farmers donating 1,000,000 pounds of produce to the needy through our Lions Club.

Our current Fiscal Year 2020 we are donating \$36,310.00 for Community giving. This amount could increase based on any additional funding our Club Board approves by June 30th the end of our current Club Budget year. Special thanks go to Nancy Couperus, Margaret Carney, Lori Hennings our forever Market Manager, John Hickson, Laura Warner and Jitze Couperus who were around and involved were on June 7, 1992 the Sunday Farmers Market began in downtown Menlo Park. There are others who have passed who I am sure would have liked to see what has been accomplished to date. Our Club report was filed last night, February 29th with DG Helen.

Annual Elections of Club Officers set for April Club Board Meeting Club President John Hickson has appointed the Club Nominating Committee members for our Fiscal 2021 Club Officers for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Those serving are Bobbie McDonald, Tina Morris and John Hickson. They will be presenting to the Club Board on March 9th a proposed slate of Club Officers. If you are interested in serving on our Club Board you can contact any of the three Nominating Committee members and discuss your interest to serve. All Officer positions are for one year except a Board member who has a two-year term. Our Club Board meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 11:45 am at Little House in Menlo Park.

Club Student Speakers Contest Completed on February 10th Our Club held our Annual Student Speakers Contest at the Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce and our Club Contest Winner was Samantha Campbell from Design Tech High School. She was presented a Club Check for \$100.00. The topic of this years Contest is Homelessness in California; What is the Solution? We all are aware that this is a

timely topic particularly in many communities in California. Samantha moves on to the next level of competition at the Region 5 Zone 1 Contest on Saturday, March 7th beginning 1:00 pm at the Menlo Park Chamber Office, 1100 Merrill Street at the Caltrain Station in Menlo Park. Zone Chair Venetia Young will lead this contest with the Contest Winner receiving a Lions check for \$150.00.

The Contest Winner of the Region 5 Zone 1 Contest will move to the next level that is the Region 5 Contest that will be held on Monday, March 23rd, 6:00 pm at the Burlingame Lions Hall, 990 Burlingame Avenue in Burlingame Region 5 Chair Lion Manny Paje will lead this contest and the Contest Winner will receive a Lions check for \$250.00. The Contest Winner will move on to the District 4-C4 Contest that will be held at the Burlingame Lions Hall beginning 1:00 pm on Sunday, April 19th. Lion Michael Coffaro, District Student Speaker Chair will lead this Contest. The Contest Winner wins \$4,500.00 in scholarship funds and moves to the Area Contest level Contest where the Contest Winner wins \$6,500.00 in scholarship funds. The last Contest is at the State level of Lions Multiple District Four and the Contest Winner receives \$10,000.00 in scholarship funds.

55th Annual Peninsula Council of Lions Clubs (PCL) Police and Firefighters Awards Banquet, Friday, March 27th Our Club is again reaching out to our local emergency response Agencies inviting them to be our guests at the PCL Annual Awards Banquet which honors those emergency responders in three categories. The categories are Service, Heroism and Valor. The three local Agencies having personnel recognized are East Palo Alto Police Department, Menlo Park Fire Protection District and Palo Alto Fire Department. As a result of the Palo Alto Host Lions Club shutting down last year we have added Palo Alto Fire to our invitation list. We anticipate we will have two tables of eight filled at this years Awards Banquet. Club First Vice President Bobbie McDonald, her son Ed and Club Second Vice President Tina Morris will be setting with our emergency responders and participating in presenting their recognition at the banquet. It is likely that the Peninsula Veterans Lions will also participate in the awards presentation with us. This year the Atherton Police, Menlo Park Police and Palo Alto Police do not have anyone nominated in the three categories. We will provide pictures of the awards presentations via email after the recognition dinner.

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. We are beginning a new procedure with LensCrafters at Menlo Station as the OneSight voucher program has ended. Lenscrafters will work with our Club to minimize our cost in sponsoring needy individuals for glasses. EyExam of California is located in the LensCrafters Store

still provides eye exams when needed for \$74.95 to our Lions Club when helping the needy.

District 4-C4 Annual Convention in Redding, May 13th – 17th This years Annual District Convention is being held again at the Red Lion Hotel, 1830 Hilltop Drive in Redding, California. Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning are the main business meetings and activities at the Convention. At the Convention the election of District Officers for Fiscal 2021 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021) take place. District Governor, First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor are elected. At the Convention there are breakout sessions, business meetings and many fun events for those attending. Our Club will be represented at this Annual Convention. Should you wish to attend please contact Club Secretary Jim Bigelow for the information, 775-870-9985 or email jimbigelow@yahoo.com

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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

Mar. 1st (Sunday)	12:45 pm	Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market and pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy
Mar. 7 th (Saturday)	9:00 am	District 4-C4 Annual Eyeglass Collection, 31 Bepler Street, Daly City 9:00 am – 11:00 am
Mar. 7 th (Saturday)	1:00 pm	Region 5, Zone 1 Student Speakers Contest at the Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce, 1100 Merrill Street at the Menlo Park Caltrain Station, doors Open 12:30 pm. Zone Chair Venetia Young will Lead this Contest
Mar 8 th (Sunday)	12:45 pm	Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market and pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy
Mar. 9 th (Monday)	11:45 am	Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Club Board meeting at Little House, 800 Middle Avenue in Menlo Park
Mar.15 th (Sunday)	12:45 pm	Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market and pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy

Mar. 22nd (Sunday)	12:45 pm	Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market and pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy
Mar. 27th (Friday)	5:30 pm	Peninsula Council of Lions Clubs 55th Annual Police and Firefighters Awards Banquet, 1221 Chess Drive, Foster City at Crown Plaza Hotel, reception 5:30 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm
Apr. 5th (Sunday)	12:45 pm	Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy
Apr. 12th (Sunday)	12:45 pm	Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy
Apr. 13th (Monday)	11:45 am	Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Club Board meeting at Little House, 800 Middle Avenue in Menlo Park Election of Club Fiscal Year 2021 Club Officers
Apr. 19th (Sunday)	12:45 pm	Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy
Apr. 26th (Sunday)	12:45 pm	Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy
May 3rd (Sunday)	12:45 pm	Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy
May 9th (Saturday)	9:00 am	District 4-C4 Safe Food Handling seminar at the American Red Cross Training Facility, Classroom, 1710 Trousdale Drive, Burlingame. Reservations at disartrterpreparedness4c4@gmail.com PDG Jack Van Etten
May 10th (Sunday)	12:45 pm	Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy
May 11th (Monday)	11:45 am	Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Club Board meeting at Little House, 800 Middle Avenue in Menlo Park
May 14th – 17th (Thursday – Sunday)		Annual Lions District 4-C4 Convention at the Red Lion Hotel, 1830 Hilltop Drive in Redding. The main business days are on Friday and Saturday
May 17th	11:45 am	Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Club Board meeting

(Monday)		at Little House, 800 Middle Avenue in Menlo Park
May 24th (Sunday)	12:45 pm	Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy
May 31st (Sunday)	12:45 pm	Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy

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 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 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.