

# LIONISM SPEAKS

## MILLBRAE LIONS CLUB BULLETIN



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## President's Message

Happy New Year and Welcome to 2020!!

First and always, thank you for your service to our community and support for one another. All across Millbrae, our Club is sought out to help meet needs – and whether it be our world famous meals service, financial support, or presence at community events – Lions rise to each occasion and “We Serve”. In 2019, our Club performed approximately 5,000 hours of community service and donated tens of thousands of dollars to help not only members of our local community, but also to the greater community as well. Our service activities and events are strongly supported by the community and we continue to set an example for our neighboring clubs to emulate. In 2019, we continued to grow and expand as a Club in both membership and in projects undertaken – raising more funds and providing more assistance to both recurring and new recipients. Along the way, we also said good-bye to several long standing members and we will always remember them and honor their service as we continue our service to others. As I look at 2020, I am excited to see where we go next and who will join us for the journey. I know this Lion Family will welcome each new member, meet each opportunity and give our best – we always do.

We closed 2019 with a very successful Holiday Party! Thank you to the Holiday Party committee led by PP Sahae and PP Gianni that ensured the 83 attendees had a great evening full of good food, camaraderie, and games. During the party, we also conducted a donation drive in support of a local Samaritan House Teen Clothing drive. Lions generously donated \$2,000 to be given to the Samaritan House!! Thank you to all the donors! Additionally, at the Holiday Party, Lion Caccia and Lion Ortega advised the Family Holiday Assistance Program distributed \$11,000 in gift cards (143 total card at \$75 each) among the Millbrae elementary schools, Taylor Middle School, and Mills High School. The gift cards went to Millbrae families and we received feedback that this growing, legacy program is very appreciated by all the families.

At the January 2020 meeting, we will be discussing a Board recommendation to raise member dues for the first time in 12 years. PP Calvin Chin has sent all members a read-ahead email and document. If you can make it, please come to the meeting as we will be voting on this important topic as a Club.

We will also receive an update on the upcoming Crab Cioppino Dinner on January 25th. This important fundraiser provides funds in support of our many existing projects and support other project/community requests. Please register soon as it traditionally sells out – contact 2nd VP Gary Pellegrini to support the dinner or attend it. Also, keep in mind the Lions will be participating in the Lunar Festival and Parade on January 26th. It would be great to see lots of Lions in the parade march or along the route.

That's it for now! Look forward to seeing you soonest.

Cheers,

Lion President Rob

## Millbrae Lions Meetings

### Next Meeting

Wed, January 15, 7:00pm  
Greenhills Country Club  
500 Ludeman Lane

### Board Meetings

2nd Wednesdays,  
7:00 pm  
Chetcuti Room

### General Meetings

1st and 3rd Wednesday,  
7:00pm  
Greenhills Country Club

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## Lion President's Goals/Visions

Year | President

Key Vision and Goals

### 2019-20 | Rob DuCote:

- Continue to actively recruit community members into the Millbrae Lions Club, ensuring effective and robust relations across our diverse Millbrae community.
- Continue to form strategic partnerships with key civic and social groups, resulting in greater collaboration and leveraging of each organization's unique capabilities.
- Identify and incorporate new project management "best practices" to optimize delivery and impact of projects and Club operations
- Create and maintain the delivery of high quality, impactful projects to the Millbrae community through effective management.
- Year over year, provide opportunities for MLC members and spouses/significant others to have FUN while growing and nurturing friendship and camaraderie

2018-19 | Bart Speccia:

- Empower Millbrae Lions Club members to serve the community through our many projects. Encourage all to be active, reinforcing traditional Lions projects while finding new ways to broaden and deepen the impact that our club has in Millbrae, and beyond.

2017-18 | Dave Van Wart:

- Ensure that our new members (active men and women in our community) get involved early in their membership and fit our expectations of sweat equity supporting our projects and programs...not just writing the check

2016-17 | Bruce Sutter:

- Ensure the MLC Project Portfolio met the needs of the community (Schools, youth, seniors and other non-profits) and grow our membership.

2015-16 | Lorrie Kalos:

- Work Effectively in Numbers to support the community and have fun.

2014-15 | Calvin Chin: Back To Basics

- Understand and embrace – "Who Do We Serve"?
- 5 year MLC Roadmap (refresh every year)
- Refresh MLC Project Portfolio, no sacred cows.
- Rekindle and develop effective working relationships with both Millbrae community and fellow community service organizations.

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## Lion Focus

### An Open Letter Remembering Lion PDG Art Pignati

By: Lion Gary Pellegrini | Date: December 13, 2019

#### Ode to Art

We all miss Art Pignati a great deal. If you were at his services recently, then you know how many people miss him and cared for him. I feel compelled to express my feelings for Art in this letter and I know so many of you feel the same way. I wanted to say some words at his Vigil but knew I would break down in doing so. As many of you know, I wear my heart on my sleeve and it's in full view here.

I joined the Lions for many reasons. The most important one was to join a group of people that are passionate about helping their Community. Art, Al, George, Tom, Gino, Rocky, Ken, Ron (and many others)...comprise The Old Guard!!! Notice that I only used first names. You know who I'm talking about. To rub elbows and work and socialize side by side with them is (was) an honor.

I gravitated to Art mainly because he reminded me of my Father. They shared so many wonderful qualities. I only got to know Art well in the last 7 years but I found him to be warm, humble, considerate, compassionate, funny, and most important, an unbelievable Family man. He was a very proud husband, father and grandfather. What a wonderful Family he and Sylvia created.

You didn't just like Art...you LOVED Art. He was a good man...and a great man. Very few people can claim that. I truly loved that man. He had my respect and admiration...and still does!! I remember the night he told me..."Gary, I have cancer" I was speechless. All I could do was stare at him and finally say...what??? He shrugged his shoulders and said "it is what it is". Did I mention that he was a very brave man, as well? He fought until the end with dignity and courage and believed the quality of life was more important than the quantity. I learned a very valuable lesson. Thank God I was able to visit him the night before he passed. I told him about a year ago that I wanted him there for my Installation and he said he would do his best. While he didn't make it...I know he tried.

As I look forward to being your Lions President in 2021-2022, I will remember Art and all the things he stood for and believed in and I want to honor him by dedicating my year as President in his memory. It's the least I can do. I know he will be watching and guiding me in some way.

I want to thank you all for reading this and allowing me to share my personal feelings of a good & great man.

All the Best,  
Gary Pellegrini  
2nd VP

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## General Dinner Meeting Agenda

### Cocktails – 6:30 PM

### Call to Order - 7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance - Lion Pape

Song - PP Sahae/PP Lynn Clinton/Lion Broussard

Invocation - PP Bortolin

Introduction of Visiting Guests - Lion 1st VP Wayne Lee

### Dinner

### Project Reports

- Sunshine Report - PP Muniz
- MLC Holiday Party/Samaritan House Donation – PP Sahae/Gianni

### Club Business

- Calcutta Update – Lion T. Enberg
- Crab Cioppino Update – 2nd VP Pellegrini
- Lunar Festival and Parade – Lion Kong
- Movers and Shakers – PP Chin/PP Van Wart
- Club Dues Discussion/Vote – PP Chin/PP Gianni/Pres DuCote

### Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Millbrae Goes to the Movies/PETS 2 @ Shea (Jan 17)
- Crab Cioppino Dinner @St. Dunstan PC (Jan 25)
- Millbrae Lunar Festival and Parade (Jan 26)
- PCL Dinner Meeting (Jan 27)
- MLC Movers and Shakers Meeting @GHCC (Feb 5)

### Fun Time

- Tail Twister Raffle – Lion O'Dea
- Master of the Marbles – PP Bortolin

### January Birthdays

Wayne Lee (Jan 15)

Ardis Broussard (Jan 17)

Lynette Gianni (Jan 31)

### January Anniversaries

None to report

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July	17	<i>General Dinner Meeting Green Hills Country Club</i>
	27	<b>Millbrae Lions BBQ at Baseball Tournament Taylor</b>
August	7	<i>General Dinner Meeting Green Hills Country Club</i>
	14	Board Meeting Chetcuti Room
	17	<b>Millbrae Machines On Broadway</b>
	21	<i>General Dinner Meeting Green Hills Country Club</i>
	31	<b>Art and Wine Festival</b>
September	4	<i>General Dinner Meeting Green Hills Country Club - <b>Calcutta Night</b></i>
	11	Board Meeting Chetcuti Room
	18	<i>General Dinner Meeting Green Hills Country Club</i>
	28	<b>Relay For Life at the Shea Center</b>
October	2	<i>General Dinner Meeting Green Hills Country Club</i>
	9	Board Meeting Chetcuti Room
	13	<b>Lions Family Picnic 11:00am</b>
	16	<i>General Dinner Meeting Green Hills Country Club</i>
	26	<b>Monster March 9:30am</b>
	26	<b>Marinated Crab Feed 1pm</b>
November	6	<i>General Dinner Meeting Green Hills Country Club</i>
	13	Board Meeting Chetcuti Room
	20	<i>General Dinner Meeting Green Hills Country Club - <b>Spouse/Partner's Night</b></i>
December	4	<i>General Dinner Meeting Green Hills Country Club - <b>Guest Speaker</b></i>
	6	<b>Senior Center Christmas Tree Decoration</b>
	11	Board Meeting Chetcuti Room
	18	<i>No General Dinner Meeting</i>
	20	<b>MLC Christmas Party at Green Hills Country Club</b>
January	8	Board Meeting Chetcuti Room
	22	<i>General Dinner Meeting Green Hills Country Club</i>
	26	<b>Millbrae Lunar New Year Festival</b>
	25	<b>Crab Cioppino at St. Dunstan Parish Center 3pm</b>
February	5	<i>General Dinner Meeting Green Hills Country Club</i>
	12	Board Meeting Chetcuti Room
	19	<i>General Dinner Meeting Green Hills Country Club</i>
	23	BOD Nomination Breakfast
March	11	Board Meeting Chetcuti Room
	14	<b>Millbrae Lions Baseball Season Opening Day – At Taylor</b>
	18	<i>General Dinner Meeting Green Hills Country Club</i>
April	1	<i>General Dinner Meeting Green Hills Country Club</i>
	8	Board Meeting Chetcuti Room
	15	<i>General Dinner Meeting Green Hills Country Club – <b>Youth Week</b></i>
May	6	<i>General Dinner Meeting Green Hills Country Club</i>
	13	Board Meeting Chetcuti Room
	20	<i>General Dinner Meeting Green Hills Country Club</i>
June	3	<i>General Dinner Meeting Green Hills Country Club</i>
	6	<b>Milbrae Lions Baseball Pancake Breakfast – At the SD Parish Center</b>
	10	Board Meeting Chetcuti Room
	17	<i>General Dinner Meeting Cancelled</i>
	20	<b>BOD Installation Dinner Meeting Green Hills Country Club</b>



## Lion Notes

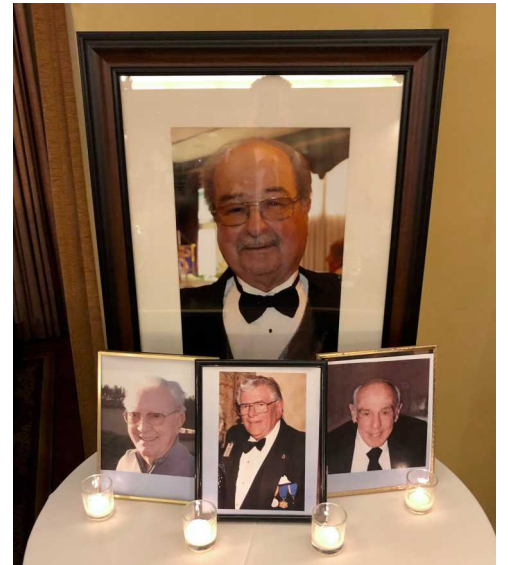
### MLC Holiday Party

By: Lion Cal Chin via Facebook | Date: Dec 21, 2019

Last night, 88 Millbrae Lions, spouses and friends attended our annual MLC Holiday Party at the prestigious Green Hills Country.

Lions PP Randy Sahae and Michael Gianni were the Holiday Co-Chairs (with several Lions and spouses in the committee) who helped organized a fun filled event of good food/drinks, celebrating an amazing first half of our 2019-20 year of community services and oodles and oodles of laughter through out the night.

We also celebrated the lives of 4 legendary Millbrae Lions who left us this past year - Lion



**Work projects, we so love to do**

**Everybody knows two crab feeds and those classic cars  
Help to make our spirits bright  
It might be work, but it feels more like play  
Even when we work so late at night**

**You know when Lions are on the way  
We help the needy with our funds both night and day  
And many Lion's spouse will heed the call  
For helping friends and neighbors always brings us all.**

**And so we 're offering this simple phrase  
For Lions from one to 102  
Although it's been said many times many ways  
Happy Holidays to you.  
Happy Holidays, to you.**

PDG Art Pignati, Lion PDG Don Lustenberger, Lion PP Tom Cullina and Lion Gino Bava, who helped establish our club culture (Work Hard - Play Hard - Give Back) and standards of excellence.

Continuing the Millbrae Lions Club mindset of "Giving Back", our members and guests generously donated over \$2,000 that we will donate to the Samaritan House, emphasis to help provide clothing to teenagers.



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### Upcoming Events

#### JAN 25 2020 MLC Crab Cioppino

By: Bulletin Staff | Date: Nov 20, 2019

Our world famous Crab Cioppino is fast approaching!!!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 25, 2020 when Millbrae lions club annual crab cioppino event is set to happen.

This crab feed is one of our clubs biggest fundraisers, so we encourage your support by getting your groups together and lock down your tickets fast! This feed is always a hit and features Lion PP Gianni's famous family recipe cioppino sauce.

If you can't join us for dinner, we can use your support by volunteering to help with the feed. Stay tuned, we will be reaching out for help in the kitchen, bar, raffle ticket sales and set up.



### Door Prizes!!

MILLBRAE LIONS CLUB  
PRESENTS  
**CRAB CIOPPINO**  
TOSSED GREEN SALAD  
GARLIC BREAD  
DESSERT & WINE

- Where:** St. Dunstan Parish Center  
1133 Broadway, Millbrae, CA
- When:** Saturday, January 25, 2020
- Cocktails:** 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Dinner:** 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.\*
- Dancing:** 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- Price:** \$60.00

**Raffle prizes!!**

**\*Alternate entrée upon request. Must be ordered with advance ticket reservations.**

### ORDER YOUR TICKETS NOW!!!

Tickets must be purchased in advance by 1/19/20. No tickets sold at the door.

(#) \_\_\_\_\_ Crab Cioppino @ \$60/person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(#) \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken entrée @ \$60/person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(#) \_\_\_\_\_ Steak entrée @ \$60/person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Group seating request (group name): \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: Millbrae Lions Club (credit cards not accepted)

Mail to: Millbrae Lions Club, 319 El Paseo, Millbrae, CA 94030

For more info or questions, contact: [crabfeedlions@gmail.com](mailto:crabfeedlions@gmail.com)

#### Project Chair(s):

Lion Bill Meyer

Lion SVP gary Pellegrini



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## Lions Clubs 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 doubt 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 to another, but that true friendship 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, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, 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.

## Lions Clubs Objectives

- To **CREATE** and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- To **UNITE** the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship, and mutual understanding.
- To **TAKE** an active interest in the civic, cultural, social, and moral welfare of the community.
- To **PROMOTE** the principles of good government and good citizenship.
- 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.



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[coachejay@gmail.com](mailto:coachejay@gmail.com)

### District 4-C4:

#### **District Governor**

Lion Helen Casclang

#### **Region 3 Chair**

Lion Maryah Tucker

#### **Region 3 Zone 1 Chair**

Lion Jessie Peoples

## Millbrae Lion of the Year

2018-19 Millbrae Lion of the Year  
Lion Rob DuCote

