

Service & TEAMWORK

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A message from your District Governor Mike Simonini

Hello All Lions

February 21, 2011

I saw something that we don't see very much of here in California anymore (thank you Lord,

My how time flies, seems like I just wrote a message, but another month has gone by. The MD-4 convention was held in PRIMM, NV. Primm is just over the California border, and about 45 miles from Las Vegas, what a garden spot. The convention went very well thanks to the hard work of the convention management committee chair, our very own PDG Maxine, GREAT job PDG Maxine. Our district had a great turnout, 28 Lions and Spouses were there. The Convention was held at the Primm Valley Resort, weather was cold, but we did plenty of walking to help keep us warm.



At the February 4 thru 6, 2011 MD-4 Convention in Primm Nevada: Lady Jane & DG Mike Simonini during the Saturday night grand march & gala honoring attending Lion dignitaries.

sorry smokers) ASH-TRAYS, and all being used. Glad to be out of there.



Lost another good Lion last month, Lion Tim Collins, Foster City Lion. We have lost a lot of Lions so far this year. The memorial service at convention this year is going to be sadly longer than it has been in recent years. God Bless those Lions as well as spouses that have left us.

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Articles & photos may be submitted to **Lion 4-C4 Newsletter Editor Paul Larson** for publication in this *Service & Teamwork* Newsletter via email to lionpaul@chapelofthehighlands.com and must be sent no later than the 20th day of each month for inclusion in the next issue. Flyers for upcoming club projects and other "time sensitive materials" may also be emailed to the Editor and will be distributed ASAP to the appropriate 4-C4 Lions via their email.

Thank you for your support and may good luck find all who read this Newsletter.



A message from 1st VDG Esther

Fellow Lions, we had a fun Third Cabinet Meeting, thanks to the efforts of Lion Connie Bridgewater's, "dancersize." It kept our blood flowing and got everyone exhilarated. That is something new and we should continue to do so. A Wellness Committee, I think is appropriate, after all this is currently the trend. My thanks to Region III and everyone else who worked to make it successful. Our guests are 1st VDG Dick Kane and Evelyn Kane. They arrived Friday and left Sunday. This week, we will be visiting their District 4-A3, towards San Luis Obispo and come April and May we will be away attending 3 District Conventions.

Now, seriously please consider recruiting new members, you have heard our current membership total, is so dismal. It is not that difficult, do you have a friend? a neighbor? dentist? lawyer? grocer? doctor? co-worker? business associate? Anyone of these people are prospective members and many others. Just ask. Do not be embarrassed. My 3 new members inducted are a good example, I attended their business dinner to thank clients which my department, I talked about Lions and they got excited. The first exposure is our Students Speakers Contest after that I asked them again are they truly

A message from 2nd VDG Bob

SERVICE

Did you know that a club that focuses on service projects provides for a dynamic and welcoming club experience for all members? Did you know that the goal of service promotes club energy, membership and boosts each individual member's enjoyment, welcoming new members and while reinforcing the supportive atmosphere for each member? WHY? Each member not only knows who is doing what and what they should be doing; but they can talk about the Service project to their friends, co-workers, neighbors and acquaintances and promote the difference that Lionism makes. " There is no substitute for an outstretched hand offered in service. There is a light that emanates from each and every Lion member. You can see it in their eyes, you can see it in their smile, and you can see it in their



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considering to be members. I invited them to the cabinet meeting, I notified them they do not have to pay, I took care of it.

In Lionism,

Lion Esther Lee
1st VDG
District 4-C4



Lion 1st Vice District Governor Esther Lee pictured at the third District 4-C4 Cabinet Meeting on Saturday, January 19, 2011 at the Foster City Rec. Center. Lion Esther is reporting on the upcoming Lions Clubs International Convention, July 4-8, in Seattle.



From the Editor's Desk

I am surprised at how many Lions in our district are on "Facebook"! I was never interested in joining FB, but since some Lions were asking me to include items in this 4-C4 Newsletter that could only be retrieved via their FB page, it became a necessity. Since then I discovered that Lions have a strong presence on FB and communicate with each other on FB. Clubs also have pages that promote their activities. I created one for the Millbrae Lions Club, and I know Pacifica Lions has one too, so if you are on FB please look them up.



Candid photo at the January 19th District Cabinet Meeting in Foster City: (L to R) Millbrae Lions Club President Randy Sahae following a surprise presentation of a Melvin Jones Fellowship Plaque from her sister Lion Amy Fink (not pictured). Lion Paul Larson and PDG George Habeeb listen as she describes her astonishment.

If you wish to submit an article please do so by the 20th of the month. Putting together a Newsletter is like a "time sensitive" puzzle, and it would help me out a lot by emailing your brief article or pictures to me in a timely manner...the sooner the better.

Thanks for your support and I look forward to seeing you around 4-C4 very soon!

Lion Paul Larson ~
District 4-C4 News-
letter Editor

District Governor's Message (continued from page 1)

We just held the third Cabinet Meeting this past weekend, 33 clubs out of 43 were in attendance with a total of 120 Lions. Great turn out. This was the cabinet meeting that all those that have announced they are running for district office made it official. For the office of 2nd VDG Lion Steve Picchi from the Half Moon Bay Lions, for the office of 1st VDG, Lion Bob Wilson from the Brisbane Lions and for the office of DG Lion Esther Lee from the Marina-North Beach Lions. Good Luck to all of you. Anyone still thinking about running for office you have to announce BY March 1st according to our By-Laws Article 1 Section 1, page 101. Thank you to Region 4 for doing all the work, Region Chair Al Hernandez', Zone Chair Cindy Smith,

Lion Christine Cheshire and especially Zone Chair Jon Froomin who did all the buying, made the coffee, and had the Foster City Leos Club there to help out. Fantastic Job!!

Our membership is down, we have to get new members and stop dropping members, so far this year we



During the third District 4-C4 Cabinet Meeting on Saturday, January 19th at the Foster City Rec. Center: 3 new SF Marina - North Beach Lions (Left) are inducted by DG Mike (Right) as their sponsor Lion 1st VDG Esther Lee and visiting 4-C3 DG Dave Peters observe.

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Know your 2010-2011 District 4-C4 Cabinet Officers



Mike Simonini ~
District Governor



Albert Tam ~
Region 1 Zone 1 Chair



Jon Froomin ~
Region 4 Zone 1 Chair



Esther Lee ~
1st Vice District
Governor



Bill Stipinovich ~
Region 1 Zone 2 Chair



Cindy Smith ~
Region 4 Zone 2 Chair



Robert Wilson ~
2nd Vice District
Governor



Rufino Ramos~
Region 2 Chair



Jim Bigelow ~
Region 4 Zone 3 Chair



Ken Ibarra ~
Immediate Past
District Governor



Sandee Ige ~
Region 2 Zone 1 Chair



PDG Mel Phillips ~
Membership
Development Team



**Lydia Taylor-
Bellinger** ~
Cabinet Secretary



Helen Marte ~
Region 2 Zone 2 Chair



PDG Ray Rosenthal ~
Membership
Development Team



Steve Picchi ~
Cabinet Treasurer



Mario Benavente ~
Region 3 Chair



IPDG Ken Ibarra ~
Membership
Development Team



Rudy Pedagat ~
District
Executive Director



Ora Seyler ~
Region 3 Zone 1 Chair



Paul Larson ~
District
Newsletter Editor



Dan Andersen ~
Region 3 Zone 2 Chair



Carl Tebell ~
Region 1 Chair



Al Hernandez ~
Region 4 Chair





Know your 2010-2011 District 4-C4 Lions Club Presidents

PCL Lions Club

Atherton (**Disbanded**)
 BA Special Olympics
 Belmont
 Brisbane
 Burlingame
 Daly City Gateway
 Daly City Host
 East Palo Alto
 Foster City
 Half Moon Bay
 Menlo Park Host
 Menlo Park Live Oak
 Millbrae
 Pacifica
 Palo Alto Host
 Redwood City Fair Oaks
 Redwood City Sunrise
 Redwood Shores
 San Bruno
 San Carlos
 San Mateo
 San Mateo Metropolitan
 SSF Golden Gate
 SSF Host

PCL President

William Robertson
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 Ernie Filippo
 Brad Floyd
 Michael Markovich
 Sharon Keenan
 Rosemary Steele
 Eleanor Lindquist
 James Asche
 Anthony Cuvi
 Laura Warner
 Randy Sahae
 Steven Hansel
 Robert Stoutd
 Carmen Chong
 Christine Cheshire
 Mary Carbullido
 Thomas Lara
 Grant Du Bois
 Ronald Borland
 Jennifer Chen
 Roy Blanco
 Terry White

SFCCL Lions Club

SF Bay Area New Century
 SF Bay
 SF Bayview Hunters Point
 SF Chinatown
 SF Circle
 SF Fil-Am
 SF Geneva/Mission
 SF Highlands
 SF Hispanic
 SF Host
 SF Korean American
 SF Latino Pro. TCCWA
 SF Marina North Beach
 SF Merced Heights
 SF Nikkei
 SF Ocean/Ingleside
 SF Park Gate
 SF Park Presidio
 SF Premier
 SF State University Campus
 SF Sunset
 SF The Castro

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 Maria Rueda
 Gwendolyn Strain
 Robert Lam
 Eva O. Harmon (**Jan. 2011**)
 Shirley B. Dimapilis
 Bre Jones
 Lourdes V. Pescador
 Vilma Lopez
 Emmanuel Paje
 Joseph Jung
 Maria Gonzalez
 Zoila Kelly
 Lydia Taylor-Bellinger
 Kristina Boyd
 Constance Bridgewater
 Luis Martinez
 Russell "Woody" Howard
 Wilma Norona
 Judy Thao
 Sandra Collins
 Dennis Hale

Message from 2nd VDG Bob Wilson (continued from page 2)



actions." Sid L. Scruggs, III, International President

My job, as a Lion and 2nd Vice District Governor is to serve and learn. "WE SERVE." You are doing a great job. Keep up your good work.

Honored to serve you as Second vice district governor,
 Lion Skipper Bob Wilson

During the third District 4-C4 Cabinet Meeting on Saturday, January 19, 2011: 2nd VDG Bob presents his guest, 4-A2 2nd VDG Dean Church (left), with a certificate of appreciation.



DG's Message (continued from page 3)

have dropped 173 members, enough said.

It's time to start gearing up for our convention; the convention committee has been hard at work getting everything ready. The registration forms have been mailed out to all clubs along with the contest forms, golf registration (thank you Lion Mario) these forms are also on the district web site. Please all clubs make copies to give to your members. Remember that this my outgoing convention, that should give some of you reason to come. We have to vote for our new officers, they have to get 51%

of the total vote to win, so if you are a delegate, VOTE.

Both the PCL and the SFCCL are planning their Police and Firemen's (Firepersons) awards dinner. Flyers have been sent out, these sell out fast, so don't wait to order your tickets.

Until we met again (been watching old cowboy movies) Stay safe and bring in new members.

Thank You

Sunshine Report by Lion Yvonne Kantola

February was a sad time for Lions. We lost Lions and loved ones. Our prayers go out to the families of:

- Tim Collins of Foster City, a huge loss to many.
- Dick Kishimoto of the Nikkei Club for his brother in law. He and Dick's sister Jean joined us from Hawaii for convention and sang with Dick.
- Harry Katsuyama, one of the founding members of the Nikkei Club at the young age of 104.
- Liza Chin, spouse of Calvin Chin of the Millbrae Club.
- Paul Cadematori of the San Carlos Club for his brother in law. This has also been an extremely difficult time for them.

Cards were sent to these Lions who were recently hospitalized:

- William Collier from the Ocean Ingleside Club.
- Yola Picchi from the Half Moon Bay Club.
- PDG Al Russell from the San Carlos Club.

Please let me know if a Lion or their family is in need of some sunshine. Even though cards have

been sent by the District, I know our friends would love to hear from you, too!

Lion Yvonne Kantola
Past President
Pacifica Lions



Above picture reported by Lion Yvonne & taken by Lion Dan Andersen at the Feb. 19th Cabinet Meeting: Past Council of Governor's Chair Emil Kantola (Left) is presented the International President's Medal by DG Mike on behalf of IPIP Eberhard Wirfs, as visiting 4-C3 DG Dave Peters (middle) applauds.



District 4-C4 Lions remember late Foster City Lion Tim Collins

Foster City Lions Club Thanks all our fellow Lions for making the Memorial for Timothy John Collins as special as Tim was. The Foster City Lions are grateful to everyone for standing with us for Tim and for acknowledging the perpetual "Timothy John Collins Memorial Scholarship Fund" we have established in his name.



Again, thank you for honoring Tim with us as we sooth our hearts together with our Lions family and his wonderful family. It was the kind of celebration Tim wanted, 150 people were there with 100 or more cards letters

Tim lived and experienced contradiction in a humble way. He would pivot on the head of any contradiction only to transform it into a living breathing reasonable solution for all. He knew that it was for this Day that He was born and like a dutiful son He went to the Father without a fight.



and e-mails. Tim, on this last night, left us with his smile and his joy, his friendship a gift that does not fade.

God Bless Him and God Bless all Lions.

Lion President, Eleanor Lindquist

Lion Tim, who served 4-C4 in many significant positions, passed away following a battle with cancer on Saturday, January 29, 2011. Thanks to IPDG Ken Ibarra for the following pictures: (L to R) 1. At Lion Tim's daughter's wedding are IPDG Ken, Lion Tim & PDG Ray Rosenthal; 2. Two years ago on New Years Eve are Lady Vicky & Lion Tim Collins.

San Carlos Lions Get A Helping Hand at Mud Damaged 4H Farm

Special Thanks to Lion Jon Froomin (Foster City Lions Club) and his son Joshua. Jon & Joshua (Left) came out on Sunday to help the San Carlos 4H rebuild their Farm.

And boy did we put them to work, we had them building retaining walls, busting up concrete and digging holes. There is always something to do at the farm.

Please give me a call or email if you can help out.

Lion Scot Marsters ~ sam@gene.com
(650) 450-0990





Millbrae Lions Join Forces to Rejuvenate Vandalized Scout House

The goal of this project is to repair and upgrade the building to return it to service as a City owned Youth Center. We have many partners in this venture, including the City of Millbrae, the Millbrae Elementary School District Board of Trustees, the Millbrae Rotary Club, the Millbrae Community Foundation, the Millbrae Leos Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Central Peninsula Church, the Peninsula Chinese Business Association, the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Peninsula, and Rebuilding Together Peninsula Chapter. And there are more.

Last year we worked with our partners to do a whole bunch of cleanup, some prep painting, restart electricity, add an alarm system, and then we began design work for seismic upgrades and ADA requirements.

Now, we hope to start work on the building in the next two months. We have resources for quite a bit of the labor, but we need to buy the materials. For instance, a donation of \$7,000 pays for concrete and railings to install a wheel chair ramp. A donation of \$2,000 would provide a refrigerator. A donation

The Scout House, built in 1954 by the Millbrae Lions Club, historically was the club's home base and venue for countless community events and activities. Since the late 90's the Millbrae School District, whose land is beneath the Scout House, dis-allowed further use of the property, in-turn boarding it up which attracted vandals and decay.



of \$3,000 would buy and install a new front door. A donation of \$1500 provides ADA hardware, grab bars, toilets and sinks in both bathrooms. This wonderful building could be made 100% ready for our kids

to use, for less than \$50,000 in materials.

Why am I telling you this? Through your work, or your friends, you may know of sources for donations of either materials or money. This building, which holds so many Scout memories, could be back in service again. With your help. We have a deadline, the agreement with the City and the School district expires in January of 2012. For more information, I invite you to visit the project website at www.mcyc.net.

Lion President Randy Sahae
Millbrae Lions Club

SF The Castro Lions Club Remembers Lion Carolene Marks

Note from Castro Lions Club President Dennis Hale: This should be something the district can appreciate. Senator Milton Marks was a frontrunner for gay and equal rights (Lion Carolene passed away on Sunday, February 13th)...

Carolene Marks was the beloved widow of Senator Milton Marks. Carolene had been a staunch supporter of the Castro Lions Club through personal friendships with PDG Lion Michelle Jester and

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Carolene Marks (from page 8)

Lion Mary Sager. Carolene decided to become a member of the Castro Lions Club during Lion Michelle's service as District Governor. She was a continuous voice for Lions and their activities to all segments of the community, personal and political. Carolene only became involved when she was passionate about it which was a blessing for the cause she got behind. She significantly raised political awareness of all Lions work and effort. She will be sorely missed.

PDG Michelle Jester

BASO Lions Plunge for Special Olympics

Thanks to Lion Ode Reyes for providing the picture from her Facebook page: On Saturday, Feb. 26th brave members of the BASO Lions Club made a fundraising plunge into the 52 degree SF bay water for Special Olympics.



Lion Yvonne Kantola Participating in Upcoming "Walk for Hope"

Dear Friends and Family,

I'm joining City of Hope in the fight against women's cancer by participating in Walk for Hope on June 4, 2011 in San Francisco.

The money I raise will support the incredible cancer research, treatment and education programs at City of Hope, an amazing cancer center that is saving lives every day.

City of Hope's research has led to the development of Herceptin® and Rituxan®, two of the leading anti-cancer drugs. New cutting edge technology like TomoTherapy HI-ART System represents the next generation of treatment. City of Hope's research is shared with medical centers worldwide, improving the lives of millions.

To help City of Hope continue its life saving efforts, I've set a goal of raising \$1000. To reach it, I need your help. Will you consider making a fully tax-deductible donation of \$25 or more? You can donate online through my personal fundraising Web site by clicking on the link below.

Let's make a difference together. Thank you so much for your support!

Lion Yvonne Kantola
Past President
Pacifica Lions



During the third District 4-C4 Cabinet Meeting on Saturday, January 19, 2011: Lion Yvonne reports on the upcoming City of Hope Walk to benefit research for anti-cancer drugs & treatments.



Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Recognized at MD-4 Convention

Here is an update from Primm, Nevada at the Lions Multiple District Four Convention and the Saturday night awards dinner. We thank Lion Harold and Colleen for representing Menlo Park Host Lions and also Menlo Park Live Oak Lions at the Convention. Here are some brief comments from Lion Harold below. While the Menlo Park Live Oak Lions did not win the top recognition for the Sunday Farmers Market in downtown Menlo Park (Small Club Award) they did receive a plaque at the Saturday evening dinner. Hopefully John Hickson and Laura Warner can make the Third Cabinet meeting on Saturday, February 19th at the Foster City Recreation Center so they can receive the MD4 plaque from DG Mike. We do want to express a thank you to DG Mike for nominating the Menlo Park Live Oak Lions for the MD4 recognition. We also want to thank Menlo Park Live Oak Lions for their year round Farmers Market every Sunday and bringing the community together over the many, many years and it is a pleasure for Menlo Park Host Lions to help out.

Jim Bigelow,
Region Four Zone Three Chair,
Menlo Park Host Lions Club Secretary/Treasurer

Lion Jim,
Colleen and I attended the convention last night and had a great time. The ballroom was full to capacity with friendly Lions. After a delicious meal consisting of a huge steak with twice baked potato and broccoli, they had the awards presentation. DG Mike Simonini searched me out from the crowd and helped me to be in the right place at the right time. The program was slightly mixed up regarding to the order the awards were presented and Mike guided me all the way. Unfortunately, Live Oak didn't win but they received a nice plaque which I in turn gave to Mike who will give it to you or the Live Oak Club. It was an honor to represent our club as well as Menlo Park Live Oak and I want to

thank you all for the opportunity to serve. Please thank Mike for all of the assistance he provided. I appreciated it very much. (Continued on page 11)

Lion Harold

District 4-C4 Lions pictured with Immediate Past International President Eberhard Wirfs in Primm, Nevada during the MD-4 Convention.



Lion Bre Jones to the Rescue

Editor's note: the following situation took place after the third district cabinet meeting on February 19th at the Foster City Rec. Center. Written by SF

BVHP Lion President Gwen Strain on her Facebook page:

"San Francisco Geneva-Misson Lion President Bre Jones to the rescue. Lion Bre noticed Lion Gwen had a flat tire after the cabinet meeting and jumped right in and changed it".





MD-4 Convention (continued from page 10)

District 4-C4 Lions, too many to mention individually, have a wonderful time in Primm, Nevada during the Feb. 4-6, 2011 MD-4 Convention.



Mark Your Calendar



Important 4-C4 Dates

- *PCL “Police and Firefighter Awards Banquet” April 1, 2011 at the Crown Plaza Hotel Foster City*
- *SFCCL “Peace Officers and Firefighters Awards Night” April 23, 2011 at Patio Español in San Francisco*
- *District 4-C4 Convention May 12 thru 15, 2011 at the Red Lion Hotel in Sacramento.*
- *Lions Clubs International Convention July 4 thru 8, 2011 in Seattle, WA.*

Please send in your MMR and Activity forms in before the end of the month. Cabinet Secretary Lydia Taylor-Bellinger must receive the MMR and dues must be current to be eligible for 100% President and Secretary awards.

MD-4 Student Speakers Contest 2010-2011

Topic: “Enforcing our Borders: State versus Federal Rights”

Dates for 2010-2011

- Club Contestby February 22, 2011
- Zone Contestby March 14, 2011
- Region Contestby April 11, 2011
- District Contestby May 2, 2011
- Area Contestby May 23, 2011
- MD-4 Final Contest.....on June 4, 2011 (Council of Governors—San Jose, CA)

District 4-C4 Student Speaker Contest Chair
Lion Rich Picchi: (650) 728-7639 or
(650) 703-9834 or rpicchi@comcast.net

With this Newsletter are many good wishes for you, your family and loved ones!

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LIONS ETHICS

TO SHOW my faith in the worthiness of vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.

TO SEEK success and to demand all fair remuneration of profit for my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.

TO REMEMBER that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down others. To be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.

WHENEVER a doubt arises as the right or ethics of my position of action towards my fellow man, to resolve such doubt against myself.

TO HOLD friendship as end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the true spirit in which it is given.

ALWAYS bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my unswerving loyalty in word, act as deed; to give them freely of my time, labor and means.

TO AID my fellow man by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.

TO BE careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise. To build up and not destroy.



Moyer-Nuccitelli
Award: Sandee Ige

LIONS OBJECTIVES

TO CREATE and foster a spirit of "GENEROUS CONSIDERATION" among the peoples of the world through a study of the problems of international relationship. **TO PROMOTE** the theory and practice of the principles of good government and good citizenship.

TO TAKE an active interest in the civic, social, and moral welfare of the community.

TO UNITE the members in the bonds of friendship and mutual understanding.

TO PROVIDE a forum for the full and free discussion of all matters of public interest,

partisan politics and sectarian religion alone excepted.

TO ENCOURAGE efficacy and promote high ethical standards and professions: provided that no club shall hold out as one of its objects financial benefits to its members.