

## The Burlingame Lions Club

### Newsletter

March 2022

Editor: Leonard Ma



### President Bunny Macchia

Burlingame Lions Club: District 4-C4

2021-22



990 Burlingame Avenue

1st & 3rd Thursday of the Month

12:10 pm—1:30 pm

Phone: (650) 344-LION



### The President's Message:

When I started writing this message, I was in a very pessimistic mood about the state of the world (pandemic almost under control, but now a war?). Then I thought: This is Lions, this is the point of Lions clubs around the world—to help wherever we can. And by helping others, we most often help ourselves. There is a pleasure that is soul soothing to volunteer, to donate, to know that someone, somewhere is going to have their world made just a tiny bit better, even if we never see it. We may never stop a war or poverty or a natural disaster, but there is grace in our very attempt to do so.

On to business:

Past Business: Thanks to Lion Jack Van Etten, we had a very successful Student Speakers Contest, with Cassandra Bousquet winning the \$100 prize and the opportunity to move on to the Zone competition, to be held at the Lions Hall on Tuesday March 9, at 7:00 at the hall.

New Business: We will be having our first luncheon meeting of the month on March 3, at our regular time; our monthly Board Meeting will be at 7:00 PM on March 8; and the second regular meeting will be March 17, where 2nd VD Governor candidate Dr. Eleanor Britter will speak. Since this is a 5-Thursday month, we also will be hosting an evening family get-to-gather on March 31, at 5:30 at the hall.

New Big, Important Business: On Saturday, March 12, at 5:00 PM, we will be hosting our annual Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner (\$40 per person). This has always been one of our most successful fundraisers. This year, response has been mediocre. This is potential money that we use for our charities. This is money that we can use to feed, cloth, and shelter the homeless. We can help the veterans, the people in Tonga, provide glasses for people... or any need that touches your heart! Well, the need is right here, right now—in our own family. We need you to invite your neighbors, print out the flyer from The Thread and leave copies at your favorite coffee shop or any place that will allow them, and most importantly, come yourself. We are Lions and we miss you, we need you, we need our pack.

Warmest regards,

Lion President Bunny Macchia

### Birthday Shout-outs!!

Ann Loper

President Bunny Macchia

Erik Winkler

*Happy Birthday to these Great Lions.*



Lion Kevin







BURLINGAME LIONS CLUB INVITE YOU TO THEIR  
ANNUAL CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER.

MARCH 12  
BAR OPENS PROMPTLY AT 5:00  
DINNER WILL BE SERVED AROUND 6:00

\$40 PER-DINNER  
PLATE OF CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE, AND DESSERT

990 BURLINGAME AVE,  
BURLINGAME CA 94010

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Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

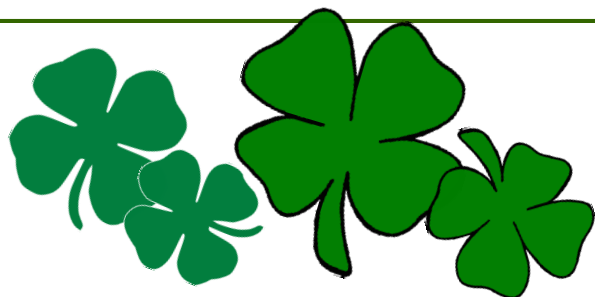
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Dinners: \_\_\_\_ x \$40 = \_\_\_\_\_

Sorry I can not make it here is a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Burlingame Lions Club  
and send them to before March 7, 2022  
Burlingame Lions Club  
PO Box 206  
Burlingame, CA 94011

\*Depending on COVID numbers the dinner may turn into drive up we will contact you the week of if that is the case.\*



## One More Hour of Sunlight Begins on March 13th

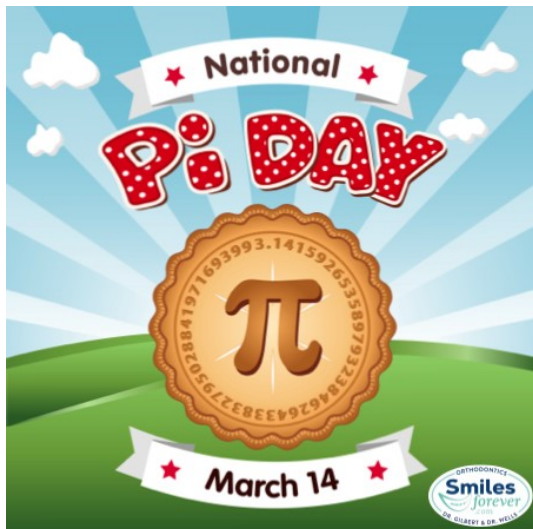
Daylight saving time begins on Sunday, March 13. Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour at 2:00 AM...or just before going to bed on Saturday night.

The concept of Daylight saving time (DST) is generally attributed to two men: George Hudson, a New Zealand scientist; and William Willett, a British builder. Both promoted the idea of shifting the time of day to provide more daylight. The first nations to adopt this idea were Germany and Austria, who did so beginning in 1916, in order to minimize the use of artificial lighting to save fuel for the war effort. The United States used a form of DST under certain circumstances: war times and oil embargos. From 1987 through 2006, the US started DST the first weekend in April, and ending the last weekend in October. In 2007, the start time was changed to the second Sunday in March, and ended on the first Sunday in November. This is the pattern that we currently use. So...one less hour of sleep begins on March 13.

### SPRING FORWARD

#### Don't forget.

Daylight saving time begins at 2 a.m. Sunday. **Set your clocks ahead one hour.**



Have a slice of pie on March 14, which is National Pi Day. Why you ask?? Well, March 14, or 3.14, are the first three numbers of Pi. This number is the ratio of the circumference of any circle to the diameter of that circle, and it is used in all sorts of mathematical calculations. Without this value, we would not be able to live and operate in this modern world. So, have a slice of pie on National Pi day to celebrate the number that is necessary to the disciplines that have lead to the things that we take for granted.

## March 2022

- March 3: Lions Luncheon
- March 12: BLC **"St Pats Dinner"**: dinner around 6-ish
- March 17: Lions Luncheon
- March 31: BLC **"5th Thursday Surprise"**





## The 85th MD-4 Student Speakers Contest

The Burlingame Lions Club held its Student Speakers contest at the Hall, on Feb 17, 2022. Three high school students represented their schools by speaking on this year's topic, *"How Can Kindness Reunite Our Country?"* The students were to be judged on presentation and content of their speeches.

Chairman, Lion Jack Van Etten, did a masterful job organizing this program. He had three high school speakers participating in this Club phase of the contest. The winning speaker was Cassandra Bousquet, a senior from Mercy High School. Our other speakers were Alexia Goldstein, a senior from Burlingame High School, and Nathan Lo, a junior from Mills High School. Critiquing our speakers was a panel of four, each of which had backgrounds in education or theater, and were well qualified to judge the students on their presentation and speech content. Our four judges for the contest were Yvonne Upsher, June Simmons, Debra Jacobs-Levine, and Lee Garay Toney. The Lions who helped on the event were Lions Dale Schmidt, Pastor Peter Garrison, Jim Briggs, Alice Castillo, Erik Winkler, Maryah Tucker, Carlus Blevins, Anne Loper, and Leonard Ma. These Lions helped secure the Hall, time the speeches, and tally the judges' votes.

Cassandra will be moving along to the Zone level, which will be held at the Lions Hall, March 16, beginning at 5:30 pm. The eventual grand prize winner will receive a scholarship valued at over \$21,000.00. All members are encouraged to attend and support our Student Speaker at this contest.






St. Patrick's Day is celebrated annually on March 17, the anniversary of his death in the fifth century. Saint Patrick, who lived during the fifth century, is the patron saint of Ireland and its national apostle. Born in Roman Britain, he was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave at the age of 16. He later escaped, but returned to Ireland and was credited with bringing Christianity to its people.

Legend has it that Patrick stood on an Irish hillside and delivered a sermon that drove the island's serpents into the sea. While it's true that the Emerald Isle is mercifully snake-free, chances are that's been the case throughout human history. Water has surrounded Ireland since the end of the last glacial period, preventing snakes from slithering over; before that, it was blanketed in ice and too chilly for the cold-blooded creatures. Perhaps the most well known legend of St. Patrick is that he explained the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) using the three leaves of a native Irish clover, the shamrock.

The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for over 1,000 years. On St. Patrick's Day, which falls during the Christian season of Lent, Irish families would traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon. A well accepted tradition of St. Patrick's day is the dinner of corned beef and cabbage. How did this tradition begin?

In Ireland, before the Irish immigration to the United States, the traditional dinner repast was a type of salted pork, similar to ham or bacon. Although the Irish produced a salted beef product, it was mainly for export, and it was more of a luxury item due to its higher cost. Therefore, the salted pork dish remained the traditional dinner dish amongst the Irish people. During the Irish immigration to America, many of them settled in the Chicago, and New York urban areas. They settled in areas close to other immigrants experiencing similar prejudices, one of these areas of proximity was with the Jewish community. As the finances of the new Irish immigrants improved, their tastes turned to corned beef. The dish that they turned to was the corned beef, made by the Jewish community. This version of corned beef was slightly different than their traditional dish, as it used the brisket cut of beef. It was paired with potatoes and cabbage, and it remains so to this day.





## Multiple District 4 REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

**8 AM Friday, March 18th thru 3 PM Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

### Interactive and Team-Building Training!

**Leadership for Success!**  
This 3-day Institute focuses on:

**Working in Teams, Public Speaking, Diversity,  
Motivating Club Members, Time Management, and more...**

This Institute will prepare Lions for Leadership positions at "All" levels. You may be a member thinking of moving into a leadership role in your club or district. You could be a current club leader or district leader looking to hone or add to your skill set. All would benefit from attending and familiarizing themselves with leadership skills and a deeper understanding of how to better serve their clubs, district, and community. Participants are not only provided the necessary information but the tools and resources needed to help your clubs and district thrive and succeed in today's current environment. Fostering "Team Building Skills" with your fellow Lion is also a crucial component of this Institute. In a nutshell, this Institute focuses on enhancing leadership and management skills and expanding participants' knowledge of Lions Club International.

**Lodging and Meals**

The fee of \$400.00 covers the Institute and lodging from 8 AM Friday, March 18th through 3 PM Sunday, March 20th. If you plan on arriving on Thursday, March 17th, you will be required to pay for that night's lodging at the rate of \$129.00 plus fees and taxes when you check-in at the hotel. All meals during the Institute are provided at the Institute location.

**Continental breakfasts on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Lunch on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Dinner on Friday and Saturday.**

**Location of Institute and Lodging**

The Institute will be held at the Garden Grove Host Lions Clubhouse, 9860 Larson Avenue, Garden Grove, CA. Lodging will be at The Anaheim Hotel, 1700 South Harbor Blvd, Anaheim, CA.

**Anyone up for a visit to Disneyland?**

Yes, we have arranged for anyone attending the Institute and their family, to purchase tickets (limited to 6) to Disneyland and California Adventure at a special rate. The Anaheim Hotel (across the street from Disneyland) our host hotel has also extended the rate of \$129 per night, 3 days before the Institute and 3 days after the Institute, for those who wish to stay for a longer period of time and enjoy "The Happiest Place On Earth." If interested, click on the following link to purchase tickets for Disneyland:

<https://www.mysdisneygroup.com/TMMC22A>

**TO REGISTER AND PAY FOR THE INSTITUTE - CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW**

<https://californionalionsmd4.ticketspice.com/regional-lions-leadership-institute-garden-grove>

Any questions can be directed to PDG Norm McDaniel

805-653-6676 (office)  
805-340-4849 (mobile)  
lionnormthegovernor@gmail.com

## Learning to Lead the Lions

If you are a Lion who is interested in accepting the challenge of leadership, this may be the program for you. It will prepare you for any position in your Club or District. You will learn the leadership skills necessary running your Club, and interacting with your fellow Lions. The seminar will be held in Garden Grove, CA, March 18-20. See the flier for details.



### Burlingame Lions Club: 2021-22

President: Bunny Macchia	1st VP: Jack Van Etten	Immediate PP: Kevin Kielty
Secretary: Carlus Blevins	Treasurer: Nancy Ingram	Lion Tamer: Pat Kinsella
LCIF chair: Geno Caccia	Service chair: Leonard Ma	Membership /Media/Marketing chair: Erik Winkler

**Directors**

Pat Kinsella	Ken Ingram	Nirmala Bandrapalli	Ann Loper	Alice Castillo
Hall Manager: Ken Ingram		Newsletter: Leonard Ma		

### District 4-C4 Officers

District Gov: Dr. Jun Valera	1st VDG: John Hui	2nd VDG: Kevin Guess
Region 6 chair: Paul Larson	Region6/Zone 1 chair: Wayne Lee	

### LIONS OBJECTS

- To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- To promote the principles of good government and good citizenship.
- To take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social, and moral welfare of the community.
- To unite the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.
- 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

DAY WITH THE UN

LDUN New York

Be an active part of our global partnership! With the theme "The NGO Impact on Global Health," the 44th Annual Lions Day with the United Nations will take place on Friday, March 11, 2022 at the Westin Grand Central Hotel.

### LIONS PURPOSE

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- To coordinate the activities and standardize the administration of Lions clubs.
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