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A message from your District Governor Mike Simonini

To All Lions

May 20, 2011

Well another GREAT convention has come and gone. New District officers have been elected.

Starting in July, the new officers will be District Governor Esther Lee, 1st Vice District Governor Bob Wilson and 2nd Vice District Governor Steve Picchi. District Secretary will be Ora Seyler, District Treasurer Mario Benavente.

A full list of the entire region, zone, newsletter editor and all the rest of the District Cabinet will be listed in the newsletter. My guest was ID Dan O'Reilly and his spouse Lion Maryann from Stickney IL. Dan and Maryann were just great to be with, they enjoyed themselves and almost didn't

want to leave. One of the things that they both enjoyed was the fact that we have fun between our meetings, they both said that

at most conventions it's all business, cabinet meetings and training classes. Those of you that have been to our conventions know that we save our training classes for a different date.

Both enjoyed the hospitality rooms, skits, tail twister, barber

shop quartet and the international square. The one thing that they enjoyed very much but are not go-

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Pictured at the 4-C4 Convention during the Saturday night banquet are (L to R) DG Mike & Lady Jane Simonini along with visiting dignitaries Lion Maryanne & International Director Daniel O'Reilly.



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



A message from DGE Esther



Convention is over and to all the attendees I hope you all enjoyed yourselves and to those who were unable to attend I hope you will make plans to attend the next one. The Amateur contest was hilarious, The “synchronized swimming.” was truly fun, swimming on stage? That was ingenious.

On May 5-8th, Lion Leland and I were guests at the District Convention of District 4-C5 and as usual I picked up a thing or two which we can use in our District. The few activities similar to ours are the Food Fair and costume parade. I was impressed by Marriott Hotel which is the venue because they joined in the Food Fair, served ice cream, a few of their Executives showed up, mingled and even donated all the “meats” (bacon/sausage/ham) for their Sunday breakfast. On Saturday night, their Gala Event, started with dancing and then program. Oh, another thing, on Thursday night after dinner we formed teams to play Wii Bowling at the suite of DG Richard Wilmot.

Now, after the fun, we have to get to work. It is no secret that our Membership has dropped drastically and I am calling on all of you join us in our recruitment effort to keep our district viable. I’m sure you know of the power of “ONE.” Can you imagine if each one of you invited a guest, recruit one member each and we continually do so. We have to think of renewing, re-

A message from 1st VDGE Bob

We danced, laughed and talked a lot at the Rock ‘n Roll is Here to Stay 2011 Convention in Sacramento. Congratulations to Lion Esther Lee on her well deserved election as District Governor Elect and Lion Steve Picchi on his election to serve as 2nd Vice District Governor Elect. I am honored and thank you for electing me to serve as your 1st Vice District Governor Elect. It is with sincere appreciation that I thank District Governor Mike Simonini, PDG Maxine Frasier and the convention committee for being such gracious hosts throughout the convention! Thank you to all who participated in this outstanding weekend! I



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Pictured at the 4-C5 (District from the Sacramento area) Convention at the Marriott Hotel in San Ramon are (L to R) First Lady (4-C5) Lion Sandy Wilmot; Lion Josephine and DGE James Fong; and their guests 4-C4 1st VDG Esther and Lion Leland Lee.

placing-dropped, deceased, moved, transferred members continuously. A dropped in club membership affects the District, the MD-4 and most of all, the club itself, because there will be less

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From the Editor's Desk

Greetings Lions of District 4-C4!

All the talk seems to be "Convention Convention Convention". No wonder because this past convention was fantastic! Big deal that it was cold and raining (it normally is too hot)...the Lions of District 4-C4 made up for a little bit of lousy weather with a giant amount of enthusiasm and fun! The clubs that participated in festivities such as the costume parade, barber-shop quartet contest, hospitality suite decorating contest, tail-twister skit contest, talent show skit contest, food fair offerings, et cetera, all excelled in their creativity and revelry. Yay to all the clubs who experienced the 2011 Sacramento Convention!

I was happy to hear ID Dan remark to convention goers that he regularly has been receiving our 4-C4 District Newsletter and announcements...which was surprising considering that an International Director from Illinois is more informed on the happenings around San Francisco & Peninsula Lions Clubs than some members in our own district. I will very much appreciate a favor from our new batch of



During the 4-C4 Convention Saturday Banquet are Millbrae Lions (L to R) back row: Lady (BASO Lion) Helen Habeeb; Sir Yati Sahae & Lion Pres. Randy; Lorrie Kalos-Gunn; Lady Carol & Ron Frediani; Paul Larson; Mary Griffin; PDG George Habeeb; front row: Hardit & Madhu Chaudhary and Lion (BASO) Walt Ramseur.

incoming club Presidents to make sure that next term's dis-

trict announcements will be forwarded to each of your club members email. That will also make our new DG Esther happy too.

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.

Have a wonderful June and I hope to see you at the upcoming District Officer's training on June 11th.

Lion Paul Larson ~
District 4-C4 Newsletter Editor

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ing to tell anyone back home was the initiation of the Millbrae and San Bruno incoming presidents. They said that C4 is a little too wild and wanted to know why anyone would want to be the president of either club. Having been President of Millbrae once I wondered myself. At the Saturday night banquet, it was time to present the major awards. A new one this year is the Outstanding Club President Award, this went to Lion Eleanor Lindquist from the Foster City Lions Club. The Si Moyer-Rick Nuccitelli

Award went to Lion Jim Bigelow from the Menlo Park Host Lions Club; The LION of the YEAR award went to Lion Lydia Taylor from the Merced Heights Lions Club. These lions, as well as those Lions that received certificates of appreciations from International President Scruggs, Secretary, and Treasurer and other awards and certificates are all very deserving and I thank them for their service to the District. I'm sure a list of the Club winners will
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Bravo to 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





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

look forward to seeing you at next year's convention – stay tuned for more details!

June 11 is an important date for all Lions serving as officers for 2011-12. Why, you ask. This is the date for Officer Training at the Belle Air School, 450 3rd Avenue, San Bruno (see flyer in the district email announcements for details). See you there for training. And, YES (!), it will be educational and fun.
Live well, Love much and Laugh Often
Yours in Lionism,
Lion Bob Wilson
2nd VDG 4-C4



Pictured at the 4-C4 Convention at the Sacramento Red Lion Hotel during the Thursday, May 12th evening buffet dinner are (L to R) 1st VDG Elect Bob & Lion Alison Wilson having an enjoyable time.

A Special Convention Thank You From PDG Maxine Frazier



Pictured on Saturday May 14th during the afternoon food fair at the 4-C4 Convention at the Sacramento Red Lion Hotel is Lion Paul Larson with PDG Maxine (this picture was taken by Lion Rudy Pedagat).

The 2011 convention committee certainly does appreciate and wants to thank everyone that came out to attend the 4-C4 Convention this May in Sacramento. Those that did not come missed a grand time of having fun. Congratulations to our new officers, District Governor elect Esther Lee; 1st Vice District Governor Elect Bob Wilson and 2nd Vice District Governor Steve Picchi. Thank you all very much on behalf of PDG Maxine Frazier - Convention Chair; PCC Emil Kantola - Housing Chair; and Immediate Past District Governor Ken Ibarra - Registration Chair.

Happy Faces: Highlights of the Sacramento Convention

Surrounding Pictures: At the Friday May 13th breakfast hosted by the "Peninsula Council of Lions Clubs" and the "SF Coordinating Council of Lions Clubs" are 1. BVHP



Lions Club President Gwen Strain; 2. Incoming 2011-2012 PCL Officers (L to R) 1st VP Paul Larson; IPP Rudy Pedagat; PP Toni Nava; President Mario Benavente and Treasurer Ora Seyler. (Continued on page 7)





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be in this news letter also.

Thank You to the convention committee for putting on a fantastic convention.

This is my next to last message (OK stop all that celebrating). Jane and me (I sounds better but this

spelling and grammar thing keeps changing it) have had a great time (most of it) so in case I forget in the next message,

THANK YOU ALL

DGE Esther's Message (continued from page 2)

manpower to serve the community. Just look around you, watch the news, all the devastation in this country, one that is closer is the San Bruno Disaster which until now is not resolved and I thanked the Lions for coming together last Sunday, May 22nd to provide a meal for the 400 residents affected. Thanks to IPDG Ken for coordinating. The clubs from San Bruno, BASO, Burlingame, Pacifica, Brisbane, SF Golden Gate, Foster City, Millbrae, Redwood City Sunrise and SF Marina-North Beach were present.

LCI Incoming President, Dr. Wing Kun Tam will

be Installing the District 4-C4 Cabinet Officers at the Hilton Hotel, Burlingame, CA on August 21, 2011, please save the date. You should be receiving the invitations shortly. Let's show him a great 4-C4 welcome!

Thank you my fellow Lions for electing me as your District Governor for 2011-2012.

In Lionism,

Lion Esther Lee
DGE-District 4-C4



Sunshine Report by Lion Yvonne Kantola

The following cards were sent out this past month:

- Condolence card to the family of Morris Bell of Half Moon Bay
- Thinking of you card to Kris Bakshi of Foster City
- Get well soon to Brenden Cosgrove of Belmont
- Get well card to Lynn Van Etten, spouse of Jack Van Etten of Burlingame
- Get well card to Benito Garcia of South San Francisco Host
- Condolence card to the family of Jim Stephens of Foster City

As always, if you know of a Lion who needs some sunshine, let me know and I'll be happy to send a card.



Lion Yvonne Kantola
Past President
Pacifica Lions

Certified Guiding Lion
Family & Women Membership
Development Chairperson
District 4 C4



Happy Faces: Highlights from the Convention (continued from page 5)



Pictured on Friday, March 13th at the "Partners in Service" Social Hour are (L to R) **back row**: Mary Lustenberger (wife of PDG Don); Helen Habeeb (wife of PDG George); Loretta Russell (wife of PDG Al); Janet Kishimoto (wife of Lion Dick); Jane Simonini (wife of DG Mike); Ruth Hernandez (wife of Lion Al); **front row**: Mary Picchi (wife of Lion Rich); Yola Picchi (mother of Steve & Rich); Rosie Picchi (wife of Lion Steve); and Pat Phillips (wife of PDG Mel). (Continued on page 11)

Hooray to the Winning Clubs!

D4C4 - 011 Convention Contest Winners

BARBERSHOP QUARTET CONTEST:

First Place Millbrae Lions
 Second Place San Bruno Lions
 Third Place SSF Golden Gate Lions

COSTUME PARADE CONTEST:

First Place San Bruno Lions
 Second Place SSF Golden Gate Lions
 Third Place Burlingame Lions

AMATEUR SHOW CONTEST:

First Place Millbrae Lions
 Second Place San Bruno Lions
 Third Place Burlingame Lions
 Fourth Place SF Bayview Hunters Point Lions
 Fifth Place SSF Golden Gate Lions

HOSPITALITY ROOM CONTEST:

First Place Burlingame Lions
 Second Place Millbrae Lions
 Third Place SF Bayview Hunters Point Lions
 Fourth Place SSF Golden Gate Lions
 Fifth Place SF Marina North Beach Lions

TAIL TWISTER CONTEST:

First Place SSF Golden Gate Lions
 Second Place Millbrae Lions
 Third Place San Bruno Lions
 Fourth Place Burlingame Lions
 Fifth Place SF Geneva-Mission Lions

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR CONTEST:

BEST APPETIZER:

First Place Millbrae Lions
 First Place Brisbane Lions
 Second Place SSF Golden Gate Lions
 Third Place Redwood Shores Lions

BEST MAIN DISH:

First Place SF Chinatown Lions
 Second Place SF Marina North Beach Lions
 Third Place SF Nikkei Lions
 SSF Golden Gate Lions
 Fourth Place San Carlos Lions
 Fifth Place San Bruno Lions
 Sixth Place SF Circle Lions
 SF Fil-Am Lions
 SF Premier Lions

BEST DESSERT:

First Place Foster City Lions
 SF Highlands Lions
 Second Place SF The Castro Lions
 Third Place Half Moon Bay Lions
 Fourth Place Burlingame Lions
 Fifth Place SF Bayview Hunters Point Lions

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Hooray to the Winning Clubs! (continued from page 7)

District 4-C4 2010-2011 Contest Winners

Contest	Perpetual Award	Spec	Category	Category Winner
Blood Donor			1 to 29	None reported
			30 to 50	San Bruno
			51+	Foster City
	Dr. Gus Kerhulis Trophy	<35		None reported
	Gil Larish Trophy	36>		Foster City
Bulletin			Monthly	Daly City Host
			Weekly	Burlingame
			Semimonthly	Foster City
	Phil Ritzau Plaque			Burlingame
Community Service			1 to 29	Redwood City Sunrise
			30 to 50	Daly City Host
			51+	Millbrae
	The Lions Roar Plaque/Community Service			Redwood City Sunrise
Eyeglass Collection			1 to 29	Redwood City Sunrise
			30 to 50	Daly City Host
			51+	Burlingame
	Matt Boxer Plaque	<35		Redwood City Sunrise
	Bob Rose Plaque	36>		Daly City Host
Fagan			1 to 29	
			30 to 50	None reported
			51+	
	There is no perpetual award.			
Fundraising			1 to 29	Redwood City Sunrise
			30 to 50	San Bruno
			51+	SF Chinatown
	The Lions Roar Plaque/Fundraising			San Bruno
Hearing Conservation				
Most Money Collected	George Habeeb Plaque			Redwood City Sunrise
Most Life Memberships Sold - Ear of the Lion				
	Gary Donnellan Trophy			None reported
Overall			1 to 29	Redwood City Sunrise
<i>George Habeeb Plaque is used for this contest even though the wording is different</i>			30 to 50	None reported
			51+	None reported
Inter-club Visitations			1 to 29	SF Ocean Ingleside
			30 to 50	South San Francisco Host
			51+	SF Chinatown
	Joseph A. Giuffre Trophy			SF Ocean Ingleside

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International Relations	1 to 29 SF Premier 30 to 50 San Francisco Host 51+ SF Chinatown SF Premier
Dr. Chang Wah Lee Trophy	
Joint Ventures	1 to 29 SF Premier 30 to 50 San Francisco Host 51+ Millbrae San Francisco Host
Ray Rosenthal Plaque	
Longtail	Sandee Ige - South San Francisco Host Seventh Consecutive Connie Bridgewater - SF Ocean Ingleside Second Consecutive Gwen Strain - SF Bayview HP Second Consecutive
Membership	
Net Gain (Per Capita)	1 to 29 Redwood City Sunrise 30 to 50 San Mateo Metropolitan 51+ SF Hispanic SF Hispanic
Don Stanaway Trophy	
Scrapbook - Formal	No trophy Foster City
Scrapbook - Informal	No trophy Bay Area Special Olympics
Senior Activities	1 to 29 SF Ocean Ingleside 30 to 50 Daly City Host 51+ San Carlos SF Ocean Ingleside Daly City Host
Andy Anderson Plaque <35 Don Baciocco Plaque 36>	
White Cane	1 to 29 SF Ocean Ingleside 30 to 50 Daly City Host 51+ San Carlos SF Ocean Ingleside Daly City Host
Matthew J. Boxer Plaque <35 Annabelle Bacci Trophy 36>	
Youth & Community Activities	1 to 29 SF Merced Heights 30 to 50 SF Geneva Mission 51+ San Carlos SF Merced Heights SF Geneva Mission
Greg Hugera Trophy Alma & Rudy Laredo Plaque	
Youth Outreach	1 to 29 Redwood City Sunrise 30 to 50 Daly City Host 51+ San Carlos Redwood City Sunrise Daly City Host
George Contos Plaque <35 Dick Noftsgar Plaque 36>	
Top Club	1 to 29 SF Ocean Ingleside 30 to 50 Daly City Host 51+ San Carlos SF Ocean Ingleside
Rafe Martin Trophy	



Congratulations Incoming 2011-2012 District 4-C4 Officers

Cabinet Officers

- District Governor **ESTHER V. LEE**—
San Francisco Marina-North Beach Lions
- 1st Vice District Governor **BOB WILSON**—
Brisbane Lions
- 2nd Vice District Governor **STEPHEN PICCHI**—
Half Moon Bay Lions
- Cabinet Secretary **ORIYE “ORA” SEYLER**—
South San Francisco Golden gate Lions
- Cabinet Treasurer **MARIO BENAVENTE**—
San Bruno Lions
- Immediate Past District Governor **MIKE SIMONINI**—Millbrae Lions
- Executive Director **RUDY PEDAGAT**—
South San Francisco Golden Gate Lions
- District Bulletin Editor **DAN ANDERSEN**—
Burlingame Lions
- District Tail Twister **CONNIE BRIDGE-WATER**—San Francisco Ingleside Lions
- GMT District Coordinator **PDG RAY ROSENTHAL**—Foster City Lions (Global Membership Team)
- GLT District Coordinator **PDG KEN IBARRA**—
San Bruno Lions (Global Leadership Team)
- District Chaplain **PDG GEORGE HABEEB**—
Millbrae Lions

Region & Zone Chairs

- Region ONE Chairman **ROSA EBALO**—
San Francisco Premier Lions
- Region ONE Zone One Chairman **EVA HARMON**—San Francisco Circle Lions: (*SF Chinatown Lions; SF Korean-American Lions; SF Bay Area New Century Lions; SF Nikkei Lions; SF The Castro Lions*)
- Region ONE Zone Two Chairman **MICHAEL KAY**—San Francisco Chinatown Lions: (*SF Geneva-Mission Lions; SF Park Presidio Lions & SF Sunset Lions; SF LP TCCWA Lions; SF Ocean Ingleside Lions*)

- Region TWO Chairman **BRE JONES**—
San Francisco Geneva-Mission Lions
- Region TWO Zone One Chairman **YVONNE KANTOLA**—Pacifica Lions: (*SF Bayview Hunters Point Lions; SF Fil-Am Lions; SF Hispanic Lions; SF Merced Heights, Lions; SF State U. Lions*)
- Region TWO Zone Two Chairman **AUGUSTO VALERA JR**—San Francisco Fil-Am Lions: (*SF Circle Lions; SF Highland Lions; SF Host Lions; SF Marina-North Beach Lions; SF Premier Lions*)
- Region THREE Chairman **SANDRA “SANDEE” IGE**—South San Francisco Host Lions
- Region THREE Zone One Chairman **PAUL LARSON**—Millbrae Lions: (*Burlingame Lions; Daly City Gateway Lions; Daly City Host Lions; South San Francisco Golden Gate Lions; South San Francisco Host Lions*)
- Region THREE Zone Two Chairman **KEVIN KIELTY**—Burlingame Lions: (*Brisbane Lions; Half Moon Bay Lions; Millbrae Lions; Pacifica Lions; San Bruno Lions*)
- Region FOUR Chairman **JACK VAN ETTEN**—
Burlingame Lions
- Region FOUR Zone One Chairman **CHRISTINE CHESHIRE**—Redwood City Sunrise Lions: (*BASO Lions “Bay Area Special Olympic Lions”; Belmont Lions; Foster City Lions; San Mateo Lions; San Mateo Metropolitan Lions*)
- Region FOUR Zone Two Chairman **SYLVIA CHU**—Belmont Lions: (*Redwood City Fair Oaks Lion; Redwood City Sunrise Lions; Redwood Shores Lions; San Carlos Lions*)
- Region FOUR Zone Three Chairman **CINDY SMITH**—San Carlos Lions: (*East Palo Alto Lions—will disband in June; Menlo Park Host Lions; Menlo Park Live Oak Lions; Palo Alto Host Lions*)

Disbanded Clubs (we salute your past successes)

- *Atherton Lions Club; San Francisco Park Gate Lions Club; SF Bay Lions.*



Happy Faces: Highlights from the Convention (continued from page 7)



*Surrounding Pictures:
Lions, spouses and
guests from a variety of
4-C4 clubs enjoy the
Saturday, May 14th
evening cocktail party
and banquet.
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Surrounding Pictures - Recognition from DG Mike on Saturday night at the Gala Banquet: 1. Sandee Ige (on Saturday morning) - MD-4 Award; also Denise Kelly (right) absent for her evening Certificate from IP Scruggs III;
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2. Daly City Host Lions Club - LCI Excellence in Effort Award; 3. Smitty Smith - LCI Achievement Award Certificate; 4. Verdie Thompson - LCI Certificate of Accomplishment; 5. Jack Van Etten - LCI Certificate of Accomplishment; 6. Emil Kantola accepting for Arnie Benjamin - LCI Certificate of Achievement; 7. Roger Gulen - LCI Certificate of Achievement; 8. Jon Froomin - Medallion - Outstanding Zone Chair; 9. Al Hernandez - Medallion Outstanding Region Chair; 10. Jim Bigelow - MD-4 Award; 11. Smitty Smith for the Leos - Certificate from IP Scruggs III; 12. Kevin Kielty for the district - Certificate from IP Scruggs III; 13. Gwen Strain for her club - Certificate from IP Scruggs III; 14. PDG Maxine Frazier - Banner from visiting ID Dan; 15. IPDG Ken Ibarra - Banner from visiting ID Dan; 16. 2nd VDG Bob Wilson - Banner from visiting ID Dan; 17. 1st VDG Esther Lee - Banner from visiting ID Dan; 18. Steve Picchi - Banner from visiting ID Dan; 19. DG Mike Simonini - Banner from visiting ID Dan; 20. Steve Picchi - 4-C4 Cabinet Treasurer Award; 21. Lydia Taylor - 4-C4 Cabinet Secretary Award; 22. Eleanor Lindquist - 4-C4 Outstanding President; 23. Jim Bigelow - Si Moyer / Rick Nuccitelli District Governor's Award Trophy; 24. Lydia Taylor - District 4-C4 Lion of the Year; 25. ID Dan O'Reilly - District 4-C4 Certificate of Appreciation; 26. Ora Seyler by PDG Maxine Frazier - Life Membership Plaque in the Lions Eye Foundation; 27. PDG Jocelyn Mina by PDG Maxine Frazier - 5th Helen Keller Fellow from the Lions Eye Foundation; 28. Below, at the conclusion of the evening all 2011-2012 Cabinet Officers were introduced and those attending were photographed (L to R) back row: 1st VDG Bob Wilson; 2nd VDG Steve Picchi; Executive Director Rudy Pedagat; R3Z2 Chair Kevin Kielty; R2Z2 Chair Augusto Valera Jr.; R3Z1 Chair Paul Larson; R4Z3 Chair Cindy Smith; front row: Cabinet Secretary Ora Seyler; R1 Chair Rosa Eballo; R1Z1 Chair Eva Harmon; R1Z2 Chair Michael Kay; DG Esther Lee; R2 Chair Bre Jones; R2Z1 Chair Yvonne Kantola; R4 Chair Jack Van Etten; R4Z1 Chair Chris Cheshire; IPDG Mike Simonini.

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Happy Faces: Highlights from the Convention (continued from page 13)

Surrounding Pictures: Lions at play during assorted activities such as the International Food Fair, Hospitality Suites, Skits & Contests, Club Presidential Initiations, Costume Parade, along with other mischievous events that the 4-C4 Convention is famous for. (Continued on page 15)





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SF The Castro Lions Give Support for Seniors in Brazil

Editor's Note: In Sacramento at the Convention Castro Lion Bob told me of this group that his club is involved with assisting. He emailed the adjoining picture (to the right) and below is his email message. In these difficult times it is good to hear about various ways our 4-C4 Lions Clubs give service to others and help those in need. Thank you "SF The Castro" Lions for all you do! Read below:



Lion Paul, Good seeing you at the convention this weekend. There were a lot of good vibes with fellow Lions. Here is the picture of the Lions of Brazil statue in Rio De Janeiro.---The story--one of the non-profit groups the Castro Lions gives money to is Community Technology Network (CTN) They provide computer training and services to seniors and other groups. They are located at Valencia and 15th. The Director is Kami Griffiths, a personal friend and my computer personal trainer. She and her boyfriend, Kevin, saw this statue on one of the mountains next to the Jesus Statue that overlooks Rio. They took

this picture. We are giving money again this year to their group. What a small world and the fellowship of Lions makes us feel good about continuing service to quality non-profits groups throughout the world. Maybe you can include the picture in a District newsletter. Thanks

Lion Bob Barnwell ~ 2nd VP
Castro Lions Club



4-C4 Lions Serve at San Bruno Park to Support Glenview Fire Victims

Pictured on Sunday, May 22nd Lions from various clubs including San Bruno, Millbrae, Burlingame, San Carlos, Bay Area Special Olympics, Foster City, SF Marina North Beach among others all came together to help cook and serve food to neighbors from the



Glenview Area of San Bruno which was devastated by the gas line explosion and fire disaster on September 9, 2010. This event is a sequel to the



January event in conjunction with the city of San Bruno, and is designed to show that a lot of people care, sending best wishes to those who lost not only their homes but family members and friends.



Update on Student Speakers Contest from Lion Rich Picchi

This year, 20 4-C4 Lions Clubs participated in the Student Speakers Contest. The topic for this year's contest was challenging "Enforcing our Borders; State vs. Federal Rights". All Club, Zone and Region Contests were completed successfully. The District Speech contest was held on Sunday, May 1st. Our District winner was Alison Ong, a junior at Lowell High School and representing the San Francisco Chinatown Lions Club.

Alison competed at the May 15th Area 2 contest and had an excellent presentation. Although she didn't win the Area Contest, she will be able to

District Student Speaker finalists (L to R) Claire Sloan, Victoria Adetuyi, and Raymond Whelan with winner Alison Ong & District Governor Mike.

compete again next year. Alison ended this year with a



\$4,500 scholarship for her District 4-C4 contest win.

Thanks to all the Zone and Region Chairs and a special thanks to Alan Hafter who helped with the contests this year.

Lion Rich Picchi, Chair

Student Speaker Foundation Report...

The Student Speaker Foundation provides the funds for the scholarships awarded to the Student Speaker Contest winners. To keep these scholarships coming in future years, all the Districts in MD4 are asked to provide contributions of at least \$4,500 each year. This year, 4-C4's contributions are only \$2,800 to date. There is still time to make your contribution. Please send a club check or your personal check to: Student Speaker's Foundation, 331 Spur Trail Avenue Walnut, Ca 91789. Donations of any amount are acceptable, but the following amounts qualify for these awards: \$100 Supporter patch, \$200 Harry J. Aslan Fellow, \$300 Dwight E. Stanford Fellow, \$400 Donald E. Snyder Fellow and \$500 Fred W. Smith Fellow. The fellowships include a plaque and/or a lapel pin.

Update on Rebuilding the Viola Clay Home from Lion Jim Bigelow

This whole project was started by a neighbor down the street on Westminster Avenue in East Palo Alto who was concerned about the family at 1101 Westminster Avenue (Viola and Latonia Clay). The neighbor had seen the Lions working on Rebuilding Together Peninsula projects for years and sent a letter to me at the Menlo Park Host Lions Club asking for the Lions to assist this family. In my over 20 years working on these home renovation projects I have never experienced such community support. Pictured are volunteers completing final work by the front door and cleaning of some inside items outside in the yard. Lion Jim Bigelow, RTP House Construction Captain.





Foster City Lions Bring Joy to Patients at Palo Alto V.A. Hospital

LIONS SALUTE VETS AT PALO ALTO VA HOSPITAL



A surprise was in store for inpatients of the blind center and the spinal cord injury section of the Veterans Administration Hospital, Palo Alto on Sunday, May 15th when Lions Veterans Charities, Inc., a District 4-C4 committee, and the Foster City Lions Club saluted them by hosting a gala Chinese buffet at the hospital for the vets, visiting family members, and their supporting staff. The organizations shared funding of the event with the Foster City Lions providing most of the labor.

The event proved popular when the diner bell rang and the dining hall was already filled. Several nearby rooms were quickly converted to satellite dining rooms. Sounds of laughter and goodwill were everywhere in anticipation of the wonderfully aromatic meal. The serving line moved quickly as the Lions served up the food, helped move wheelchair-bound vets to the dining hall, helped deliver

meals to vets that were bound to their rooms, and socialized with the vets as time allowed. The vets showed their appreciation through their appetites, expressing their gratitude, and with a rousing round of applause after the dessert plates were cleaned. It was obvious that they appreciated the break from hospital routine and cuisine, but, maybe more importantly, that the greater community has not forgotten them and cares about them.

The Lions were asked to provide for 160, planned for 200, and ended up serving approximately 300 meals. A bit overwhelming, but, as Lions always do, they found a way.

At the end of the day, the Lions felt that they had brought joy to the vets and some joy to themselves. As one Lion responded when informed that there was no food left for the Lions, "I feed on the great endorphins I feel after a day like that. The experience alone is truly rewarding and I feel a little closer to all of my fellow Lions." Future events are planned as funding allows. To support such events, please send donations to Lions Veterans Charities, Inc., 833 Constitution Avenue, Foster City, CA 94404.

Last Chance Message from LCI on the International Convention

Dear Lions:

Don't miss joining more than 12,000 of your fellow Lions as we gather in Seattle for the 94th International Convention. This week long celebration will help you enhance your membership and make valuable connections.

Although advance registration is now closed, you can register on-site in Seattle for no additional charge. Rooms are still available and you can reserve one now to receive the best rates by going to

the Seattle Convention Hotel Website. Reservations at LCI Official hotels will be available until June 16.

Don't forget to bring your used eye-glasses to donate for the eye-glass collection by the host Lions. The boxes will be at the Sheraton Seattle and the Washington State Convention Center.

See you in Seattle! LCI Convention Committee





Remember Those Lions Who Served Before Us

Pictured during the Saturday morning Memorial at the 4-C4 Convention: 1. (L to R) Lion Dick Kishimoto sings an inspiring song to open the annual service in honor of those 4-C4 Lions who passed away during the 2010-2011 term; along side in respectful silence are Lady (BASO Lion) Rose Morando, Lion PDG George Habeeb & Lady (BASO Lion) Helen Habeeb; 2. As the Memorial Service proceeded a photo was displayed onto a giant screen in the main hotel ballroom, the name of the deceased Lion was read aloud, a bell tolled, and a representative from the deceased Lion's club came forward to receive a lit candle, plant & flag. Thanks to the above Lions who arranged this service.



Mark Your Calendar



Important 4-C4 Dates

Plan For The Following

- *District 4-C4 Officer's Training June 11, 2011 at Belle Air School in San Bruno*
- *MD-4 Student Speakers Contest - MD-4 Final Contest...on June 4th*
- *Lions Clubs International Convention - July 4 thru 8, 2011 in Seattle, WA.*

A note to all Club Presidents and Secretaries from 4-C4 Cabinet Secretary Lydia Taylor-Bellinger:

Please send in your MMR and Activity forms in before the end of the month. I must receive the MMR and dues must be current to be eligible for 100% President and Secretary awards. You do not have to wait until the end of the month, as soon as you have had your meeting you may turn in the reports.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

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

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Convention Issue

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.