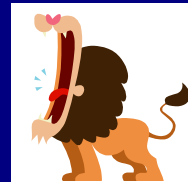




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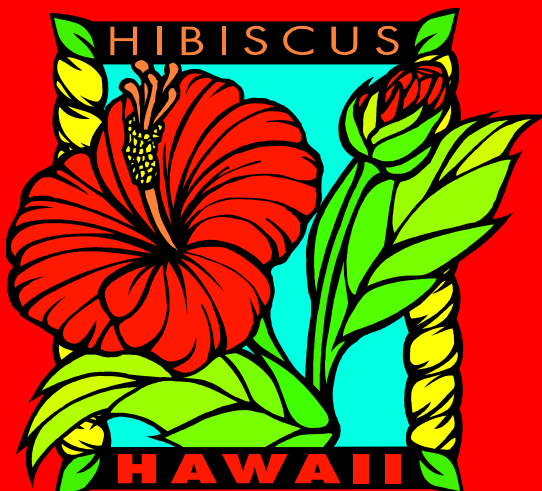
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Have a very special Holiday !

**from Lion Martha
and
her family from Hawaii.**

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NEXT MEETING
FOSTER CITY REC CENTER

NO MEETING
Tuesday December 25th
Dark Night

Next regular meeting
Tuesday, January 8, 2013



**THE LIONS CLUB OF FOSTER
CITY MEETS THE 2ND AND 4TH
TUESDAYS OF EACH MONTH
AT THE
WILLIAM E. WALKER
RECREATION CENTER
650 SHELL BLVD.
FOSTER CITY
AT 7:30 P.M.**

Lions Clubs International OBJECTIVES

TO CREATE and foster a spirit of Understanding among the peoples of the world.

TO PROMOTE the principles of good Government and good citizenship.

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

TO UNITE the clubs in the bonds of friendship, Good fellowship and mutual understanding.

TO PROVIDE a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.

TO ENCOURAGE service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency & promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.



We Serve

December Birthdays



12/6 Lion Herb Perez
12/12/ Lion Shirley Sweeney
12/14 Lion Steve Morris
12/17 PCP Lion Mark Olivier
12/22 Lion Rama Ramachandra
12/26 Lion Matt Crom
12/28 PCP Lion Mike Hewett
12/29 Lion Silvana Garetz
12/31 PDG Lion Ray Rosenthal

December Anniversaries



None

Any updates,
Contact Lion Karen Abolt
karenabolt@aol.com 702-204-0003
We may be missing some anniversaries and birthdays.

LIONS CODE of ETHICS

TO SHOW my faith in the worthiness of my 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 or profit as 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 another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.

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

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

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

TO AID others 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 praise; to build up and not destroy.



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2013

SUNSHINE



Contact Lion Linda Speizer
spower4ls@sbcglobal.net, 393-5794,
if someone needs of a cheerful note from the Club, or, if you want to share a happy event.

Our deepest sympathy to Nancy and Tony Montes on the recent passing of Nancy's sister Eileen.

LIONS STAMPS FOR EASTER SEALS

Please remember to bring the stamps to the Club meeting and leave them at the registration table.

Cut out the entire cancellation as shown below.





LIONS CLUB OF FOSTER CITY OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2012 – 2013

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	Wing Yu



Dear (Contact First Name),
SANDY HOOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Let's show the families and friends of those personally affected by this horrific event Friday, December 14th that we care.
Here is the address for the Sandy Hook Elementary School.
Sandy Hook Elementary School
12 Dickenson Drive
Sandy Hook, CT 06482

From the Newtown Lions Club:

"The Newtown Lions Club has been shaken by the recent horrific events that have besieged our community. We ask that your thoughts and prayers are with the victims', families, our town, and country. We need to come together as a nation to address the deeper underlying societal challenges that affect us all. God Help Us and Bless Us.

The Newtown Savings Bank has partnered with the United Way of Western Connecticut to set up a fund to help. Anyone wishing to make a donation can do so by going to the link below from the District website:

[Sandy Hook School Support Fund](#)"

According to the Associated Press, all six adults killed at the school were women. Of the 20 children who were shot to death, eight were boys and 12 were girls. All of the children were ages 6 or 7.

Names and ages of the 26 people gunned down at a Connecticut elementary school Friday in the second-deadliest school shooting in U.S. history:

Charlotte Bacon, 6	Emilie Parker, 6
Daniel Barden, 7	Jack Pinto, 6
Rachel Davino, 29	Noah Pozner, 6
Olivia Engel, 6	Caroline Previdi, 6
Josephine Gay, 7	Jessica Rekos, 6
Ana Marquez-Greene, 6	Avielle Richman, 6
Dylan Hockley, 6	Lauren Rousseau, 30
Dawn Hochsprung, 47	Mary Sherlach, 56
Madeleine Hsu, 6	Victoria Soto, 27
Catherine Hubbard, 6	Benjamin Wheeler, 6
Chase Kowalski, 7	Allison Wyatt, 6
Jesse Lewis, 6	
James Mattioli, 6	
Grace McDonnell, 7	
Anne Marie Murphy, 52	

Read more: <http://www.wxyz.com/dpp/news/victims-named-in-newtown-connecticut-shooting-of-sandy-hook-elementary-school-students-and-staff#ixzz2FWHqn9sX>

Sending love and prayers . . .

Sincerely, District Governor Skipper Bob



District 4-C4 Governor Lion Bob Wilson



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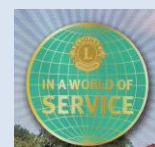
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IN A WORLD OF SERVICE Wayne Madden Lions Clubs International President



New Members Installed at the November 27th Meeting

PDG Lion Mel Phillips, far right, installed new Lions, second from left, Silvana Garetz, Priya Ramachandran and Carlos Mesquita. Also pictured are sponsors, left Lion Wing Yu, third from right PDG and Membership Chair, Lion Ray Rosenthal, and Lion President Martha Sandy.



FROM THE EYE OF THE EDITOR*By Lion Karen Abolt, Bulletin Editor*

First, may I wish you and your family the happiest of Holidays and best wishes for the New Year. 2012 has been filled with many wonderful new beginnings and as is in life, there have been many sorrowful losses both personal and collectively for us to ponder.

We have been blessed to be part of a growing organization that serves our immediate and surrounding community. Volunteerism brought us altogether and remains our focus as a Lions club. We continue to have great leadership from our president Martha and are grateful for her determination to help in our development. We're not a group of individuals that just writes checks for different causes. We use our talents, hands and hard work to assist other charitable organizations and earn the money to fund our special projects.

New members – Wow!! Has PDG and Membership Chair Ray Rosenthal ever done a great job in bringing us new and diverse members with great backgrounds and new ideas. Members are the life blood of all groups and as we grow in membership, we can grow even more as an active Lions club. Those extra hands will help, too!

As this year comes to an end and we reflect on our lives not only personally but on our jobs either in the working world, at home, or in the world of volunteerism, we always makes pledges to better everything as individuals. We are all parts of the whole whether it's the family, our work group, or the organizations where we spend our time. For the coming year, let's pledge to make the world around us just a little better by being stewards of the trust that our local community has in our Lions club, our family has in its leaders and our employers.

And, who else has more fun than the Foster City Lions when it comes to working together on a project or enjoying one of our social functions. Thanks to Social Chair Lion Barbara Bergero and her committee, we always seem to have a great time getting together with our families and friends.

2013 will bring opportunities to help out with the many projects still in the works and also many opportunities to develop lasting friendships with our fellow Foster City Lions. The Crab Feed and Fourth of July earn a lot of money which gets poured back into the community. Both events are labor intensive so be ready to jump in where needed.

Vigil – Sandy Hook

Although not a Lion sponsored event, our Secretary, Lion Shikha Hamilton organized and held a vigil on Saturday, December 15th at the Leo J. Ryan Memorial Park in remembrance of the lives lost at Sandy Hook Elementary School. She would also like to add that she is the Chapter President of the San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence. If anyone would like more information, contact her at sanmateobradymmm@yahoo.com or 650-863-3360.



**Up Close and Personal
New Members
Welcome Aboard**

**George Elefante**

George and his family have lived around Foster City since 1997. George moved up to the Bay Area to go to school at Cal State Hayward in 1990. He's worked at Visa since 1998 and is currently an IT Director.

George has been married to wife, Adrianna, for 15 years and they have 2 boys, George who is 10 yrs. old and Sam who is 6 yrs. old.

He serves as the committee chairman and Tiger Den Leader for Foster City Pack 447. George joined the Foster City Lions because we serve as their chartering organization and he wanted the two groups work more closely together to serve Foster City.

Lion Herb Perez invited George to join the FC Lions. Herb has taught George and his sons Taekwondo for the past 3 years and serves as a great role model for the boys by demonstrating an unwavering work ethic and dedication to goals he sets for himself.

In addition to Taekwondo and Cub Scout activities for both the boys, George coaches his sons in Foster City Little League Baseball and teaches young George the trumpet.

George feels the club's work with the local charity organizations like Samaritan House provide him a perfect opportunity to help those in need.

He always seems to get strange looks when he says his favorite pro sports teams are the Oakland Raiders and the San Francisco Giants. He doesn't subscribe to the Peninsula versus East Bay sports loyalties.

Kris and Chris Powell

(Mr. Kris and Mrs. Chris as their friend's children call them)

Originally from Vancouver Canada, the Powells moved to the Seattle area in 2001 after Kris' temporary 3-month assignment never ever ended. They moved to Dublin / Pleasanton in 2009 for a project, moved back to Seattle in 2001 and returned to the Bay area in December of 2011.

Kris works at a local Foster City company that delivers broadband service to buildings all around the Bay area. Chris decided to retire after being dragged around the country by her work. She spends most of her time at the senior center as a volunteer and is soon to be sworn in as the VP of the 55 Plus Club.

All the family is still in Canada. They go back from time to time and always look forward to visits. Funnily enough, the city of San Francisco is a bigger draw than rainy Seattle when it comes to enticing relatives to visit.

Chris has seen first-hand how the Lion's help out at the senior center. She decided that the Lions club would be a good fit for giving back to the community and satisfying the desire to meet other like minded people.

They have the pleasure of being sponsored by our president, Martha Sandy Both like to bowl but have not joined a league this year. Chris is a big card player and loves interacting with the seniors. Kris has taken up bike riding and is enjoying the multitude of trails in the area. Kris also enjoys golf but rarely is out on the links.

They are looking forward to the chairpersons detailing all the options for our committees so they can decide what activities to get involved in. Anything is open and if the Lions ask and if they can, the Powells will.

Of very special interest, Chris and Kris had the honor of becoming citizens of the United States of America on December 17th. The naturalization ceremony was at the Paramount Theater in Oakland and 1250 people were in attendance also taking the oath. Both are animal lovers and share their apartment with a dog (Chloe) and a cat (Joey). Both Chloe and Joey are "rescues" and feel they are the boss of the household.

Lori Meurer

Lori is originally from Louisville, Kentucky and moved to Foster City in March 2012 from Spring Hill, Florida. She is a Clinical Research Coordinator and is currently the care taker for her 81 year old mother.

Lori is married to Chris Meurer and they have three children. Matthew is 28 years old and married to Kelly. They have a 17 month old named Xander (Grandson). Other children are Jackie, 26 years old and Katie, 21 years old. Lori met Lion Martha Sandy while playing Bunco and felt the Lions would be a good organization to join since she likes to volunteer.

**Deadline for articles in the next Bulletin
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2013**

Please submit to Bulletin Editor, Lion Karen Abolt

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702-204-0003 cell

Please contact Lion Karen if there are corrections to this bulletin.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**GO TO FOSTER CITY LIONS WEB SITE
FOR MORE INFORMATION AND PHOTOS**
www.fostercitylions.com

December 20, 2012 Thursday Caroling for Srs., Redwood Shores, Belmont, SC Lions	Elean Franzoia
3-5p.m., Ralton Florists / ralstonflorists@sbcglobal.net	650 592 6313
December 25, 2012 Tuesday NO Foster City Lions Meeting / DARK NIGHT	
December 31, 2012 Monday SF Hispanic Lion New Year's Eve Party	Mercy Crespo
Embassy Suites, 250 Gateway Blvd., SSF, 6:30p.m. no host cocktails, 8:00 p.m. dinner	510 579 5357
\$75 pp, dancing 9:00 p.m./DJ Latino, see flyer for details	
January 8, 2013 Tuesday Foster City Lion Meeting	Martha Sandy
FC Rec Center, 6:30 p.m. Board Mtg, 7:00 p.m. Meet 'n Greet, 7:30 p.m. General Mtg.	
January 12, 2013 Sunday Millbrae Lions 75th Anniversary at Green Hills CC	Save the date
January 19, 2013 Saturday MD-4 Leadership Institute	www.md4lions.org
Harris Ranch, Coalinga CA \$250	
February 1, 2013 Friday Police and Fire Bingo Dinner	Save the date
February 2, 2013 Saturday 3rd District 4C4 Cabinet Meeting / Foster City / 8am-1pm	Save the date
February 8-10, 2013 Sat-Sun MD-4 Convention in Sacramento	Save the date
Doubletree Inn, Sacramento, online registration	
February 9, 2013 Saturday Crab Feed Castro Lions	brownpapertickets.org
St. Anne of Sunset Church Hall, Judah and Funston St. SF, \$50pp	
February 23, 2013 Saturday Crab Feed Foster City Lions	Save the date

L I O N S

- ◆ Lions Slogan = Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nation's Safety. (LIONS)
- ◆ Emblem = consist of a gold letter "L" on a circular purple field. Bordering this is a circular gold area with two lion profiles facing away from the center. Symbolically, one lion represents our proud past and the other represents our bright future.
- ◆ Official colors = Purple stands for loyalty to friends and to one's self and for integrity of mind and heart. Gold symbolizes sincerity of purpose, liberty in judgment, purity in life and generosity in mind, heart, and purpose toward humanity. (soon, colors will officially be blue and gold)
- ◆ Lions Motto = We Serve



LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

CC = Council Chairman	PCC = Past Council Chairman
CCI = Canine Companions for Independence	PCP = Past Club President
CH = City of Hope	PCS = Past Cabinet Secretary
CS = Cabinet Secretary	PDG = Past District Governor
CT = Cabinet Treasurer	PID = Past International Director
DG = District Governor	PIP = Past International President
DGE = District Governor Elect	SFP = Sister Families Project
GDD = Guide Dogs of the Desert	SS = Sight Saver Foundation, Inc.
ID = International Director	SSF = Student Speakers Foundation
IP = International President	VDG = Vice District Governor
IPCC = Immediate Past Council Chairman	VDGE = Vice District Governor Elect
IPCP = Immediate Past Club President	WC = Wilderness Camp
IPDG = Immediate Past District Governor	YCA = Youth and Community Activities
LCI = Lions Clubs International (Shorter form)	YEP = Youth Exchange Program
LCI = The International Association of Lions Clubs (Proper)	
LCIF = Lions Clubs International Foundation	
LEF = Lions Eye Foundation of California/Nevada, Inc.	
LEO = Leadership Experience Opportunity	
LHF = Lions Hearing Foundation (formerly Ear Foundation)	
LIS = Lions in Sight, Inc.	
LYI = Lions for Youth, Inc.	

SENIOR BINGO – NOVEMBER 25TH



The Health Inspector!!! Why don't we make him a Lion!!



Always in the kitchen



Our Bingo Caller – Lion Jon Froomin



Blood Drive – December 8th
Another Blood Drive at the Foster City Rec Center with all the helpers decked out for the Holiday Season.



We Serve



Ning and the catering crew.

Pirate Raffle, always fun.

Firefighters Teen Gift Drive Donations

Good to see Lion Katie back in action.

November 27th Meeting Lions Woody, Willie and Don, left, Visitors to the Bar, top right, guest speaker, PDG Lion Mel Phillips with President Martha and Lion Ray and our New Lions.



Samaritan House
Workers: Lion Amor
Traceski, left Lion Joan
Smith top and Lion
Barbara Bergero,
bottom right.





Caroling for Seniors **Belmont / Redwood Shores / and San Carlos**

Cordially invites you, family and friends
Christmas Caroling for Seniors
Thursday, December 20, 3 to 5 pm
Contact Elena Franzoia, Ralston Florist
650-592-6313
ralstonflorist@scglobal.net



THE SAN FRANCISCO HISPANIC LIONS CLUB

*Cordially invites you, family and friends to celebrate with
us to welcome the*



New Year

*At the Embassy Suites
250 Gateway Blvd.*

South San Francisco, CA 94080

Phone: (650) 589 - 3400

No host Cocktails 6:30 pm - Dinner 8:00 pm

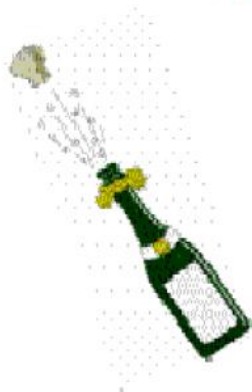
Dance 9:00 pm

Music of all times DJ Latino

\$75.00 per person

Formal attire

Kindly respond on or before December 27, 2012



For hotel reservations call directly and mention
the Lions Club for your discount

Menu

Choice of: Chicken Breast - Herb Roasted Salmon - Grill Marinated Flank Steak

For tickets or information please call:

Lions Gilberto & Mercy Crespo - (510) 579-5357

Lion Ninette Mendoza - (415) 933-5991

Lion Ligia Mejia - (510) 537-8885



Warm Hands and Feet Project

San Francisco Bayview Hunters
Point Lions Club

Learn About The Warm Hands and
Feet Project

... Watch the video found on

[lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) [Click here](#)

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/news-and-events/lions-news-network/lq.php?id=c5iHMiH>

Thought Provoking Video

Shared by Region 4 Chair Cindy Smith, San Carlos Lions Club

In case you missed this before. This is a wonderful, thought-provoking, one minute clip. Full of wisdom. . . . and very brief. It's not a joke, it's not religious, it's not political. It's just . . . special. I think you'll agree.

Click here: http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=Hzgzim5m7oU&vq=medium

Lions Community Service Videos featuring San Francisco Bayview Hunters Point Lions Club Warm Hands and Cold Feet ([click here](#))



Lions Environmental Photo Contest

The Lions Environmental Photo Contest provides a way for Lions to portray, through an original photo, their pride and commitment to improving, protecting and preserving their environment. Every Lion from a club in good standing can enter a photograph of his or her immediate surroundings into the club-level Lions Environmental Photo Contest.

Entry Guidelines

Lions can submit photographs of their environment in one of the following five categories:

- Animal life
- Plant life
- Urban or natural landscape
- Weather phenomenon
- Special theme: Beauty of the rural environment
- Photos celebrating our natural local surroundings

Winning club-level photographs will advance to the district, multiple district, and international competitions. Registered attendees of the Lions international convention will vote for their favorite in each category, as well as their overall favorite photograph. The six photos will appear on the Contest Winners page. The six Lions photographers will receive an award.

- [Photo Contest Rules](#)
- [District 4c4 Entry Form \(PDF\)](#)
- [District 4c4 Entry Form \(Microsoft WORD\)](#)

[Information can be found on the District 4c4 website](#)

[at www.lions4c4.org.](http://www.lions4c4.org)

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Blind



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Dinner 7pm to 9pm

Party til 10

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Appearances*

Lions Family Cub Program

What is the Lions Cub Program and How Does it Work?

Lion Cubs are children of Lions club members in a Family Lions club.

The Family Cub Program Activity Guide divides Cubs into three age groups:

- * Age 3 and under
- * Age 4-7
- * Age 8-12



This special program just for kids will teach them the joys of volunteering and guide them to a lifelong dedication to helping those in need.

This guide [\[Click here for Guide. It is also on the Web at lionsclubs.org\]](#) contains suggestions for integrating Cubs into your club and is filled with activities for meetings,

fundraisers and service projects.

You have an amazing opportunity ahead of you to help shape these young people's vision of what it means to be a responsible adult. Cubs are the future Leos and Lions of our association.

Each activity, whether for a meeting, fundraiser or service project, has step-by step instructions, a material list and an indicator of the amount of supervision needed. There will be some activities that are appropriate for all age groups (with some adaptations) and others that are more suited to a specific age group.

It is with sincere regret and our deepest sympathy to Nancy and Tony Montes on the passing of Nancy's sister Eileen who passed last week. We are so sorry for Nancy losing her sister, and Nancy's Mom who has to endure the sadness of losing a daughter. We pray that her mother and all their family will be able to endure this great loss. May she rest in peace, and God's blessing on all.

*In sincere and deep sympathy,
PDG George and Helen Habeeb
and
DG Skipper Bob Wilson*