

# The Burlingame Lions Club Newsletter

June 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  
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## President's Message

May was a good month for giving. It started off with our May 5th Cinco De Mayo luncheon meeting, at which we gave the Burlingame Public Library \$8,000 for the Children's Reading Program. It continued on with our May 18 (Mills High School) scholarship award to the "Viking of the Year" and our May 19 scholarships to outstanding Burlingame students. Thank you Lion Len Ma for preparing the lovely certificates that accompanied the checks and then presenting them to the Burlingame students on the 19th. (I was in Redding for the convention.) Between the Library and the schools, we awarded a total of \$13,000 this year to a group of very worthy and inspiring applicants. Again, thank you Lion Len Ma, and thank you Lion Jack Van Etten, for much appreciated guidance.

Convention was busy with equal shares of meetings, meals, and fun hospitality suite events. Best part: our candidate of choice, Lion Clayton Jolley of the Half Moon Bay Lions Club, was elected 2nd-Vice District Governor of District 4-C4. Hurrah!!

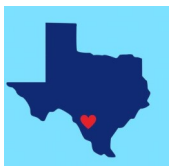
This Thursday, June 2 is our first luncheon of the month, and we have guests from BNN. A follow-up presentation about ZELLO will be given on the third Thursday of the month, June 16, and our Board Meeting will be held Monday, June 13 at the Hall.

And most importantly, this coming Saturday, June 4th at 2:00PM at the hall is the Celebration of Life for our dear Lion, Kevin Kielty.

Lion Bunny Macchia. President

## June 2022

June 2: Lions Luncheon  
June 4: Celebrating the Life of Lion Kevin Kielty: Lions Hall: 2:00 PM  
June 13: Board Meeting: Hall 7:00 PM  
June 16: Lions Luncheon  
June 19: Father's Day  
June 27: Helen Keller Day



## Birthday Shout-outs!!

Lion Mike Cihak  
Lion Nancy Ingram  
Lion Gary Vlelbaum

**Happy Birthday to these Lions.**



The Burlingame Library was the recipient of an \$8,000.00 donation from the Lechich family trust, as directed by the Burlingame Lions Club. George Paul Lechich was a long time member of the Burlingame Lions Club, serving as Club Secretary for 34 consecutive years. He was the City Librarian for 29 years, and was instrumental in the development and growth of the library. He and his wife, Nancy, developed a trust with our Club to benefit the library's reading programs.

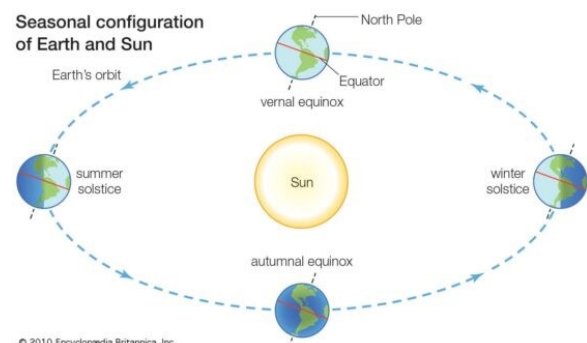
Joining us today were Kathy von Mayrhauser, Children's Services Manager, and Cynthia Rider, in charge of the Large Type book collection. They thanked us for the donation and informed us that the library will be using the donation to fund various programs: **Poetry Month** program that encourages young poets to write original poems; a **Summer Learning Challenge** that rewards children with a free book for completing the challenge; **Large Type books** for adults and children; and an **Outreach Book program**, which provides regular and large type books to homebound patrons.

The Burlingame Lions Club is proud to support the Library, and the services they provide. For those not familiar with the library, they offer a wealth of programs and services just for the price of a library card. They are truly a gem in the City of Burlingame.



The Summer solstice occurs on Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> this year, and it ushers in the beginning of summer for us in the Northern Hemisphere. On this day, the North Pole is at its maximum tilt toward the Sun, resulting in the longest period of daylight hours, and the shortest night-time hours. In the Southern Hemisphere, this day marks the beginning of winter, with the shortest daylight hours, and the longest night time hours. The Winter solstice takes place in December. It marks the beginning of winter, with the shortest day light hours, and the longest night time hours.

As Lions, we can take advantage of the longest day of the year to do our Community Service work.

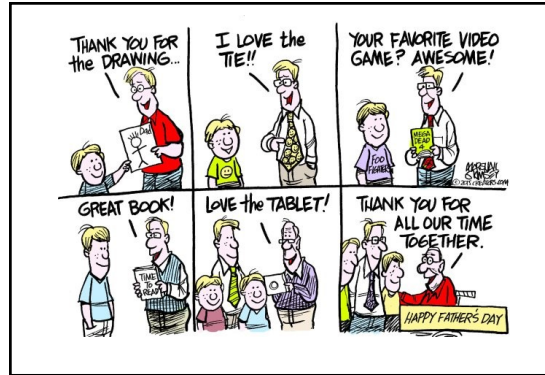




Father's Day is on the third Sunday in June, which places it on June 19<sup>th</sup> this year. This day is to celebrate all fathers, and father-figures, in one's life. This day of celebration was spearheaded by Sonora Smart Dodd, in 1909. She, and her siblings, were raised singlehandedly by her widowed father, from this she wanted to honor the role of fathers in raising their children. On June 19, 1910, the first Father's Day was celebrated in the state of Washington. In 1970, Congress made a resolution that the third Sunday in June, would be designed, Father's Day.

A study was taken to determine what Father's want for Father's Day: Here's what they found

- 48%: family contact: outing/phone call
- 17%: clothing
- 16%: something handmade
- 16%: tools
- 3%: flowers



## The Pause that Refreshes...

So great to see Lion PP Kwang Park at the Hall again. He was taking a break from the Market's roller coaster ride over the past few days. What could be more diversified than a Korean-American, eating Mexican food for Cinco de Mayo, and washing it down with an Irish Guinness stout. Wonderful to see you again, and we hope you'll join us more often.

## An Honor to Join the Lifers Club

Joining the fraternity of Life Membership in the Burlingame Lions Club is Lion PP Leonard Ma. The Board and Members of the Club have bestowed this honor on Lion Ma because of his 40+ years in this organization. He served as President in 1992, and is currently editor of the Newsletter. Other active members in this group are Lions Pat Kinsella, Carlus Blevins, PDG Ken Newman, and PDG Jack Van Etten. The most recent addition to this group was Lion Kevin Kielty. This designation is given to a member in recognition of their service to their Club,







Helen Keller Day, June 27, 2022

The Lions Club: "Knights of the Blind" In 1971, the Directors of Lions Clubs International designated June 1 as Helen Keller day. In 2006, a Presidential Proclamation was made proclaiming June 27th, Helen Keller day. This date coincides with her birthday, which was on June 27, 1880. This differs from the day that the Lions designated, so you can choose whichever day to celebrate her legacy.

Helen Keller spoke at the 1925 Lions International Foundation Convention. She asked the Lions Club to work with and support The American Foundation for the Blind, a four year old organization that dealt with people who were severely visually impaired. She spoke of the long hours of work and training that went into lifting the darkness of blindness, which enabled her to graduate with honors from Radcliffe in 1904, making her the first blind and deaf woman to graduate from college.

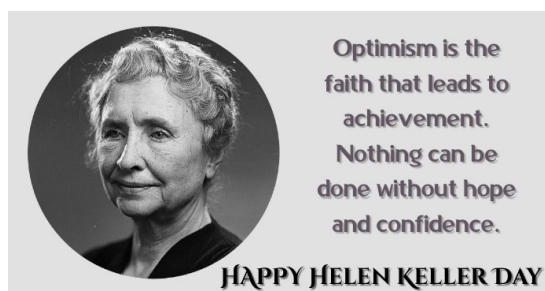
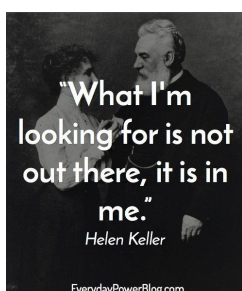
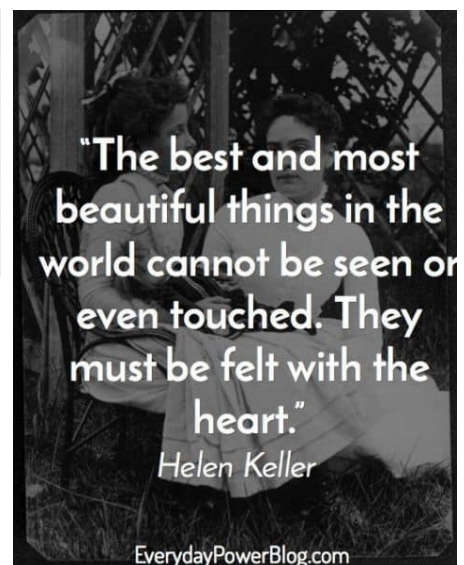
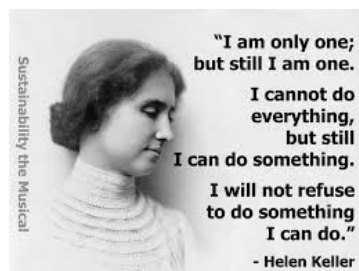
She went on to speak on the work performed by the American Foundation for the Blind. How they worked with the blind, to help them overcome their disability, and help them "triumph over blindness".

This is how she closed her speech to the Lions:

*"If you care, if we can make the people of this great country care, the blind will triumph over blindness. This is the opportunity I offer you, Lions—to foster and sponsor the work of the American Foundation for the Blind. Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness, no little deaf blind child untaught, no blind man or woman unaided? I appeal to you, Lions—you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind—will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in my crusade against darkness?"*

The Lions accepted the challenge, and became Knights of the Blind.

After conquering her challenges, Helen Keller became a noted motivational speaker. Here are some of her proverbs. Some of them can be applied to our work in the Lions Club.



# The Burlingame Lions Club

## 93 years of Service to the City of Burlingame

On June 27, 1929, the Burlingame/San Mateo Lions Club was organized, with a Charter membership of 20 new Lions. In time, the Club grew large enough that it was decided to split the Club into two Clubs: the Burlingame Lions Club, and the San Mateo Host Lions Club. It was felt that both communities would be better served with their own individual Lions Club. This year marks the 93rd year of support for the City of Burlingame, and those years have been filled with wonderful members from all walks of life and experiences. There were countless projects and programs that have come and gone through the years. These projects ranged from Community service projects, to programs that comradery amongst our members. This Club has a rich and long history, and it is the responsibility of each, and everyone, of our members to insure its continued growth and existence.

### Club Education for New Members: History and Lore of the Club

6/3/82  
 Art Preston's House

HISTORY OF BURLINGAME LIONS CLUB (brief)

Founded 1927 - Originally part of San Mateo Club but split off in 1929 to be the Burlingame Lions Club

Not many of original members left  
 a. Bill Jenkins - first president  
 Ed Hevey, B.B. Stern,

The original charter is on the front wall at the club showing the names of charter members.

Lions International keeps a record of each and every Lion and the date he ~~wxxx~~ joined his club and who his sponsorer was. These records are in Oak Brook, Ill.

I believe Ray Kliever has a record he obtained from Lions International showing our members up until 3 or four years ago

Our Club has been very active over the years - Some of the projects are as follows:

1. We sponsored a Rifle range at the foot of Broadway where we taught youngsters how to shoot - Had Turkey Shoots etc.  
 This was also used by the various Police Departments for Officer training also for the Sheriff's Department  
 When the County established their own range at Coyote Point ours was dismantled - I recall we had about \$10,000. big \$ invested here.
2. We sponsored a Sea Scout Ship which was moored at Coyote Point Harbor  
 This worked fine for a while but soon turned into a bottomless hole into which we were putting our hard earned funds. So we dropped this - I recall we put in a figure like \$13,000.
3. Our Burlingame Lions Mini Parks were built on city owned lands around different neighborhoods. - One on Carolyn near Morrel - another on the Corner of Trenton and Rollins - another on the corner of Paloma and Edgemoor  
 --- These children's parks have a sign saying "another Lions Project" (Consist of Swings, sand boxes, etc enclosed with a fence. They are maintained by the City.
4. We built a Bocce Ball Court in Wahington Park
5. We built the "Jack Charnow" outdoor stage and amphitheater at Hoover School.
6. We supplied Peninsula ~~MARINE~~ with the first blood freezer on the peninsula - about 5 years ago at a cost of \$5,000.00
7. Our club is a member of the Lions Eye Foundation at the Pacific Medical Ctr in S.F. to the tune of about \$600. per year.
8. *Easter egg Hunt - Mystery Tour*

For Fund Raisers- We have our July 4th Fireworks stands (\$5,000.) - our Y & Q Raffle Ticket sales (\$5,000.), White Cane Project (\$2,000.) and our St. Patrick Day Community Dinner (\$2,000.)

District Governors - We have had more than any other club in our district (6 now) and we are looked up to as one of the strongest Clubs in the Dist.

New member orientation meeting at Lion Art Preston's house about **40 years** ago. Here are notes from the Lion....maybe Art, regarding the history of the Club.

1. Sponsored rifle range on Broadway
2. Tried to sponsor a Sea Scout Ship
3. Mini parks were built: Tot-Lots
4. Fundraisers: fireworks, White cane, Y&CA tickets, St Pats
5. We built a bocce ball court at Washington Park

Our Club Banner was presented to Clubs during visitations. In turn, we received one from Clubs visiting us. For many years, these were displayed high up on the walls of the Hall.





## Join in the Grand Unveiling of the New Burlingame Community Center



BURLINGAME  
PARKS &  
RECREATION



### Burlingame Community Center Grand Opening

Wednesday, June 15 at 3:30pm

**Celebration Includes:**

- ★ Ribbon Cutting
- ★ Tours
- ★ Class Demos
- ★ Raffle Prizes
- ★ Materials Showcase

**Also Join Us For:**

- ★ Senior Luncheon - 6/17, 11:30am
- ★ Open House & Tours - 6/17, 5-7pm
- ★ Music in the Park - 6/17, 6-8pm

650.558.7300 850 Burlingame Ave. recreation@burlingame.org

[More Info](#)



After two years, the new Burlingame Community Center will open its doors for all to see. This magnificent structure will provide a place for young and old alike, to socialize, learn new skills, and get in shape. The grand unveiling will take place on Wednesday, June 15 at 3:30 PM.

**Lion Margaret Glomstad invites you to her grand opening:**

**After a long time waiting, we are excited to move into our new Community Center. We hope you can join us to celebrate!**

The new facilities, as described by Griffin Structures, will be impressive:

*The new 35,700 square foot, two-story community center will be built over the footprint of the existing facility, expanding the existing space by nearly 11,000 square feet. The site also encompasses the popular Washington Park. The \$40 million project will encompass an active lounge, community room, classroom, music studio, tech shop, ceramics and fine arts workshops, teen center, fitness studio, and more. Other components include the addition of new above-ground and underground parking adjacent to the new building. Community input help guide the elements for Washington Park which will feature a new relocated playground, sports court, and picnic area.*

**Be a part of Burlingame History by welcoming this community wonderland to Burlingame.**





**"It was 20 years ago today"**



## BURLINGAME LIONS CLUB

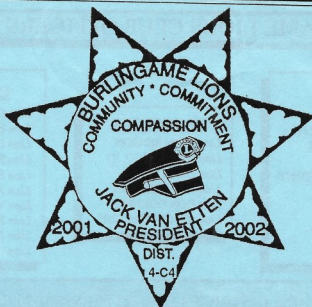
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### CLUB MEETING

Thursday - 12:10 PM  
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### BOARD MEETING

Second Tuesday, 7:00 PM  
Burlingame Lions Hall



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# Bulletin

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### Upcoming Events:

June 8-9: Art in the Park  
June 13: No meeting Thursday  
June 14: Joint Services Lunch  
June 15: Golf Tournament  
Sharp Park Golf Course  
June 22: Installation of Officers  
Lions Hall

### Physical

The meeting was called to order by acting President 1<sup>st</sup> VP Ross Bowling One and half minutes late. Newly returned member from the past, Jean Simpson, led us in the pledge; back from vacation member, Bud Harrison, led us in song, and newly new member not back from anything, Pastor Pete, led is in prayer with special acknowledgment and thoughts for those family and friends who are ill.

### Emotional

Greeter Sam Levin introduced former member and visiting from Idaho, Lion Eldon Lane and his wife Bunny. Eldon spoke a few minutes on his club's activities, which include selling Christmas Trees. Next year he will be Tail Twister. He reminded us he said no to almost all motions during his membership with our club something that Ken Newman, PDG does on his behalf.

Jean Simpson notified us that she has returned to our club and will attend at least one meeting per month. Also,

for those interested in pledging funds for her walk around Lake Merit that she would be doing with proceeds to benefit Lions Blind Center.

Glen Mendelson gave our Treasurer a check for \$1000 for our portion of the Basketball Tournament

3<sup>rd</sup> VP Toni Nava gave a reminder on Art in the Park June 8-9, and Joint Services Lunch June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Reminder for help for the Golf Tournament on June 15<sup>th</sup>

Bob Goodman gave comments on Membership and Bulletin #1 on Lions Charities, and how we can expand our help to the community.

### Mental

Acting Tail Twister (Pascal, Tail Twister Elect) proceeded with great vigor to fine Jack Von Heffernim for a large page advertisement of himself when he was 20 years old. Obviously no resemblance to the present grouchy Lion member we so love. Pascal then proceeded to fine any and everyone who was not wearing socks. Special mention for Odie Reyes who came late and Ileana Cano who was not wearing socks and did not pay a fine out of down right orneriness. We will see if our beloved Tail Twister Elect will hold a grudge next year - hmmm! New member Rich Sanchez learned that kissing up to the Tail Twister doesn't work, but nice try.

Acting President Ross's "Today in History" highlighted: the first American Newspaper (1783), patient on the ice cream freezer (1848), significance of the first Memorial Day (1868), and the development of the brassiere (1889). He missed my favorites however, such as: the frying of Joan of Arc by the English (1431), and the crossing of the Sesia River by the Piedmontese Army (1859).

### Spiritual

Omali Bani Saberi, a clinical hypnotherapist, and licensed clinical social worker, presented a program of Stress Releasing Tools in the Modern World. Ms. Saberi believes in a balance of life in four aspects or states in the reduction of stress: physical, mental, emotional and spiritual. Using a relaxation technique and taped music, she demonstrated a method of how to relax (I slept through it).

### Food Corner

Tortellini Alfredo, garlic bread and salad - did wonders for my diet as did the garlic for my patients in the afternoon  
- Pascal's index = #5

.....Pascal

Here is the Bulletin from twenty years ago. Lion PDG Jack Van Etten was President and the date was May 31, 2002. The Bulletin was written by Lion Charles Pascal, DDS, who was also the team dentist for the Giants.

Meetings during this period included a program of interest to our members. They were always informative and made the meetings fun and interesting. The Program chair was an integral part of a successful year.

One of our fundraisers that year was a golf tournament, held at Sharp Park Golf Course. It was a fun and successful event. Our members spent most of the day on the course, or at the dinner awards reception.

Glenn Mendelson was the Chairperson of the Lions Basketball tournament that year. His father, Lee Mendelson, produced many of the Peanuts television specials, and had his office in Burlingame for many years. Glenn provided the voice of Schroeder in *Charlie Brown's All-Stars*.

Lion Bob Goodman was a vital part of the Club. He was our poet laureate. Each December he wrote a poem, including each member of the Club in it. He was also a baseball savant, his knowledge of baseball was extraordinary.

Lion Van Etten had a great year, surrounded by his group of officers. One wonders how many of these he remembers to this day.



## Lions Helping Panthers



The Burlingame Lions Club provides scholarships to Burlingame and Mills High School students. Our Herm Schmidt and Dan O'Connell Scholarships are given for general scholastic and personal merits. Our Jud Holland Scholarship is provided to a worthy student going into the Nursing profession. In conjunction with the Millbrae Lions Club, we provide a scholarship to the Viking of the Year.

Recipients this year are:

- ♦ **Dan O'Connell Scholarship:** Kimberlly Baldwin
- ♦ **Herm Schmidt Scholarship:** Alvaro Mirabal and Diego Ruiz Arvizo
- ♦ **Jud Holland Nursing Scholarship:** Nikolas Ayar
- ♦ **Mills High School: Viking of the Year:** Erik Headley

We are hopeful that these scholarships will help these worthy students realize their future goals and maximize their educational opportunities. It is a small way that we can assist our future leaders and professionals.

### Burlingame Lions Club: 2021-22

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