

## The Burlingame Lions Club Newsletter

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**President Bunny Macchia**  
Burlingame Lions Club: District 4-C4  
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990 Burlingame Avenue  
1st & 3rd Thursday of the Month  
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Hello fellow Burlingame Lions. I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and have plans to continue the festivities throughout December, and the Holiday season. We missed a lot of you on our November football fundraisers (Monday Night Football and The Big Game) but we did get a pretty good turnout from other clubs.

I will not be able to attend this week's meeting (12/4/21) as I am having oral surgery the day before. Lion Jack Van Etten has agreed to take my place. I will be at our annual Christmas dinner meeting on 12/16/21 and hope to see all of you with your families and friends. It is a Burlingame Christmas after all, and how will there ever be a Hallmark movie made about us if we don't show the Christmas spirit!

To continue the season of giving, there will be bins available for monetary or physical donations for:

- Samaritan House (diaper collection)
- Toys for Tots (toys for older children and ethnic children's books)
- Shelter Network (physical hygiene products and women's hygiene products)
- Call Primrose (Need for funds to restock their shelves for the holidays.)

Psssst....There will also be a big, big surprise at the Christmas Lunch

***See you soon. Lion President Bunny Macchia***



### Christmas Holiday Kick-off at City Hall

The Holiday Tree Lighting will be held on Friday December 3rd. Festivities for the lighting will begin at 5pm in front of City Hall. Once the stage performance and lighting has concluded, the community is invited to Burlingame Ave for Winterfest and Wine and Hot Chocolate Walk. The Winterfest will be held on Burlingame Avenue between Lorton and Primrose. Activities will include music performances, kids train, carnival games, craft tables and photo ops with Santa and Mrs. Claus. The Wine Walk will be hosted by the DBID and will feature Burlingame restaurants sharing wine to people who have purchased the passport and providing hot chocolate. Registration details and additional information on the Wine and Hot Chocolate Walk will be available the week of November 15th. Winterfest will come to a close at 9pm.



**Birthday Shout-out!!**  
**Pastor Pete Garrison**  
*Happy Birthday to this great Lion.*



Best wishes to Norma Newman, wife of PDG Ken Newman, for a speedy recovery from her health challenges. Our thoughts are with you and Ken.



## The Battle of the Bay Area Titans: The Cal/Stanford "Big Game"



The annual gathering of the Berkeley and Burlingame Lions to celebrate the "Big Game" was a raucous affair. Kicking off the meeting was the UC Berkeley Straw Hat band, who stampeded the Hall and captured our attention with their energetic performance. The contingent of Lions from Berkeley matched the enthusiasm and energy of our members step for step. Also visiting were International Director Ken Ibarra, 2nd VDG Keven Guess, PDG Gary Wong, and PDG Vince Lipinski.

*Psst....Cal 41/ Stanford 11. The ax belongs to Cal this year.*



## CALL for Service



CALL Primrose is a non-profit corporation, co-founded over thirty years ago by the United Methodist and First Presbyterian Churches of Burlingame.

Visit us to learn more:  
[CALLPrimrose.org](http://CALLPrimrose.org)

CALL Primrose is unable to accept seasonal assistance during the holidays, but they would welcome anyone wishing to volunteer their services during the year on a regularly scheduled time slot. They require a background check on all volunteers, and a commitment to a time slot during the year. The time slots available are M-F from 9-12 and from 12-3.

If you are interested in volunteering at CALL Primrose, contact Sarah Blake: [blakesarah5@gmail.com](mailto:blakesarah5@gmail.com)

## Lions Club International Convention: 2022

The 104th Lions Club International Convention will be held in Montreal, June 24-28, 2022. Registration is open for groups and individuals at the LCIcon website. This is the one convention where Lions from all over the world converge to renew friendships, discuss current issues, and make plans for the future. This is the gathering that highlights our organization as a global force.





## Two Things that are associated with New Years Eve



### The Ball Drop on Times Square

The ball drop had its beginnings on December 31, 1904, when the New York Times held a raucous street party at Times Square. This event ended with a huge fireworks display to bring in the New Year. In 1907, the city outlawed the event due to safety concerns. The New York Times replaced the fireworks show with a descending lighted ball that mimicked the ones used by the Greenwich Observatory in England. This became an annual event in New York. The only years that it did not appear were in 1942 and 1943, during World War II. They didn't want the ball to be a target for enemy subs.

Today, the ball is covered in 2,688 crystals, is lit by 32,000 LED lights, weighs 11,875 pounds, and is 12 feet in diameter.

This Times Square Ball Drop is a New Years staple for New York revelers.



### A New Years Eve song: Auld Lang Syne

In many countries, Auld Lang Syne is sung at the stroke of midnight on New Years Eve. Robert Burns is credited with writing this song in 1788. It is based upon an old Scottish folk song. The song is about old friends who have parted and meet again. It talks about wonderful shared experiences they had, and to celebrate their friendship they share a drink or two. The words of the song speaks to the value of friendship and brotherhood, and the memories associated with them.

Loosely translated, "auld" is old, "lang" is long, and "syne" is since. The phrase translates to "time gone by", "old times sake", or "once upon a time". The entire song, with translation is attached. Singing it in the original lyrics will be a challenge after a night of celebrating with the alcoholic beverage of your choice.

So.....on midnight December 31st, sing this song and reflect back on your past and current friendships, for they are a part of your life's history.

#### Auld Lang Syne by Robert Burns

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,  
And never brought to mind?  
Should auld acquaintance be forgot  
And auld lang syne?

Chorus:

For auld lang syne, my dear,  
For auld lang syne,  
We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet  
For auld lang syne!

We twa hae run about the braes,  
And pu'd the gowans fine,  
But we've wander'd mony a weary fit  
Sin auld lang syne.

We twa hae paidl't in the burn  
Frae morning sun till dine,  
But seas between us braid hae roar'd  
Sin auld lang syne.

And there's a hand, my trusty fiere,  
And gie's a hand o' thine,  
And we'll tak a right guid willie-waught  
For auld lang syne!

And surely ye'll be your pint' stowp,  
And surely I'll be mine,  
And we'll tak a cup o' kindness yet  
For auld lang syne!

## What Will our Members be Watching this Holiday Season

The results from the survey show that these are the top five holiday movies that our members are looking forward to watching.

1. **It's a Wonderful Life:** 71.4% of the voters selected this movie
2. **Miracle on 34th Street:** 57.1% of the voters selected this movie
3. Tied at 42.9 % of the voters selected: **A Christmas Carol** and **A Charlie Brown Christmas**
4. Tied at 35.7% of the voters selected: **A Christmas Story** and **White Christmas**
5. Tied at 21.4% of the voters selected: **How the Grinch Stole Christmas: animated**, **Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer**.



Honorable mentions: **Santa Claus is Coming to Town**, **Scrooged: with Bill Murray**, **The Lemon Drop Kid**, and **The Ten Commandments**

The holiday season wouldn't be the same without these great movies. It appears that the classics are still popular with the members who voted. Thanks for voting, and enjoy watching these great movies.

## Holiday Traditions are Comfort Food for the Soul

What are you looking forward to this holiday season? Here's some activities that some of our members do that makes the season special.

**Lions Ken and Nancy Ingram:** making a "sweet potato casserole", midnight Mass on Christmas Eve & Saint Catherine's holiday greetings to relatives and friends out of the area, and around the world!

**Lion Alice Castillo:** "We celebrate thanksgiving day with families. Delicious dishes! Desserts Wine and all the goodies are being served. We usually get together at my Cousin's house yearly. Dinner is being served outdoors in the beautiful Garden.

**Lion Erik Winkler:** "My parents are European immigrants who met here. Our family tradition is to have the big family meal on Christmas Eve, exchanging gifts after dessert and hanging out until I have to go suit up for midnight mass choral concert and liturgy.

**Anonymous:** "Heated Pool Party."

**Lion Chip Coleman:** "Chip sometimes becomes a baker of authentic brown Irish soda bread"

**Anonymous:** making a "Small apple dressing "

**Anonymous:** "Celebrate Christmas with Friends & Family & Giving A lots Of Thanks & being Very Grateful. Going to see The Nutcracker at The SF Opera House."

**Lion Nimala Bandrapalli:** "I love holiday time. We generally invite all of our friends, especially Hindhu and Muslim friends' homes, for holiday gatherings throughout December. Also, We invite folks from our neighborhood too. It's a busy month for me cooking every Friday and Saturday full course meal for everyone throughout the month. In India, Christians invite Hindu and Muslim families on Christmas day to celebrate the holiday. Hindhu's invite Christians and Muslims to celebrate Diwali at their homes. I have been doing this for many years. "

**Anonymous:** "Make carrot pudding. "

**Lion Len Ma:** "See the holiday decorations on Chestnut Ave in South San Francisco."



Thanks to all who took the time to take the survey, and share with us what makes this season special.



## Preventative Maintenance

It has been reported that members of our Club have had some issues with compromised email accounts, or increased numbers of messages fraudulently attempting to secure personal information. The growth of internet communication and commerce has spawned criminal activity designed to steal your identity and/or finances. One such method is through “phishing”, where digital thieves lure you into divulging your personal and financial information through emails masquerading as legitimate and trustworthy contacts that you know and trust. A typical message would state that your account has been put on hold and needs information to resolve the problem, or there is unusual activity on your bank, or credit card account, and you must provide information immediately. Generally, these emails are general in nature, but the incidences reported by our members makes reference to a Lions activity, which might indicate that the message is from someone with knowledge of our organization. With this in mind, we have decided not to include our roster in the Newsletter anymore. You can get a current roster by requesting one.

The best way to deal with an unexpected email is with skepticism and caution, especially if it involves a financial institution, or company you have an account. Here are some things you can do:

- Check who is sending the message: If you place your mouse pointer over who is sending the email, it will reveal the email address of the sender. If it doesn't look like the company it represents, then it's probably fraudulent.
- Don't hit the link: Do not use the link attached to the email. NEVER, never, never!
- Contact the company directly: Do not use the link provided in the email. Go directly to the company and log into your account. See if there are messages, or unusual activity. You can also contact their representative to verify if there is a problem. If everything is fine, the message was a scam.
- Report the phish: Move the email into your spam folder. Some companies, like PayPal, Amazon, Costco, or Apple, like you to forward the email to them, so they can investigate. You can contact them where to send it.

*Reduce your exposure to identity theft and financial loss by following the above precautions.*



## Naughty or Nice

We all know that Santa Claus brings goodies to all the good boys and girls. He keeps a list, and checks it twice, to see who gets gifts on Christmas morning. Children who aren't good get coal in their stockings. But what happens to naughty little boys and girls? What happens to kids that are incorrigible? Instead of Santa visiting them, they are tracked down by Krampus. He is Santa's friend, who punishes naughty boys and girls with a switch. If they are really bad, he carries them away in a bag or basket,



Krampus is half man and half goat, with a hairy body, long horns, hooves, and a long tongue. He comes from the mountains once a year in early December. His job is to scare young children into being good. This folktale started Krampusnacht, or Krampus run. This fun celebration is held on December 5th in Austria, and certain parts of Europe. He's an incentive for kids to be good all year long.

### Burlingame Lions Club: 2021-22

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District Gov: Dr. Jun Valera      1st VDG: John Hui      2nd VDG: Kevin Guess  
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## December 2021

December 2:	Lions Luncheon
December 6:	Hanukkah ends
December 7:	National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
December 16:	Lions luncheon: Charitable Donation Day
December 23:	Festivus: celebrate w/ Jerry, Kramer, George & Elaine
December 25:	Christmas Day
December 26:	Kwanzaa
December 31:	New Years Eve

