



# CONVENTION

## The Scratching Post

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DG Maxine flanked by Lion Marge & ID Wayne Davis

### A message from your District Governor

Fellow Lions and Leos:

Thank you Convention Committee for a wonderful convention, especially Lions

tor Wayne Davis and spouse Lion Marge thoroughly enjoyed. Sunday at 5:30 A.M., Vice District Governor Emil Kantola, Cabinet Treasure Mike Simonini and I knocked at their door, International Davis opened the door and stated, "We don't want to leave", our convention was the best they have attended. Members thanks you. What a GREAT bunch of Lions we have in District 4-C4.

Rich and Steve Picchi.

Congratulations District Governor elect Emil Kantola, Vice District Governor elect Ken Ibarra and 2008 – 2009 Cabinet Officers.

District Convention, May 15 – 18, 2008 - If you did not attend, shame on you, what an outstanding time for all that attended. Thank you visiting District Governor (4-L6) Alice Tana and spouse Yas, Vice District Governor (4-C1) Bob Garr and spouse Helen. International Direc-

As we prepare for another year of service to our organization and communities, I urge you to continue your active interests in our respective communities with more enthusiasm. Have Fun. Team Work Works!

We Are Family – Keep faith, family and friends close to your heart.

Together We Serve.

Respectively, Governor Maxine Frazier



### A message from your Vice District Governor

At the convention I celebrated another birthday. Someone asked how old I was and I had to think for a minute. When I was a teen I thought that the 60's were old, very old. Now it doesn't seem that old at all. Funny how age changes your perspective. I decided that old age is a gift.

I am now the person I have always wanted to be. Oh, not my body! The wrinkles, the baggy eyes, and the sagging

butt, but I don't agonize over those things. I would never trade my amazing friends, my wonderful life, my loving wife and children for one less gray hair or a flat belly. (continued on page 2)



VDG Emil with next in line to be VDG Ken Ibarra

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## VDG Emil's Message

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As I've aged, I've become kinder to myself, and less critical of others and myself. I've become my own friend. I don't chide myself for eating that extra cookie, or for buying that silly electronic gizmo that I didn't need. I am entitled to a treat, to be messy, to be extravagant. I have seen too many dear friends leave this



world too soon; before they understood the great freedom that comes with aging. I will watch that movie on till three AM, sleep until noon, let the bulging body fall over the belt and make a fool of myself if I so choose, despite the pitying glances from others. They, too, will get old.

I know I am sometimes forgetful. But then, some of life is just as well forgotten. I do eventually remember the important things. I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turn gray, and to have my laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face. As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think and more about what is right.

I like being old. I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been, worrying about things that really do not matter or to try to please everyone. I will do what I think is right and I will eat dessert every single day. I will cherish the friends that I have and keep them in my heart. I would like to thank all of the Lions of District 4-C4 for electing me as your next District Governor. I will always be here to serve.

DG Elect Lion Emil Kantola  
 "Service is the Key to Lionism"

## Convention Pictures: Costumes





## From the Editor's Desk

Greetings Lions!

One word that has not been mentioned yet regarding the convention is HOT! Temperatures were record breaking all over Northern California which gave this event an extra special quality.

Over the years the Millbrae Lions Club has had a tradition of an initiation (or as our outgoing President John Muniz says "humiliation") at the convention for the incoming President with a trick or practical joke tied in with their job or position. At this year's convention I was initiated by my fellow Millbrae Lions as incoming President. As many of you know I own the Chapel of the Highlands in Millbrae which is our local mortuary. I knew something "special" would be happening to me in Sacramento, but I wasn't sure what. Before the convention I was reminded by our PP Mike Simonini that I may not survive the initiation, and I also was questioned by Lion President John if I was allergic to bees or if my hair grows back fast.

Well, Convention time arrived and Saturday, May 17th rolled around. Our Millbrae Lions Tamale booth was a big hit again thanks to Lion Lynn Azzopardi. I was told to be prepared around 2 PM and to wear something that I didn't care so much about. I went to our Hospitality Suite and put on a swim suit and tee shirt...and as soon as I was ready our President John wrapped a towel around my neck and escorted me (while giving me the last rites) to the center courtyard where I found our Millbrae Lions and a



"funeral" they had prepared with a casket and flowers (constructed by Lion Tony & Lady Nancy Montes). When they told me that this was MY funeral I tried to escape, but before I knew it I was being picked up and placed inside the box...which they then pad-locked and screwed shut. I was cradled in darkness.

Next, my fellow Millbrae Lions picked up the casket and paraded musically to the nearby fountain with drums and a horn while shading themselves with umbrellas. After a lively funeral procession my fellow Millbrae Lion pallbearers took the casket into the fountain and set it down deep into the water. Onlookers were concerned for my health due to the heat and the casket's lack of oxygen. Suddenly the crowd heard a voice from behind them shout "Hey, you forgot me"! The all turned and saw ME, not inside the casket, but suddenly standing up on the edge of the fountain! Was it magic? Was it a miracle? Ha Ha, I will never tell...well maybe I will if you ask me. After the miraculous appearance Lion PP Don Beyer announced that I would be CREAM-ated, and with that my fellow Millbrae Lions set me down on the casket in the fountain and covered me with whipped-cream THOUROUGHLY and EVERYWHERE!

So many thanks to all who participated in my funeral and CREAM-ation. The pictures say it all. Now that I have survived I can concentrate on preparing for my term as Millbrae Lions Club President.

If you ever want to publicize a club event, please email your event flyer to me at [Lionpaul@chapelofthehighlands.com](mailto:Lionpaul@chapelofthehighlands.com) and I will spread the word. Take care, Lion Paul Larson ~ 4-C4 Newsletter Editor.

Articles & photos may be submitted to **Lion Editor Paul Larson** for publication in *The Scratching Post* via email to [lionpaul@chapelofthehighlands.com](mailto: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 club officers via their email. Thank you for your cooperation.



## Lion Jim Bigelow's Convention details for Southern 4-C4 Clubs



As you are aware the Lions District 4-C4 Convention was held in Sacramento this past few days. Current Vice District Governor Emil Kantola was elected District Governor for next fiscal year and Lion Ken Ibarra was elected Vice District Governor. The convention was well attended and followed the published schedule pretty well. Lions International Director

Wayne Davis and his wife Lion Majorie were at the convention and Director Wayne provided remarks to those attending the convention on various topics through the convention.

On Friday the luncheon was to honor all Club Presidents in the District. Those receiving Lions District 4-C4 Certificates of Appreciation were Club Presidents Bill Robertson, Atherton Lions, Freda Johnson, East Palo Alto Lions, Phyllis Van De Mark, Menlo Park Live Oak Lions, John Fenstermaker, Menlo Park Host Lions Club, and Marylou Robson, Palo Alto Host Lions. No Club Presidents were present from these Clubs so I have all the certificates which will be presented in the near future at your Club meeting except that Lion Al Thomas has the one for Lion Marylou Robson. The District really appreciated your support this year!

The following District 4-C4 Membership Contest awards were presented at the Convention:

- 2007-2008 Membership Contest Retention 1 to 29 members to the Atherton Lions Club
- 2007-2008 Invite A Guest Contest 1 to 29 members and the Fred Newman Perpetual Award District-wide went to the East Palo Alto Lions Club
- 2007-2008 Membership Contest Most Members to Bring in One - 1 to 29 members went to Menlo Park Host Lions Club.
- 2007-2008 Membership Contest Retention 30 to 50 Members went to Palo Alto Host Lions Club

There were no other Club representatives present so I received the awards at the Convention and will be getting them to each Club in the near future.

On Saturday morning the District conducted a Memorial Service for those Lions who have departed. There were two from our area being remembered. Those were Lion President Lion Rita Gado who passed away while leading her Club and Lion Susan Lubais of the Palo Alto Host Lions Club. A total of sixteen Lions were remembered.

There were a number of District Committee reports provided which reflected activity through the year in our District. Lion

Ken Ibarra, Chair of the Youth & Community Activity Ticket Program indicated that 14,243 YCA ticket books were sold this year setting a record. So over \$140,000 was raised by the 35 District 4-C4 Club participating and two from outside the District. At the end of the Awards and Recognitions on Saturday morning the YCA Ticket Checks were distributed by Lion Ken to the Clubs. PDG Don Stanaway indicated the Lions Eye Foundation provided a record number of operations and procedures to those in need of sight assistance. I reported as District Habitat Chair the various projects underway in the District and that after ten years as Chair would be passing on the responsibility as of July 1st to PDG Ray Rosenthal who will become the new District Habitat Chair.

DG Elect Emil Kantola has organized his District 4-C4 Cabinet Officers for next fiscal year beginning July 1st. At the Convention Lion Emil indicated he was appointing Erik Winkle of the Burlingame Lions Club to be Chair of Region Three and I will assume the Region Three Zone Three Chair as of July 1st. Current Region Three Chair will move to be Region Two Chair. Lion Paul Larson the current District Bulletin Editor will have pictures and more information in the next District Newsletter. Lion Paul has really done an excellent job as this years District Newsletter Editor!!!!

Sacramento was very hot and on Saturday for the mid-day Food Fair it was really hot!!!!!!!

Jim Bigelow, Region Three Zone Three Chair

## Lions on par at Convention Golf



Don't look at the below left picture if you are squeamish. This is how our Lions played on Thurs. May 15th at Hagen Oaks Golf Course in Sacramento.





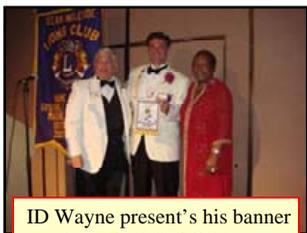
## Well Wishes and Words of Wisdom from Lion ID Wayne

**Editor's Note:** The following email was requested by DG Maxine to be sent to International Director Wayne Davis who visited us at our Sacramento Convention.

From: Lion Paul =o)  
 To: Lion (07-08 ID) Wayne E. Davis  
 Cc: Lion (07-08 4-C4 Team) DG Maxine Frazier  
 Sent: Monday, May 19, 2008 7:30 PM  
 Subject: Greetings from District 4-C4 in California...

*Greetings Lion ID Wayne and Lady Marge.*

*On behalf of District Governor Maxine Frazier and all the Lions of District 4-C4 we are sending you a big THANK YOU for spending an outstanding weekend with us at our*



ID Wayne present's his banner to Lion Paul & DG Maxine

*convention in Sacramento, California. The responses we've received from our members are enthusiastic and they thoroughly enjoyed your presence. You and Marge are one of the best ID "teams" that has ever come to visit us.*

*It was wonderful meeting you in person, and Governor Maxine and I look forward to working together with you at some point in the very near future.*



Lady Marge, Lion Paul Larson & ID Wayne

From: Wayne E. Davis [mailto:wedavis@comcast.net]  
 Sent: Monday, May 19, 2008 9:17 PM  
 To: Lion Paul =o)  
 Subject: Re: Greetings from District 4-C4 in California...

*Lion Paul,*

*Thanks for your kind words! Lion Marge and I thank Governor Maxine, you and the Lions of 4-C4 for making our visit to your district as one of the most memorable and definitely the most fun!!!*

*Our hope is that we will be working and being with "you all" in 4-C4 again. We would love to come back.*

*ID WD (:>)*

## Many Convention Thanks and Congratulations from Lion Lydia Taylor

Fellow Lions,

Congratulations to District Governor elect Emil Kantola and Vice District Governor elect Ken Ibarra. Congratulations to the 2008 – 2009 Cabinet. I am positive that under the leadership of Governor elect Emil Kantola the 2008 – 2009 year will be a very successful year.

District Convention, May 14 – 18, Radisson Hotel, Sacramento, California was over the top. It was all because of the members of District 4-C4. Thank you for all your support at the Convention. You may have been

an escort, bartender, food provider, assisted in setting up the rooms, whatever role you played, thank you. You



Lion Lydia surrounded by her new singing group Theresa, Helen & Odie: "The Glamour Girls"

were willing to do the tedious and time-consuming jobs. It is the little things that give substance and lasting value to the accomplishment. I appreciate all that you did no matter how small. It was truly a pleasure working with all of you. Thank you for a job well done. Thank you! Thank you!

Yours in Lionism  
 Lion Lydia Taylor  
 Executive Director



## Big Winners in the Convention Ballot Box



We are all very happy with the Ballot results from the BIG VOTE at our District 4-C4 Convention. VDG Email Kantola won an approved of 97% to become District Governor and Lion Ken Ibarra won a 94% approval for VDG. Also all the constitutional amendments were

approved along with the Radisson Hotel as our convention location for 2010-2011. Thanks to all who participated in this important election, and congratulations to our newly elected DG and VDG!

DISTRICT 4-C4  
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS  
May 17, 2008

VOTE FOR ONE	
DISTRICT GOVERNOR Emil Kantola, Pacific Lions Club	97%
VOEG DISTRICT GOVERNOR Ken Ibarra, San Bruno Lions Club	94%
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAW CHANGES FOR 2008	
Amendment #1. This amendment makes the annual Governor signature to available for Adult Conventions.	YES 93% NO 5% NO 2%
Amendment #2. This amendment adjusts the date the Convention Report is due in the District to no later than June 30th of the year in which the Convention was held.	YES 91% NO 9%
Amendment #3. This amendment requires that the winners for the first place winner of checks be distributed no later than the date of the annual District 4-C4 Convention.	YES 91% NO 9%
Amendment #4. This amendment requires that the annual report be submitted 30 days prior to the District Convention meeting instead of 60 days prior to the Fall Convention meeting.	YES 91% NO 9%
Amendment #5. This amendment requires that the annual tax return be filed by November 1st of each year. This is 15 days prior to the due date of the annual return.	YES 91% NO 9%
Amendment #6. This amendment changes the due dates of the dues from August 31st and February 15th to 30 days of the invoice date sent by ICA.	YES 90% NO 10%
Amendment #7. Each year the District Governor shall give a minimum of \$2,000 to the state allocated for by the District. This amendment changes the date that the funds are turned over from June 30th to May 31st.	YES 90% NO 10%
2010-2011 CONVENTION SITE	
Radisson Hotel in Sacramento	WAS CHOSEN
Radisson Hotel in Modesto	VALIDATED TO VOTE
Radisson Hotel in Sacramento	

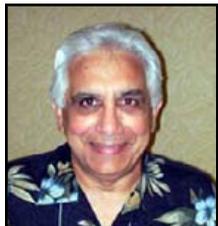
James Chicklis  
8:43am Sunday 5/18/08

## Convention Pictures: Laughter





## Spotlight: Half Moon Bay Lion Ron Fenech



Close to 25 years as a Lion has been very rewarding. Both as a San Bruno and Half Moon Bay Lion, I've been President of each and made many life long friends. I've learned to work hard within each club, have fun and give back to the community of which I live.

One of my proudest moments was sponsoring my son Beau into the Half Moon Bay Club installed by PDG Mel Phillips who brought me into Lionism. I hope to continue in Lionism for life, and work with the many great friends and people I met along the way.

Ron Fenech  
H.M.B Lion President.

## Convention Pictures: Entertainments





### Convention Pictures: Memorial

On the morning of Saturday, May 17th District 4-C4 remembered those Lions who passed away during the 2007-2008 term. Each year PDG George and Lady Helen Habeb prepare a wonderful tribute with a Memorial Service and visual presentation. A living plant was presented to the club or family of the late Lions. We all appreciate the



many efforts that these fallen Lions have given to Lionism, and we will always remember them in our hearts.

### Convention Pictures: Leos

On Saturday, May 17th Leos from SF Chinatown and the Millbrae Leos boarded a special Leo bus and headed to Sacramento to spend the afternoon with us at our District 4-C4 Convention. Thanks to the Leo Advisors who accompanied the Leos on this



trip and for their leadership in guiding the Leos in serving their communities.

### Convention Pictures: Amusements



This is our incoming Vice District Governor





### Convention Pictures: Camaraderie



### Convention Pictures: Elegance





## Convention Pictures: Awards & Acknowledgements



## SF Hispanic Lions Successful Cinco de Mayo at College of Alameda





## Lion Verdie Thompson's Spectacular Retirement Party

On the evening of Saturday May 10th, 2008 Lions from District 4-C4 arrived at the Hilton Garden Inn in Emeryville for a very entertaining affair celebrating the retirement of Lion Verdie Thompson. Along with her co-workers at the Berkeley Health Department and other organizations that Lion Verdie belongs to, members of her own SSF Golden Gate Lions Club were attending in full force. Singer LynAnn King performed as Lion Verdie's friends, family and well wishers mingled with cocktails. During Dinner the crowd was entertained by Filipino Folk Dancers, and to

top off the evening "Elvis" burst into the room and sang to throngs of wooing female fans. A special power-point slide show was presented with pictures that reminisced about Lion Verdie's long time career. Before the evening concluded with exuberant dancing, the microphone was passed around the room for the opportunity to express sentiments about Lion Verdie. Thank you Lion Verdie for a wonderful time, and we all look forward to your continued success with any new endeavors around District 4-C4.

From Lion Paul Larson ~ Newsletter Editor.



## Millbrae Lions Club Hosts Peninsula Council with BBQ Steak Dinner

On Monday, May 19th, 2008 the Millbrae Lions Club hosted an unforgettable special evening for the Peninsula Council of Lions. District Governor Maxine, VDG Emil and Lions from various clubs on the Peninsula & San Francisco arrived at the Dave Chetcuti Room in Millbrae to find a festive atmosphere with multi-colored table cloths and a wonderful BBQ steak, Pasta & Salad meal. In addition a delicious cake was served for desert and a raffle of high quality prizes from MLC President John Muniz topped off the event. Peninsula Council President Bob Wilson commenced with standard Council business along with a thankful speech from DG Maxine in regards to the outstanding convention weekend which just ended. Also emotional words of gratitude from SF

Council President Margaret Lee regarding the recent earthquake in China. Thank you to the Millbrae Lions & Leos for the exceptional evening, and to all the 4-C4 Lions in attendance who remarked that the venue and food were excellent. We all had a great time.

From Lion Paul Larson ~ Newsletter Editor.





## Lion DG Maxine welcomes our new Lions to District 4-C4

Each month Lion DG Maxine will be welcoming each new Lion to the family of Lions Clubs in District 4-C4. Congratulations new Lions...you are now part of something special!

*April 2008*

Member	Club	Sponsor
Sharon Brande	Foster City	Amor Traceski
Martin Baker	San Francisco Fil Am	Augusto Valera, Jr.
Elizabeth Shurko	San Francisco Fil Am	Augusto Valera, Jr.
Rosa Maria Gonzalez	San Francisco Hispanic	Gilbert Crespo
Michael Federman	San Francisco Host	Magdalena Gulen



## PDG Roger Chinn's Update on the Veteran's Fishing Program

This Lions' year 2007-08, our District voted to sanction the Veterans Fishing Project as a District program, thanks to the encouragement of many Lions, especially District Governor Maxine. For the past seven years, we have been taking veterans from the Menlo Park VA Hospital on all day trips away from their medication, and away from the hospital, doctors and nurses. Each trip has been very popular with the veterans; the trips are immediately filled to capacity and has required us to restrict veterans to wait at least every other trip.



involvement with other VA hospitals, veteran groups, and 4-C4 Lions wanting to start their own fishing project; in addition, we will offer MD4 Lions assistance to start similar programs. A new direction for this project this year will be to team Lions with active servicemen and -women, especially those waiting for or returning from active duty elsewhere, to take them on picnics, lake and river recreation as well as ocean fishing trips.

Due to interest by our Lions throughout the District, a group of Lions have applied for and received nonprofit status; the name of the organization is Lions Veterans Charities Inc. We have been raising funds, starting with the Foster City Lions' Abalone Dinner last December; we have also received donations from Lions and, recently, \$2,000 from the San Bruno Lions. These funds will be used as "seed money" to supplement, support and expand this project. A board of directors has been organized; members are:



If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact any one of the directors. Contributions may be made to Lions Veterans Charities, Inc. and mailed to Treasurer Rich Lee, 2089 Queens Lane, San Mateo 94402. If you know of any organization wishing to hear about the program, please contact Lion Roger Chinn, (650) 345-2877 or [roger@chinnassociates.com](mailto:roger@chinnassociates.com). We will be asking all 4-C4 Lions Clubs to also help by including this project in their annual budget to help sustain this program.

Lions Rich Lee, Steve Moore, Fred Kelley, Scot Addis, Frank Rescino and Roger Chinn. Your help and support will be appreciated. Plans for this coming year include



## District 4-C4 Sunshine Report by Lion Barbara Fields



Dear Lions:

Please include the following Lions who we've lost & their families in your prayers: SF Nikkei Lion Kazuo Kataoka; SF Sunset Lion Gail Wood; SF Hispanic Lion Luis Perez; SF Nikkei Lion Ichiro "Scratch" Sugiyama; and Lion Chuck Ayala's wife Bernice.

Remember any Lions & family who are ailing and our thought and prayers go out to them.

Please let me know of any illness or deaths in your club, my e-mail [barbara.k.fields@sbcglobal.net](mailto:barbara.k.fields@sbcglobal.net) or phone 650-359-1259 if I am not there please leave a message .

Lion Barbara Fields, 4-C4 Sunshine Chair.

### SF Bayview H.P. Lions Report

Our club, Bayview Hunters Point Lions Club received a check for \$1065.00 for the YCA Fundraiser.

In Lionism, Lion William L. Casey

## Half Moon Bay Lions are becoming a Family Affair

Most clubs have members who are brothers, fathers and sons or husbands and wives. Half Moon Bay may be unique because it has 2 family units what include 3 generations of the same family. In addition, they also have 2 husband-wife units, a father-son unit, a mother-daughter unit and a father-daughter unit and a mother-son unit.



Cameron Jeffs along with Bob Myers and Buzz Myers

Not to be outdone, are President Ron Fenech and his son Beau, Past President Jim Asche and his daughter Audrey, Suzanne Mau and daughter Alex Smookler. Beau and Audrey have been Lions for about 6 months and have already shown their skills flipping burgers and working the booth at our fundraisers. Both have perfect attendance, too.

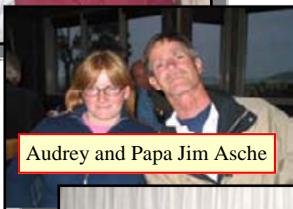
Many Region 3 Lions know past Zone Chair Bob Myers, but did you know that his dad Buzz was also a Zone Chair? Now there is a 3rd member of the Myers clan, Cameron Jeffs, who is HMB's new Treasurer. Lion Cameron is actually married to Bob's daughter, Becky who is ready to deliver the couple's 2nd child. Could one of Cameron and Becky's children make us the first club with 4 generations from the same family? Come back in about 18 years and we'll let you know!



Yola, Steve and Marisa Picchi

Suzanne and Alex are both new members. Suzanne is the wife of recently deceased member Mike Smookler. Alex brought Mike to a few meetings during Mike's illness and was inducted just after his death while Suzanne joined a couple of months later.

Alex has been a involved in the Wild Game Feed while Suzanne has helped with the WGF, but also led a major "Rebuilding Together" project in El Granada.



Audrey and Papa Jim Asche

The HMB Lions are proud to be called a "family club", but they don't sit around and do tea's and socials. This is a hard working club with 6 of its newest members under 30 years old. For a 61 year old club, HMB is looking and acting pretty young these days.

Then there is the Picchi family. Lion Yola Picchi is the matriarch who gets to put up with her two sons, Steve and Rich. If that isn't enough Picchi's, along comes Lion Steve's daughter Marisa who just finished a term as Tail Twister and will stay on the Board of Directors. Marisa is also the Student Speaker Chair of the HMB Club. Marisa and her husband Ireneo have no children yet, so the Myers clan is still leading in the race for the 4th generation.



Ron and Beau Fenech

Want a challenge? Try to catch up to the HMB Lions!



Alex Smookler and Mom Suzanne visit with DG Maxine and Alex's boyfriend Joshua Pendergrass (also a new HMB Lion)



## Remembering SF Nikkei Lion Scratch

San Francisco Nikkei club members are saddened to report the passage of long-time club member Lion Ichiro "Scratch" Sugiyama who passed away on Friday, May 16, 2008. Lion Scratch joined the Nikkei Lions on June 1, 1971 and actively supported district 4C4 and our club. Lion Scratch served for more than 20 years as the credentials and registration chair at 4C4 conventions and served for many consecutive years as our Nikkei club secretary.

Scratch's memorial service will be on May 31st, Saturday, 2pm, at Christ United Presbyterian Church at Laguna and Sutter streets, San Francisco.



Lion Scratch (center in blue sweater) during a SF Nikkei meeting with a visiting Lion from Japan

## District Governor Maxine wants you to remember

**LCIF**  
LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION  
All Lions Clubs ~ All Lions  
China Earthquake Relief

Fellow Lions,

As we are aware China was recently hit with a massive earthquake and suffered a great disaster, thousands are dead many more thousands are injured and hundreds of thousands are homeless.

We as Lions have always risen up, reached into our pockets and given funds to be sent to the stricken area... Fellow lions that time is upon us again.

LCIF has set up a China Earthquake Relief Fund.

Donations of any amount are welcome.

Please make your checks payable to: LCIF and in the Memo part put Lions China Earthquake Relief Fund our make them out to District 4-C4 and please send all checks to me, I will then send them on to LCIF.

I will keep an account of each Donation. The club with the Highest Donation Total will receive an award from the District.

At this time LCIF is not giving out Melvin Jones Awards for these donations if that changes I will let you know.

With all of us living in Earthquake Country, I can not imagine an Earthquake the magnitude that struck China and it lasted more than 3 minutes. When one hits here and lasts a few seconds I'm ready to hit the road.

Please be generous, remember the funds may be coming our way some day.

Thank you

Lion Mike Simonini  
Cabinet Treasurer  
1075 Vista Grande  
Millbrae, CA 94030

**50 Years of Service**  
1960 2010

**LIONS EYE FOUNDATION OF CALIFORNIA-NEVADA INC**

**Vital Request**  
To all District 4-C4 Clubs:

District Governor Maxine Frazier has announced that the Lions Eye Foundation is experiencing a lack of new patients at San Francisco's California Pacific Medical Center. Doctors are waiting and ready to care for needy patients, and the Lions Eye Foundation is waiting and ready to assist those who don't have the means to pay for their sight related medical needs.

**THIS IS A SERIOUS SITUATION.** There are people out in our communities who need help with their eyes, but don't know who to turn to. Please make it known around your community that the L.E.F. is available **RIGHT NOW** to assist those in need of help. We know that they are out there so **ASK, INQUIRE, and MAKE IT KNOWN** to local Eye Doctors, Nurses Associations, Hospitals, Clinics and other medical and eye related organizations that the L.E.F. is asking for referrals and is anxious to serve. **TIME IS WASTING** for those who need eye help...**they could go blind at any time**...so make this request your **TOP PRIORITY**.

**Mission Statement**

The Lions Eye Foundation preserves and restores the gift of sight by providing free ophthalmic examinations, operations and medications to the less fortunate members of our community.

Please visit our website:  
lionseyeca-nv.org

Contact  
Lion PDG Pat Battaglia at (650) 364-3617 or  
Lion PDG Don Stanaway at (650) 697-6779

### District 4-C4 ~ Article IV - Territory

Section 1. All territory embraced by the Association of Lions Clubs, District 4-C4, Lions International, shall be as follows: all Lions Clubs now existing and to hereafter exist in the counties of San Francisco and San Mateo, and the city of Palo Alto in Santa Clara County.



## Name Selected in District Governor's Kitten Naming Contest

May 6, 2008—I was informed by DG Maxine that the winner of the Kitten Naming Contest was Lion Sandee Ige who came up with the name “Miss Daisy”. This name has been used in the past when DG Maxine has traveled as a passenger to various events. When asked how



the District Governor arrived it was humorous to comment that the driver was “Driving Miss Daisy”. Thanks for all the great names turned in and for your kind sentiments to DG Maxine on the loss of Miss Ginger. Lion Paul Larson ~ 4-C4 Newsletter Editor

## Congratulations to New Incoming Newsletter Editor Lion Randy Sahae

As of this July I will be stepping down as 4-C4 Newsletter Editor so I can fully devote my time as President of the Millbrae Lions Club. Taking over as 2008-2009 Newsletter Editor will be Millbrae Lion Randy Sahae. She is a former Millbrae Lions Bulletin Editor and has done a won-

derful job in the past. If you have questions for her you can email her at [rfsahae@aol.com](mailto:rfsahae@aol.com). You may still send your info to me until June 20th. Thanks for all your support and for your well written articles and pictures. Lion Paul Larson ~ 4-C4 Newsletter Editor.

## Important Dates and Upcoming Events



### 4-C4 Cabinet Meetings

The Cabinet Meetings for the term are over, but you still can plan on attending the upcoming SF Council or Peninsula Council meetings. Contact Margaret Lee or Bob Wilson for dates..

### Special Activities

Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to attend the various upcoming Installations for the new 2008-2009 Lions Clubs Officers in District 4-C4. Please look at your email for IMPORTANT LIONS INFO announcing further details.

### Student Speaker Completion Dates

Theme: “Immigration: My Solution”

Area Contest—May 19, 2008  
MD-4 Final—June 7, 2008

Make sure all contestants are informed of these dates, and that the final dates will be decided soon. In no event will the final dates for each portion of the contest be any later than the dates listed above. It is the contestant's responsibility to be available for all presently listed and future Student Speaker Contest Dates should they progress toward the Finals.

### Club Secretaries take note:

Your monthly MMR & MAR are both due into LCI and 4-C4 Cabinet Secretary Marian Mann no later than the **5th** day of each month!



# The Scratching Post

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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.

## 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.



2007-2008 District Governor's Award  
**Lion Mike Simonini**