



THE BUILDER

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District Governor Ray Rosenthal Message

My Family of Lions,

This has been a very busy month getting ready for the District Wide Cabinet Meeting on the 29th where the Cabinet reports to all the Clubs and to you, as district members, so you can find out what we are planning for the next few months. It was a fabulous meeting with 31 of our 37 clubs in attendance. Region 3 Chair Jun Madri- nan and his Zone Chairs did a wonderful job all together. Only one Zone Chair was absent due to illness, the day was bright and sunny, our speaker was very im- pressive on the way to get early help in the schools for children with learning disabilities and the difference it makes in their life.

We have had many of the clubs working together on what we are calling Joint Adventures. It is an adventure to work with another club or many other clubs on pro- jects that you can learn from and at the same time learn about the other Lions in your District. Many of the clubs have learned ways to make money as a result of some of the Joint Adventures, they have learned of new ways to help their communities in areas of service needs, and most of all they have become a closer and fun loving group of Lions who are serving larger areas of their district by do-

ing it together.

We have grown in membership by 2.3% since the beginning of our Lion Year not counting our 2 new Leo's club and we are close to another Li- ons Clubs. All of us need to help bring East Palo Alto to the final stages of Charter.

Which brings me to another subject, April is going to be a very busy month for our District. We are start- ing off with the Y C & A Raffle Din- ner, where each of expects to win the car, on April 2nd at the Oyster Point Yacht Club. Then the Peninsula Council has their Peace Officer and Firefighter Awards on April 8th and on Sunday, April 10th, the Peninsula Council will host our Second Annual Worldwide Induction Day for District 4-C4. We will be doing this a little different this year because we will not only be honoring the new Lions being inducted on that day with their spon- sors, but we will also honor all of the Lions that we have inducted during this Lions year with their sponsors. This is going to be a cocktail event with appetizers and will only be \$10 per person. However, because their will be a program, we will have an early deadline for as many names and club submissions as possible. We have some special things in store for everyone involved on that day. It will truly be a day for our new Lions to remember.



**DISTRICT GOVERNOR
RAY ROSENTHAL**

We have all been concentrating on the Tsunami Relief. This is the greatest disaster the world has seen in our time. The en- tire face of our planet has changed in Southeast Asia. Maritime charts are no longer accurate, land charts have changed, whole villages and miles of earth have been washed away and the people who lived there, that did survive are in a state of shock. They are more than homeless; the very place that they once called

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VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS MESSAGE

WHERE SHALL WE MEET?? By Lion Eugene Chan, VDG

Currently one of the challenges we face in our District is the pressing problem of finding meeting location (s) for many of our Clubs, for holding District committee meetings, and for district wide Cabinet Meetings and functions.

A couple of the Clubs in the District have lost their regular meeting place due to restaurants closing or their owners changing policies regarding the use of the meeting rooms. And many Clubs are being priced out of the range of affordability at their meeting location. The District itself is facing similar problems with finding good locations to hold its functions and meetings.

For monthly Club meetings, and for most of the District's committee meetings, we would need a room

that could accommodate from 15 to 30 people. For district wide Cabinet Meetings, most other functions and gatherings, we would need a room that could seat 150 to 250 people.

From time to time, we have all heard of these elusive places being mentioned within the boundaries of our district that are nice clean places to meet, have sufficient parking, and most importantly, would be affordable. Supposedly it could be a hall next to a church, a banquet room in the back of a local restaurant, a conference facility, or an assembly hall operated by a local municipality or school district.

I am writing this article trying to alert you to the problem, and to ask you for your help. Any Lion, Leo, Lioness, Partners in Service, and friend of the



VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR
EUGENE CHAN

above who knows of a good place for a meeting

(i.e. restaurants, banquet halls, church halls, recreation centers, etc.) or can suggest a solution to the aforementioned problem, please do contact

TSUNAMI RELIEF DONATIONS AS OF PRESS TIME IN 4-C4

Pacifica	680.00
Menlo Park Host	1250.00
RC Sunrise	500.00
Redwd. Shores	700.00
Nikkei	1350.00
SF Bay	275.00
Sunset	200.00
Palo Alto	1100.00
M P Live Oak	1000.00
Castro Lions	500.00
San Mateo	500.00
San Bruno	500.00

sub Total from Clubs 8555.00

Golden Gate sent direct to LCIF not through district	1000.00
District Donation	1000.00

Total \$10,555.00

Donations are still coming in, either to go through the District or going directly to LCIF. This, however, is a tremendous response and we should all be proud. I know that many charity budgets are not geared for this and it will mean extra work for these clubs to fund their usual community needs in order to help our community neighbors across the world who are suffering so greatly.

I feel this is part of our overall **commitment to Lionism**, to recognize the

our service is not just to the people we know in our local neighborhoods where we live, but wherever there is a need. Where ever you go in the world you can meet a member of your Lion family and be welcomed. If that same member or someone is his or her family or community is in need, then they deserve our compassion, our help, and that is what we do through LCIF.

It is heartwarming to see the great numbers of those who believe and live our motto: **"WE SERVE"** L.L-W

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ON THE PROWL

Atherton Lions: Donated \$300 towards the 8th Basketball Tournament. It is their 41st year in sponsoring this tournament.

Brisbane Lions: they gave a donation of more than \$431 to a local school to buy clothes for 32 children and donated \$1,000 to Habitat for Humanity. The Bingo Games continue weekly.

Burlingame Lions: The Burlingame Lions Club had a wonderful CASINO NIGHT. They are now planning a Vision Testing from Feb. through April and their Annual Eater Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast. Call Lion Rich Sanchez for more information on the latter.

Lion Cees Feith Secretary of Burlingame Lions has resigned effective 1-15-05. Lion Judy Malfatti, j.a.malfatti@att.net, 777 Morrel Ave #301, Burlingame Ca 94010, H 650-343-5363 and Lion Dan Andersen, adpro@pacbell.net, 726 Vernon Way, Burlingame Ca 94010, H. 650-348-1901. They will serve as CO-Secretaries for the balance of this Lion year.

Castro Lions Had a fabulous Beer and soda Bust at Trax Bar and celebrated Mr. and Ms. Heartthrob on Sunday Feb. 13th. **Oh, and Lion Linda Lopez Wood was awarded the International President's Award Medal at MD4 Convention.**

SF Chinatown Lions: These are busy Lions. They have 2 Leo's Clubs, are busy getting their Miss Teen Chinatown ready, and if you haven't been you should go! They

have two new members bringing them up to 109 members. Welcome Lions Yoko Ng and Rose Chung! They have also completed the purchase of a Circle of Hope of Tile for SF Chinatown and have twinned with another club in China. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Daly City Gateway : Put in 361.5 hours in Volunteer activity in January, most of it in Senior Activities. They now list their meeting location and time in the local San Mateo paper. Good membership strategy!

Daly City Host: They have 28 Leo's as of 1/31/05! Congratulations on the membership growth. They have revised their Nov. and Dec. MAR hours to include some more Senior hours and the Nickel Auction results, they made \$2,675.60! In January they continued all the same work.

Foster City Lions: Also they did a wonderful job on their part of helping with the 3rd Cabinet all District Meeting. They gave \$1500 to Tsunami Relief and cooked and served dinner to the homeless through Sinai Congregation Temple.

Geneva Mission Lions: Still working with getting the other 2 members needed to register Lowell High Leo's in LCI. Don't forget their Crab Feed on 2/26 at the Janet Promroy Center, the Rec. Ctr. For the Handicapped behind the SF Zoo, Open Bar, Raffle Dancing, \$37.50 each Call Pres. Bob Lawhon at 415-519-3972

SSF Golden Gate Lions: They have donated, directly to LCIF \$2,000 towards Tsunami Relief. Have done a Joint Adventure with Highlands in

Share A Patient on a Medical Mission, done several visitations and brought in a new members — Welcome Lion Bella Landigin!

Half Moon Bay Lions: Also they did a wonderful job on their part of helping with the 3rd Cabinet all District Meeting. Evidently new member Lion Ron Fenech had his name misspelled as Lion French. I apologize if I did it, and you have to use code F on the MMR to change it if International did it, or fax them a letter so they don't get confused.

Highland Lions: Their medical mission, operation Yule (food giving) and eye sight project will be in February and early first week of March. They are scheduled to leave for the Philippines on February 18, returning by March 18th. They have a Joint Adventure with their Eye Sight Project as they received pledges from 2 other clubs> They have serviced over 172 cataract patients since 1994.

Marina North Beach Lions: Has big Dinner Dance Fundraiser on 2/26 at 33 Arroyo Drive, the Buri-Buri Rec. Ctr at 6:30 PM call Pres. Frances Tolosa at 415-752-0572.

Welcome new Lion Mindy Wong!

Menlo Park Host Lions Also they did a wonderful job on their part of helping with the 3rd Cabinet all District Meeting. They are busy with YC&A, getting ready for the Hearing Collection the first week of March and doing Flag Day.

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INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT CLEM KUSIAK



LIONS RESPOND TO THE TSUNAMI DISASTER

It struck without warning. First, the powerful earthquake, measuring an intensity of 9.0 off the coast of the Indonesian Island of Sumatra at 7:59 a.m. on December 26, 2004. Then the devastating Tsunami waves that first destroyed huge coastal areas of Sumatra before fanning out across the Indian Ocean to engulf populous locations in Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, India, Maldives and even Somalia, thousands of miles away in East Africa. The waves moved so quickly that no warning was able to be given and swept ashore 30 to 60 feet high to ravage whatever lay in their paths. Entire villages were wiped out by walls of water

and, as I write this, the death toll exceeds 150,000, nearly 100,000 in Indonesia alone. The numbers are tragically expected to rise much higher, with the spread of disease perhaps imminent. To gauge its ferociousness, this disaster dwarfs the horror of history's previously most deadly Tsunami which occurred 120 years ago following the explosion of the Krakatoa volcano that killed more than 36,000 people in the East Indies.



CLEMENT F. KUSIAK

Ten of thousands of people throughout the area were left without water, clothing or shelter and relief efforts from around the world were immediately put into op-

eration. Time, however, was of the essence because the people affected could not long survive. As expected, Lions Clubs International has been among the leading non-governmental organizations to answer the call to share in the relief efforts. LCIF, along with the individual Lions clubs and districts have generously contributed funds to help with this monumental humanitarian commitment. Furthermore reports estimate that about 75,000 Lions in the most devastated communities were immediately on the scene to assist as best they could, both in directly helping those in need and in coordinating efforts with government agencies. The task was daunting for everyone involved as thousands of bodies were uncovered every day.

In Sri Lanka, for example, Lions have
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STUDENT SPEAKER CONTEST DATES & INFORMATION

THEME:

ATTITUDE: KEY TO SUCCESS?

DATES: DEADLINES FOR COMPLETION AT EACH LEVEL

CLUB: BY FEB. 21, 2005

ZONE: BY MARCH 14, 2005

REGION: BY APRIL 11, 2005

DISTRICT: BY MAY 2, 2005

AREA: BY MAY 22, 2005

MD 4: BY JUNE 4, 2005

Peace Poster, is a Lions International sponsored Contest and so it does not appear in your Contest Book, is Lion Vivian Najarro of Daly City Gateway Lions Club. Lion Vivian is quite familiar with the various rules of this very strictly guided Contest and is willing to answer your questions and assist your club with any questions you may have.

She may be reached at the following:

1235 McAllister, #112

San Francisco, CA 94115

RES: 415.440.2104

Email: najarrov@state.gov

Please order your kits as soon as possible and read the rules completely if you have not participated in this event before.

Keep in mind, we are still looking for a Student Speaker Trustee to help promote the Fellowships that support the scholarships won by the students.

Any Lion in good standing who is interested, please contact District Governor Ray Rosenthal at 650.574.1043.

Thank You. L. L-W

Your District Chair for Student Speaker Contest, which, like the

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR RAY ROSENTHAL'S MESSAGE

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home for generations no longer exists. Many of their family no longer exist or they are not sure if they are alive or dead. Can you even imagine what it would be like to be in such a situation? In this country we live in a fairly flexible state. We move around a lot and most people cannot claim to have lived in an area for several generations, much less in the same small town or village. Yet this is the culture of most of Southeast Asia, and now it is gone or vastly disrupted. Our District has donated over \$10,550 to date to the LCIF Tsunami Relief Fund. Lions worldwide have given over half a million dollars and are still giving because the need has not even begun to be touched. At this time, 225,000 have been reported dead. That is about 1/3 of the population of San Francisco County and the disaster is not over because the disease and deaths from impure water and exposure have not begun to take their toll. This is the time for Lions to show that our communities have no boundaries as we step forward and are counted in helping to rebuild our world.

On to better news, on January 15th, the Lions in 4-C4 put in 200 hours of our required 250 sweat equity hours in the Habitat for Humanity of the District governor's Workday. Some people went back on Martin Luther King Day and volunteered to help make those hours. Thank all of you so much for turning out and helping with this wonderful project.

This is our third Habitat House in this District.

We are now getting ready for MD4 Convention in San Diego next month and our Annual Convention in April of this year. At our Convention the theme is Happy Days or back to the 50's and 60's. It is going to be a lot of fun dressing up in that time period for the Friday Night Costume Ball. Saturday Night will be a formal Prom Night with white dinner jackets for the men and cocktail and prom dresses for the ladies.

Until then,

Your friend and fellow Lion,

Ray Rosenthal

District Governor 4-C4

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VDG MESSAGE

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me and let me know. I can be reached by phone at 415-929-7602, and please leave me a voice mail message if I am not in when you call; or send me an email at eugene_chan@webtv.net; or you may send prospective business cards to me at 1550 Bay Street., #345, San Francisco, CA., 94123. As an added bonus and inducement, I will even send you a small thank you gift as a token of my and the district's appreciation for your suggestion (s).

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Eugene Chan

Vice District Governor, 4-C4

2004-2005



AL RUSSELL, CANDIDATE FOR VDG

CATCH THE SPIRIT FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY MARCH 5, 2005

BURLINGAME LIONS HALL

990 BURLINGAME AVE, BURLINGAME, CA

BBQ TRI TIP DINNER COMPLETE WITH CHIL, CORN ,SALAD, DESERT
& COFFEE ONLY \$25 PER PERSON

RSVP PLEASE MARTHA D'AMICO 650-576-3045

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO AL RUSSELL CAMPAIGN FUND

MAIL TO 750 INDUSTRIAL RD. SAN CARLOS CA 94070

SPECIFY NUMBER ATTENDING AND NAME OF LION MEMBER

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INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT CONTINUED

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established a joint commission with the government to put into place effective responses to crucial issues such as shelter, water supplies and sanitation. In India, Lions in the hardest hit districts in and around Chennai have shared in efforts to coordinate the distribution of \$50,000 LCIF gave to meet the tremendous human needs along the eastern coastline from Tamil Nadu north to Orissa.

Thus far LCIF has issued 20 emergency grants totaling \$200,000 for districts in India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Thailand to Lions provide food, water, blankets and other relief items. Several more are in the process of being approved. A Major Catastrophe Grant of \$250,000 has also been approved to aid with short and long-term relief needs.

To best coordinate efforts, LCIF has established the Southeast Asia Tsunami Disaster 2004 Fund for Lions wishing to help support these efforts. Funds have already begun to arrive, among them \$120,000 from the Lions of Sweden and \$200,000 from the Lions of the Republic of Korea. Contributions to the Relief fund can be provided in the following manner: In North America, checks can be made to LCIF with Tsunami Relief written in the memo field and mailed with a cover note to the Foundation and the attention of Donor Services. Credit Card Donations are accepted by phoning 630-571-5466, ext. 517 or 554.

Outside the United States, contributions can be made by mailing a check in US dollars directly to LCIF, by direct deposit into an existing Lions Club International Account specifying "LCIF TSUNAMI

RELIEF" on the deposit slip or by direct wire transfer. Further information can be secured through e-mail at lcif@lionsclubs.org or by phone at 630-571-5466 ext 581. Lions may also contact their local LCIF District Chairperson for more information.

Additional funding will be provided by LCIF as further needs are assessed. Have no doubt that the Lions of the world will continue to be instruments to responding to what is clearly the largest natural catastrophe in modern history. The Lions of the world share in expressing their deepest sorrow to all those affected by this tragedy and pledge to continue doing all they can to bring comfort and assistance to the victims.



ARE YOU READY FOR CONVENTION IN SACRAMENTO!

Will it be the Fabulous Fifties you bring to Life with memories of The Fonz, and Poodle Skirts and Debutante Balls?

Or are you part of the Swinging liberated Sixties that began early Rock and Roll, where the Beatles wore suits and ties and it was Cool and everyone listening to them were discovering jeans and beatniks were the new thing to be for the college kids who were rebelling, unless you were into country music, of course.

One thing is for sure, it was different everywhere you went so you can do it all and have lots of fun! Lion Dick Kishimoto and his crew of VIP Judges will be checking out your Costumes, Hospitality Suites and originality on Friday. Don't forget the Colors are Blue and White and the Theme is HAPPY DAYS!

Then on Saturday it is the grand Governor's Ball, with Black ties and White Dinner Jackets and Formals and dancing.

In between that time we will get

some work done, elect a new Governor, and Vice District Governor — any idea who that might be??

We'll find out who all those contest the clubs have been working on all year.

We have lots of Long Tail Contestants for a change and the Joint Adventures is going to be interesting as well.

At least people got in the spirit of it this year.

Get your RSVP in NOW!

LCIF ON TSUNAMI RELIEF

Dear Lion Ray,

The tsunami disaster in South Asia has prompted a tremendous outpouring of support from Lions around the world, and Lions in the affected countries are working day and night to bring life-saving supplies to victims. Thanks to Lions, lives are being saved and communities will be rebuilt.

LCIF has awarded US\$470,000 in grants to Lions in India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Malaysia. This includes US\$220,000 in emergency grants for Lions to secure and deliver food, water and blankets and a US\$250,000 major catastrophe grant for longer-term relief.

Following is a more complete account of the relief efforts of LCIF and Lions. You will be proud to learn of how important Lions have been and perhaps be even more motivated to offer your support. On behalf of Lions of South Asia, I humbly thank you for your interest and compassion.

Sincerely,

Dr. Tae-Sup Lee

LCIF Chairperson

LCIF Tsunami Relief Update

Bulletin 2 – Jan. 5, 2005

Lions in Action

Supported by LCIF, several thousand local Lions are now providing immediate relief aid such as food, water and clothing from the west coast of India to Thailand and south to Indonesia. Local Lions in hundreds of places are at the scenes of the disaster, helping to organize relief and ensuring that people get vital relief supplies. Lions from nearby nations also have sent volunteer workers. The Taiwan Lions, for example, sent a medical team to Sri Lanka. The service of Lions is enabling communities to take

care of their children, elderly, those with disabilities and other especially vulnerable people.

Here are a few examples of how local Lions are helping victims in South Asia:

In Sri Lanka, Lions are working 16-hour days in organizing relief aid and are a key partner of the government's relief agency and of the country's president. Enhancing their ability to assist in the relief, Lions hold key positions in the community. The former president is a Lion, as is the current Minister of Housing. District 306-B sent 60 truckloads of food and supplies to several relocation camps. Lions receive police escorts for the deliveries. District 306-A is organizing the installation of tents at new relocation camps in southern Sri Lanka at the government's request.

In Indonesia, Lions are contributing greatly to relief efforts in some of the hardest hit areas. Thirty clubs near Medan provide logistical support for aid shipments to Bandh Acheh and send out four trucks of materials daily. They also are providing shelter, food, and clothing to refugees who have entered Medan. Lion-doctors from Jakarta and Medan are providing medical treatment. Lions also are making preliminary plans to support the educational needs of orphans.

In India, 20 Lions' ambulances and a team of 80 Lions volunteer medical doctors are providing first aid near Chennai. Nearly 70 clubs fanned out in the region from Parassalla to Hari-pad to distribute food and clothes at the relief camps. Lion-doctors conducted free treatment at relief centers.

In Thailand, Lions in Bangkok have sent water tanks and trucks loaded with supplies to Phuket. Lions are working with government officials and relief agencies to provide for basic

needs at relocation camps.

Generosity of Lions

LCIF's grants for the tsunami disaster, made possible, of course, by prior donations by Lions, now total US\$470,000 and will climb much higher as needs are continually assessed and requests for assistance are made. Additionally, Lions throughout the world are making pledges of support, including US\$120,000 from the Lions of Sweden and US\$200,000 from the Lions of Korea

Hundreds of clubs and individuals also have sent funds to LCIF. The Vancouver Metropolitan Lions Club in Canada, for example, sent LCIF a check for US\$6,600. Club President Raymond Wong told LCIF, "Everyday we saw on the news that the amount of casualties are increasing by the thousands. We share the same view of most Lions that we have to do something to support the unfortunate people who have to deal with this great tragedy. We hope this small token of donations can bring some immediate help to the people in those regions. In the meantime, I have taken the initiative to ask the other clubs in our district to support this great cause."

LCIF's Long-Term Aid

LCIF provides immediate relief and long-term reconstruction after a disaster. LCIF is not only helping people stay alive after the tsunami but it also will rebuild communities for years to come. The real impact of LCIF's assistance to South Asia will be fully realized in the next several years as LCIF partners with Lions to rebuild homes, schools and community centers. This long-term approach plays to the strength of LCIF and Lions, who belong to their communities, understand local needs and know how to get things done.

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LCIF TSUNAMI RELIEF UPDATE CONTINUED

LCIF's prior success with disaster relief in South Asia bodes well for its initiatives in response to the tsunami. LCIF has recently assisted with aid and reconstruction in the aftermath of two major natural disasters in India. In 2001, US\$2.5 million was mobilized to assist communities rebuild after the Gujarat earthquake. The funds built 734 homes for people displaced by the earthquake, 20 primary schools, and a general hospital. In 2000, LCIF assisted with almost US\$500,000 to assist rebuild areas affected by the Orissa cyclone. A total of 360 homes, nine community centers, five schools, and two orphanages were constructed.

How to Donate

LCIF established the South Asia Tsunami Disaster Relief Fund (#5105) for Lions, clubs, districts and others to assist relief efforts by Lions. The funds are supporting immediate needs such as food and water and will support long-term reconstruction needs.

U.S. donors can:

Mail a check to LCIF. Make the check payable to LCIF and write "tsunami relief" in the memo field. Send the check to LCIF, 300 W. 22nd St., Oak Brook, IL 60523, USA, Attn.: Donor Services.

Make a credit card donation with a MasterCard, Visa or American Express by calling LCIF at 630-571-5466, ext. 517 or 554. Call between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. CST

All donations made in January 2005 are being allowed as tax deductions on your 2004 taxes!

Donations from outside the USA, please call LCIF at 630-571-5466.

Since this is a donation to a specific

initiative, it is not eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowship recognition. The main purpose of the MJF program is to encourage and recognize Lions who donate *unrestricted* funds to LCIF to support all of the foundation's grant program and to provide for our annual funding. Allowing MJF recognition for donations to a specific disaster could cause a sharp drop in unrestricted donations and impact LCIF's ability to fund its many programs.

However, donations for tsunami relief are counted toward an individual's and a club's cumulative giving totals to LCIF, which help qualify an individual and club for various recognition programs. Also, the names of individuals and clubs that make significant donations will be posted on a new Web site LCIF is creating on the disaster. All donors will be recognized in special reports in the near future.

Note that LCIF is unable to accept offers of goods such as blankets, clothing or food. It is not logistically feasible for LCIF to process and transport such donations

Why Donate to LCIF

Lions who donate to other relief agencies or Lions districts that donate directly to another district affected by the tsunami are to be commended for their generosity. But donating to LCIF carries several important advantages.

Donations to LCIF are a highly efficient and effective way to help people impacted by the tsunamis. Every donated dollar goes directly to relief efforts; LCIF's administrative costs are paid for by interests on investments.

The donations empower local Lions who are familiar with the needs of their community to meet the most critical needs of their community. There are 73,000 Lions on the ground in the hardest hit regions of India, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Indonesia

who are able to come to the aid of those most in need. LCIF has a long history of disaster relief and filling in the gaps not covered by other relief agencies.

LCIF's grants are often matched by grants from other agencies. Thus donations made to LCIF are eventually leveraged by other grants, maximizing the power and reach of a single donation.

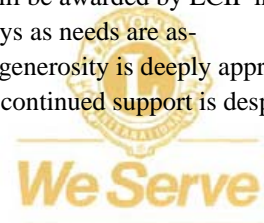
LCIF takes a comprehensive, coordinated approach to disaster recovery, instead of piecemeal solutions. LCIF strategically plans long-term recovery efforts by working with committees of leading Lions and by working with government officials and other non-governmental organizations. Quite frequently, the government officials and non-profit leaders are Lions themselves, immeasurably increasing LCIF's ability to move projects forward to a speedy completion. In Sri Lanka, for example, the Minister of Housing is a Lion, and the Lions there are actually working in coordination with the government to direct other aid agencies.

Accountability

As a rule, LCIF does not send funding to local Lions districts without knowing precise needs and without assurance that the local Lions are avoiding duplication of efforts. Donors can rest assured also knowing there is strict oversight of grants:

LCIF will continue to keep you updated through these bulletins. Also, in the near future, LCIF will have a new Web site containing the latest information on the tsunami disaster. Its address will be <http://www.lions-tsunami.org/>.

More funds will be awarded by LCIF in the coming days as needs are assessed. Your generosity is deeply appreciated and your continued support is desperately needed.



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Menlo Park Live Oak Lions: Have been very active collecting food for the needy.

Merced Heights Lions: Enjoyed the visit from the Governor very much.

Millbrae Lions: Also, Millbrae has a 2nd crab dinner called the "Marinated Crab Feed" which will take place on March 5th, Don Beyer is the Chairman (650) 583-2139. It will be at the Mechanics Hall. The rescheduled Cioppinno Crab Feed is set for April 9, 2005

They also presented a total of \$6,000 to Millbrae from the Western BBQ: \$2500 to the Fire Dept., \$2500 to the Police Dept, and \$1000 to Park and Rec.

SF Bay New Century: Is planning a bowling tournament a May! Watch and plan to participate and have fun!

Nikkei Lions: They have been active and visiting other clubs. They also gave over \$1400 to Tsunami Relief.

Ocean Ingleside Lions: Will host the SF Council Meeting as Black History Month on Wednesday, Feb. 23rd at 7 PM. Soul food, Cost \$20 139A Broad St, SF, CA Call Lion Connie Bridgewater at 415-531-5187 to RSVP

Pacifica Lions: Welcome new Lion Pat Heinsohn! Also con-

gratulations to the 5 Pacifica Lions who attended the Senior Leadership Program in Pomona and GRADUATED —Michaels Guisto, Nancy Schultz, Barbara Fields, Shirlee Gibbs and Yvonne Kantola! Congratulations also to the Lions from San Bruno, we had Ken Ibarra and from Marina NB we had Esther Lee. I hope I didn't miss anyone.

Palo Alto Host Lions: On behalf of Lions International, Lion Chaz presented Monarch Lion Clarence Rinne to commemorate his 42 years of service in Lionism. Also they did a wonderful job on their part of helping with the 3rd Cabinet all District Meeting.

Park Gate Lions Held the January SF Council Meeting at the Florida Café and we had 31 attendees, a great program, thank you Lion Bill Stipinovich for chairing and thank you Lion Carlos and Park Gate Lions for hosting.

Park Presidio Had a great Crab Feed, been busy with their Eye-glass collection and provided glasses for an individual. When Governor Ray visited, he presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Lion Andy Wirth for his unflinching and excellent duties as Club Secretary, a 50 Year Pin to Lion Sam Burnick and a Life Membership Plaque to Lion Curt Cournales.

Redwood City Sunrise Lions: Also they did a wonderful job on their part of helping with the 3rd Cabinet all District Meeting.

Food was great and everything was A'I Region 3!

Redwood Shores Lions: Their annual holiday party donated 11—32 gallon bags of clothing and toiletries to the Maple Street Shelter. Also they did a wonderful job on their part of helping with the 3rd Cabinet all District Meeting. Food was great and everything was A'I Region 3! **And especially Lion Jun.**

San Bruno Lions: They are doing a lot of visiting and have brought in another member! Welcome new Lion John Murphy.

San Carlos Lions Also they did a wonderful job on their part of helping with the 3rd Cabinet all District Meeting. The club also did Environmental work, Senior Activities and Community Service as well as held their large Annual Crab Feed where they raised \$4300 Lion Al Russell is having a Campaign Dinner, Tri tip and all the trimming on 3/5! Don't miss it!

San Francisco Bay Lions: Lion Miriam has had a 2nd operation but is doing fine. Please no visitors.

San Mateo Lions: Also they did a wonderful job on their part of helping with the 3rd Cabinet all District Meeting. They didn't get their full delegate quota because they are so new and no one knew the rules applied to MD4.

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IN PRECIOUS MEMORY OF OUR LION FAMILY

PAW PRINTS CONTINUED

LION RON FAINA PASSES ON 12/27/04



LION RON FAINA Of Woodland, CA. passed away in Woodland, CA. Dec. 27, 2004, of a heart attack. Ron was a native of San Francisco, born January 31, 1931, and was age 73 years. He was a longtime member of Epiphany Parish.

Ron was a native San Franciscan and he lived in the Excelsior District for over 60 years. He went to Epiphany Grammar School and St. Ignatius High School. He worked with his dad in their meat market for many years and later went into sales, also in the food business. He joined Geneva-Excelsior Lions Club in 1960, and served as the president in the years 1967-68. On the District level he served as zone chairman, deputy district governor and was Cabinet Secretary for District Governor Bill Tonelli in 1980-81. He was also President of the San Francisco Council of Lions Clubs. Ron was a Life Member of Geneva - Excelsior Lions Club, associate member of Woodland Host Lions Club, and well known and loved by the Geneva Mission Lions,

as they are now known.

When they moved to Woodland in 1997 he became an associate member of the Woodland Host Lions Club. He enjoyed cooking and prepared several Italian dinners as fund raisers for the Woodland Club.

His life was full of community service and activity. He was also a Life Member of the Golden Gate Rod and Gun Club, member of the Italian-American Social Club and member of the Woodland Elks Lodge, a proud member of the Yolo County Sheriff's STARS program, a volunteer for Meals on Wheels and the Community care car. He is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, Linnie of Woodland and children Mark and Annalisa Faina, Keith and Sue Faina, Karen and Bob Turner and Debi Faina; also survived by six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Many friends attended the Memorial Mass held on Thursday, December 30, 2004 at 11:00 A.M. at the Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 301 Walnut St., Woodland, CA.

It is with sadness that we learned of the **passing of Zada Templin, Barba Baciocco's Mom** on Saturday, January 29, 2005. She had been ill for the now she is at peace with the Lord. Our deepest sympathy to Barba and Don Baciocco and all the family.

The services were held at Golden Gate Cemetery on Wednesday Feb. 2, 2005 at 10 AM with internment at the cemetery.

South San Francisco Host: Delivered 155 Cases of food and 213 gifts on 12/21 valued at \$997 and did \$1,000 in Toys for Tots on 12/12! Congratulations! Still busy in January and February with visitations and their Scholarship Committee.

Sunset Lions: New President Sandy Collins has been getting settled in and went to MD4 Convention!

THE PENINSULA COUNCIL OF LIONS: Meets on the 28th, the fourth Monday of the month, and is hosted by San Carlos Lions this month. The location is Van's Restaurant, 815 Belmont, Belmont CA. No Host cocktails at 6:30 Dinner at 7:15 PM Cost is \$26 per person. RSVP TO LION AL HERNANDEZ AT 650-368-6147 PLEASE

THE SAN FRANCISCO COUNCIL OF LIONS: The March 23 Meeting of the Council will be hosted by Marina No-Beach, at Pasta Primavera, 1875 Union Street, SF 6 PM No Host Cocktail, 7 PM Dinner and Meeting,, \$20 per person. Call President Frances Tolosa at 415-752-0572 to RSVP or email Lion Santos, Council President at everoxas1140@earthlink.net.

NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

April 2 is the YC & A awards, **April 8** is the Peninsula Fire and Police Awards, **April 9** the Millbrae Crab Feast, and **April 10** is the **Worldwide Induction Day** at Foster City Rec sponsored by Peninsula Council to honor all new Lions brought in this year as well as the brand new ones that will be inducted. It will be 2-6 PM, not a dinner.

The SF Council of Lions has moved its Peace Officers and Firefighters Awards to May. More information will be forthcoming.

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IN PRECIOUS MEMORY OF OUR LION FAMILY



LION VERN BERKOWITZ PASSES ON 1/6/2005



On January 6, 2005, Daly City Gateway Lion Member Vern Berkowitz passed away following a long illness. Lion Vern began his journey in Lionism over 25 years ago when he became a member of the Daly City / Colma Skylions. He later convinced a few members to start a new Lions Club in Daly City and the Daly City Gateway Lions Club was chartered in 1993 with both Lion Vern and his wife Ann being two of the Charter Members

Lion Vern held a number of offices in his club including President. His wife Ann had served as club treasurer before she passed away in August of 2004. Lion Vern is survived by his only daughter Beth,

as well as many other relatives

The services were held at Temple Beth Israel, on Brotherhood Way in San Francisco on Sunday, January 9, 2005, at 2 PM. with interment immediately following the service. <>

On January 29, 2005, Nikkei President **Lion David Fujita's Father-in-Law**, who passed earlier this month, will have a Memorial Service.

LION VINCE FLORES PASSES ON 1/9/2005

One of our charter member of SSF Golden Gate and also had been a long time member of the Fil-Am Lions Club Lion Vince Flores passed away Sunday January 9, 2005, and the funeral was Wednesday, January 12, 2004, on his 85th Birthday .

Burlingame Lions received a note from Edna Mae Campanile thanking them for their Sympathy card on the **passing of Lion Peter Campanile**. I have no date or information, but presume he was a Burlingame Lion.

Lion Rosie Jones of Ocean Ingle side Lions former Father-in Law passed on this week. Lion Rosie said he lived 95 active years and had a good life.

LION CRIS BAUTISTA OF FIL AM LIONS PASSES

To all Fil-Am Lions, District 4 C-4 and Lions International

The first LIFE-time Fil-am Lions Club member, active in the cabinet level in District 4 C-4 and Lions international for decades and to the cause of LIONISM in his lifetime, PP Cris Bautista died of lingering illness after his operation in Sparks/Reno, Nevada, on 12/12/04 at 9:30 PM, where they retired. Their home has always been opened, 24 hours, to the Fil-Am Lions and Lion friends.

For you who may have been "TOUCHED" by Lion Cris in his life-time, as I am (deeply).....may want to know. I will attend the funeral this weekend. His wife, Lily, also an active

member of the Fil-Am Lions & Reno Lions Club for decades, maybe reach at:

7350 Lindsey Lane
Sparks, Nevada 89436

TN: (775) 425-5205
E-Mail: LBBautista@sbcglobal.net

Rest now, Cris...fellow Lion, my brother, my friend. Rest in peace !

LORD, PLEASE WELCOME LION CRIS BAUTISTA IN THY ETERNAL KINGDOM,,,,,, AMEN !

In Lionism, we will always be;

Dr. Oscar A. Saddul, M.D, PP/Fil-Am Lions

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CONVENTION IN SACRAMENTO, 4-C4, SOME CHANGES IN THE PACKET RULES

REMEMBER, the Theme is "Happy Days" reliving the 50's and 60's! The colors are Blue and White. On Friday Night will be the Costume Ball with Foster City Escorting, and Saturday Night will be the Governor's Ball, Prom Night with White Dinner Jacket and Black Ties for the guys and formals for the ladies! SF Chinatown will be escorting. If you have a change to your food for the International Food Square, please get it to rpcchi@comcast.net and copy lionartpig@aol.com NOW.

On the Convention 2005 Rules you received in your Registration Packet, Lion Dock Kishimoto has made a significant change in the General Contest Rules. These are the rules for the contest played at Convention and not the contest you are working under at this time.

Rule 5, the last sentence, that states club members and their spouses may not participate in more than one category in an event is hereby DELETED. You can play as often and as much as you want as long as you stay within the time frames allotted for the event.

Rule 6 There will only be a 1st Place and a 2nd Place Rosette. There will no longer be Participation Ribbons awarded.

HOSPITALITY ROOMS WILL BE JUDGED BY THE VISITING DIGNITARIES FOR BEST IN THEME AND A FEW OTHER CONDITIONS

The Barbershop Quartet, Costume Parade, and Hospitality Judging all take place on Friday afternoon and evening. Plan to be there and be ready!

HAVE FUN AND BE THERE!



CLUB OF THE MONTH

A SPECIAL HUMAN INTEREST STORY OF LIONS REACHING OUT TO LIONS A.K.A. *"WORKING TOGETHER TO BUILD A BETTER WORLD"*

Palo Alto Host Lions Help Fellow Lions from Massachusetts,

A little more than a year ago my wife and I found ourselves in need finding our hotel and the Stanford Medical University Hospital. It all started when we got a call 4am from Hawaii. Our oldest son was on the line: "Mom Dad it's a girl (hesitation) BUT she wasn't breathing or crying. They just rushed away with her. They are telling me now that her heart isn't right. In 6 hours they are putting us on a n emergency MEDIVAC flight to California. I'm scared!!!!!"

We promised that arrangements would to be made at our jobs. Call us as to when the operation would take place so we know when we must be there. Now we both spent hours searching the internet and calling travel agents and airlines to secure the best rates on very short notice. The only thing we were uncertain of was where to go if we opted to rent a car. This being our first trip to your state and would have very little time for much of anything other than being with our son and grand daughter at the hospital. Then it dawned on my wife (a new Lion) that Lions around the world are a big family. She did a search and Emailed your club (Lion Chaz at the Palo Alto Host Lions) and your club came through with more than we expected. We got a call on my cell phone from Lion Chaz suggesting which airport to fly into, that they would find accommodations and would provide transportation. Lion Roger Stroud met us upon our early arrival. He then loaded our bags into his car and drove us to our hotel and waited for us to check in. He knew that we would want to get to the hospital ASAP so he waited and drove us to the front door. After the operation and our time was coming to an end Lion Roger was there to bring us back to the airport.

We will forever be in the debt to your club and will always be in our hearts. We only wish that we could have attended one of your meetings

Today, I am thrilled to say baby Hailey is progressing as a normal child of her pictures from before and after

Thank you,



has grown healthy and age. Enclosed are the

Lions Mike & Linda



Galat Ware Lions Club, Massachusetts




TWO MONTH DISTRICT GOVERNOR CALENDAR

February 2005

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 MD4CONVENTION	12
13 SAN DIEGO	14 ♥	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

March 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 SF China-town Leos
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

MONTHLY CLUB CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2005 — Times are 7 PM unless noted.

SUN. MON. TUE. WED. THU. FRI. SAT

					1	2
3	4 Half Moon Bay 7:30	5 Redwood Shores 7:30 PM Pacifica 7:30 San Bruno So. SF Noon	6 Castro DC Host Noon Geneva M. 6:30 MP Host 7:15 Millbrae 7:30 RC Sunrise 7:15AM	7 Burlingame 12:10 PM Korean Am	8 Highlands SF Bay 7:30	9
10	11 MP Live Oak 11:30 AM Ocean Ingleside 7:30 SF Host West O' Twin Peaks 6:30	12 Brisbane 7:30 Foster City 7:30 Gold. Gate 7:30 Merced Heights 5PM	13 Atherton RC Sunrise 7:15AM Sunset New Century	14 Chinatown 7:15 PM Burlingame 12:10 PM San Carlos 12:15 PM San Mateo 6:30	15 Hispanic	16
17	18 Half Moon Bay 7:30	19 San Bruno DC Gateway Pacifica 7:30 So. SF Noon	20 Castro DC Host Noon Geneva M. 6:30 MP Host 7:15 Millbrae 7:30 RC Sunrise 7:15AM	21 Burlingame 12:10 PM Korean Am	22	23
24	25 MP Live Oak 11:30 AM <u>JOINT COUNCIL MTG @ Far East Café @ 7 PM</u>	26 Foster City 7:30 Brisbane 7:30 Gold. Gate 7:30 Marina N. B. 6:30	27 Atherton RC Sunrise 7:15AM Sunset <u>NO SF COUNCIL MTG.</u>	28 Burlingame 12:10 PM San Carlos 12:15 PM San Mateo 6:30	29	30
31 HALLOWEEN & SIGHT NIGHT						

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