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Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice Inspired at P&F Banquet

PCL Honors Our Heroic Police & Fire Fighters

Excitement and anticipation was in the air on the evening of Friday, March 26th 2010 as Lions, dignitaries, Police Officers, Firefighters & guests flooded the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Foster City for the 45th Annual Police and Firefighters Awards Banquet. This



A token of gratitude is presented by the officers of the PCL to former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice following her well received speech: (L to R) 1st VP Rudy Pedagat, Treasurer Sylvia Chu, President Toni Nava, Secretary Paul Larson and Ms. Rice.

elegant affair was the crowning achievement for the Peninsula Council of Lions during this 2009-

2010 term, and more people wanted to attend than there were seats available. A prior count listed 506 tickets being reserved with roughly 80 more people on standby. This influx of attendees was not only

to support our heroic Police & Firefighter awardees, but also due to great interest in the evening's guest speaker: former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

This spectacular event began at 6:00 PM with cocktails in the hotel foyer as elegantly dressed attendees

exchanged lighthearted conversation



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Pride and Admiration at Police & Fire Banquet (continued from page 1)

while mingling among those in dress uniform. As the dinner hour approached the Grand Ball Room doors opened allowing the flow of guests to enter and make way to seating at their assigned tables.



Lion President Toni, Ms. Rice and Lion PP Jack relax in the Presidential Suite prior to the evening's festivities.

While attendees were situating themselves for the evening's festivities, former Secretary of State Rice "materialized" at the head table with Lion PCL President Toni Nava introducing Ms. Rice to each of the PCL Officers, District Governor Ken & Amy, MD-4 Council of Governor's Chair Emil & Yvonne, among others. Ms. Rice's demeanor was gracious and soft-spoken as she shook hands with head table big wigs.

Promptly at 7:30 PM Lion President Toni rang the special Police & Fire bell calling the meeting to order. Lion Toni gave a few welcoming remarks and brief announcements



San Mateo County Sheriff's Color Guard officers gather in preparation for a special flag posting ceremony in honor of this special event.

on protocol such as silencing all cell phones; and noting that actions such as

approaching the podium, taking pictures or eating as inappropriate during Ms. Rice's speech. With that Lion Toni passed on the microphone introducing Master of Ceremonies & retired San Mateo County Sherriff



Lion SSF GG President Ora Seyler enjoys pre-event cocktail socializing with 2nd VDG Esther & Leland Lee

Don Horsley. As Sherriff Don took over he introduced a uniformed color guard consisting of a contingent from the San Mateo County Sherriff's Department who proceeded with a ceremonial flag posting. This was followed by North



Throngs of Lions were excited to meet Ms. Rice including Lion MD-4 Council of Governors Chair Email Kantola and Past District Governor Maxine Frazier.

County Fire Authority Chief Ron Myers who led the Pledge of Allegiance; Belmont Police Chief Don Mattei who led in the singing of "God Bless



Left to right: M.C., retired San Mateo County Sheriff Don Horsley, is briefed by Lion 1st VP Rudy, flanked by Treasurer Sylvia Chu, President Toni Nava & Secretary Paul Larson.

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From the Editor's Desk



Greetings Lions of the PCL!

On behalf of our PCL officers many many thanks go out to all who participated in the Police & Fire Awards Banquet...in every capacity, no matter how big or small. I was impressed that an event of such magnitude could be put

together without much prior experience. Lion PCL PP Tony & Lady Nancy Montes are to be credited for their past efforts in building the Police & Fire Awards into the major event that it is today, and without their guidance this event would have been an even greater challenge to coordinate. Thanks to each Lion who currently did their part to make this event a spectacular success!

- Lion PCL President Toni Nava expresses her sincere gratitude in the following message:

"I wish to thank all the members of the PCL Police and Fire Awards Committee for their dedication tireless effort bring together one of the most successful PCL Dinners. I could not have done it without all of you, and MY MANY THANKS!!!"

For all club Presidents, please remember to include your upcoming events in your typed club reports. You will have a chance to promote these events at our regular PCL meetings. Highlights of your reports will appear here in this bulletin.

If you have questions please email me at lionpaul@chapelofthehighlands.com and I will be happy to do my best to help

I hope you have a great 2009-2010 term and best wishes to every club in the PCL.

Take care,
Lion Paul Larson ~ PCL Secretary / Editor

Pride and Admiration at Police & Fire Banquet (continued from page 2)



Officers of the San Mateo County Sheriff's Department Color Guard perform a ceremonial posting of colors.

on behalf of San Mateo County Sheriff Greg Munks: Assistant Sheriff Trisha Sanchez offered the invocation.

Sherriff Don made it

known that Ms. Rice's presence was time-sensitive, and due to her commitment at a charity event elsewhere in California it was necessary for



Head table: PCL officers singing "God Bless America".

her speech to be given prior to dinner. So, with the opening formalities completed Sherriff Don gave a brief history of her accomplishments and without delay introduced former Secretary of State Condo-

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Pride and Admiration at Police & Fire Banquet (continued from page 3)



An attentive crowd listened as Ms. Rice spoke of her pride in our country and the Police & Firefighters that protect it.

Condoleezza Rice who was greeted with a standing ovation.

In a nutshell Ms. Rice gave an inspiring talk which centered on pride in our country and her desire to honor Police & Firefighters who selflessly give of themselves. As a first-hand witness to the events on September 11, 2001 she told of her admiration for the Police & Firefighters who selflessly searched for days in the Pentagon rubble. The Pentagon had always been a symbol of our country's military strength, and after 9/11 the urgency and concern in Washington made every day thereafter September 12th.

Now as retired U.S. Secretary of State she can get up in the morning, look at the newspaper and not have to do anything about the news she reads. Ms.

Rice concluded with thanks to Lion President Toni, M.C. Sherriff Don and PCL PP Jack Van Etten for all they did to help her feel welcome & coordination of her attendance; also her gratitude to the Police & Firefighters and all they do to serve the community; and in addition her admiration for all the Lions who serve the community as volunteers.

Following Ms. Rice's well received speech Lion President Toni invited all the PCL Officers to the podium for a presentation of flowers and a special gift to Ms. Rice who then was quickly whisked away. M.C. Sherriff Don reminded the crowd that dignitaries such as Ms. Rice receive a large honorarium to appear at speaking engagements, but in this case Ms. Rice waived her fee and was honored to attend in support the Lions and Police & Firefighter awardees.

In continuing with the program Lion 1st VP Rudy Pedagat took to the podium with special acknowledgements for the attending Chiefs, Lions Clubs & Dignitaries asking each group to stand and be recognized.



Following her speech Ms. Rice was escorted from the head table as she was showered with praise, flowers and appreciation for her presence by the PCL officers. L to R are SSF GG President Ora Seyler, 2nd VP Mario Benavente, Condoleezza Rice, Treasurer Sylvia Chu, 1st VP Rudy Pedagat, Secretary Paul Larson and President Toni Nava.

With opening formalities now concluded the task at hand was to sit and enjoy a meal consisting of mixed green salad, Chicken Jeru-
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Pride and Admiration at Police & Fire Banquet (continued from page 4)

salem, Mahi Mahi or Mediterranean Bowtie Pasta all with Chef's Seasonal Vegetable, rolls & butter along with Triple Chocolate Mousse Cake and Fresh Brewed Coffee and Tea.

As dinner wound down Lion 1st VP Rudy stepped from the head table along with Lion President Toni and Lion Secretary Paul Larson in preparation for awards presentations. At the podium, introductions were made for each awardee with descriptions of their commendable acts by Lion Palo Alto Fire Chief Nicholas Marinaro and Lion Foster City Police Captain Jon Froomin.



Lion FD Chief Nicholas Marinaro (above) and Lion PD Captain Jon Froomin (left) introduced each awardee with descriptions of their acts of bravery, valor and heroism.



Awardees were asked to step forward in groups according to their award category. As Lion President Toni stood on a platform in front of the head table and received each awardee Lion Dan Andersen took

photographs; Lion Rudy coordinated the hand out of plaques / awards; and Lion Paul organized the

awardees into side by side rows.

Following the award presentations Lion President Toni gave closing acknowledgements and intro-

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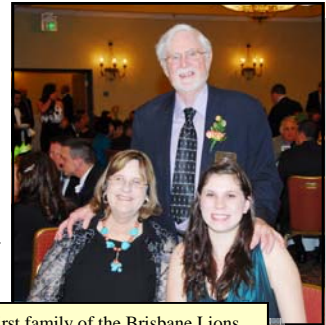
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duced all who helped put this evening together including Lion 1st Rudy Pedagat who created the award certificates, plaques & awards; Lion 2nd VP Mario Benavente who acquired resolutions & commendations from various political big wigs; Lion Treasurer Sylvia Chu who kept the financial details organized; Lion Secretary Paul Larson who assisted with production of various certificates; Lion PCL IPP Rich Ochsenhirt who offered his previous knowledge & stood by with his support; Lion PCL PP Al Thomas who coordinated the



SSF Host Lion PP Theresa Garcia always on the lookout for the perfect picture.

Horsley (who was presented a special gift); and lastly thanks to all who go out of their way putting their lives on the line: the Police Officers & Firefighters of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties; along with



The first family of the Brisbane Lions Club: Lion PCL PP Bob Wilson (top), Lion Alison Wilson & Lion Libby Wilson.

thanks to all the Lions of the Peninsula Council of Lions Clubs. The 45th Police & Fire Awards Banquet concluded with Lion President Toni ringing her bell in closure of the meeting at 9:43 PM.



Head table big wigs whooping it up following Lion Rudy Pedagat's recognition of all the Police and Firefighter honorees.

reservations and seating; Lion PCL PP Jack Van Etten who coordinated Police & Fire representatives & Ms. Rice as key note speaker; Lion PCL PP Al Hernandez who coordinated fundraising & sponsorships; Lion Dan Andersen who created the program & photographed the event; Lion Ed Avanzino at Gama Trophies for production of various awards; former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice for her participation; M.C. (& Rotarian) Sherriff Don

All those who witnessed this glorious evening enjoyed themselves and were thoroughly impressed with the Lions who took the time to put this event together while making it all look so effortless. Much appreciation goes out to everyone who helped including those who worked so hard behind the scenes.



Lions Helen Olsen, Odie Reyes, Erik Winkler, Theresa Garcia and Frances Luster during a mid meal photo-op.

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Pride and Admiration at Police & Fire Banquet (continued from page 6)

As of now next year's Police & Fire Awards is scheduled for April 1st, 2011 so mark your calendars and plan to get your tickets early!

Continue to pages 8 through 12 for further details on each of the Police Officer and Firefighter honorees.

Take care, Lion Paul Larson – PCL Secretary / Bulletin Editor



Numbered Pictures (a trick I picked from award winning SSF Host Lions Club Editor PP Theresa Garcia and her spectacular newsletter). Pictured L to R: **1.** Rudy Pedagat, Mario



Benavente, DG Ken Ibarra, Theresa Garcia, Paul Larson; **2.** Denise Kelly & Sandee Ige check in guests; **3.** Al Thomas being teased by Frank Cauterucci; **4.** Millbrae Lions (Back Row) 1st VDG Mike & Jane Simonini; Dan Quigg; President Lynn Azzopardi; Paul Larson; Nancy & Tony Montes; (Front Row) Bob & Emily Jorge; PDG George & Helen Habeeb; Lorrie Kalos-Gunn; **5.** Lion Rudy Pedagat earlier in the day organizing the awards and showing off the medals of valor; **6.** Finally the photographer gets photographed: L to R Former United States Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice with Lion Dan Andersen (she must always have wanted her picture taken with a Burlingame Lions Club Past President)!





Fire Service Award Honorees



Fire Service Awards

Eric Fuge	Firefighter, Central County Fire Department
Phil Van Orden	Captain, Menlo Park Fire Protection District
David Turchet	Firefighter, Millbrae Fire Department
Bob Stuhler	Engineer Operator, North County Fire Authority
Carter French	Fire Captain, Palo Alto Fire Department
Michael Novelli	Fire Captain, San Bruno Fire Department
Larry Whitney	Volunteer Fire Chief, Coastside Fire Protection District
Paule Medeiros	Fire Captain, South San Francisco Fire Department

Area Wide Fire Service Award

Greg DaCunha	Captain, Redwood City Fire Department
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Pictured above (L to R)

Far Back: Lion Foster City Police Captain Jon Froomin;

Back Row: Paule Medeiros, Larry Whitney, Carter French, Greg DaCunha, David Turchet;

Front Row: Michael Novelli, Bob Stuhler, PCL President Toni Nava, Eric Fuge,
Phil Van Orden.



Police Service Award Honorees



Police Service Awards

Michael Supanich
David Orlando
Chris Hammett
Dan Smith
Thomas Paulin

Sergeant, Belmont Police Department
Officer, Foster City Police Department
Officer, Palo Alto Police Department
Officer, Redwood City Police Department
Inspector, San Mateo County District Attorneys
Office of Investigation

John Stankewicz

Officer, South San Francisco Police Department

Area Wide Police Service Award

Thomas Marinos

Officer, San Carlos Police Department

Pictured above (L to R)

Far Back Center: Lion Palo Alto Fire Chief Nicholas Marinaro;

Back Row: David Orlando, Michael Supanich, Chris Hammett, Dan Smith;

Front Row: John Stankewicz, Thomas Marinos, PCL President Toni Nava, Thomas Paulin.



Fire Heroism & Valor Award Honorees



Pictured at left

(L to R)

Back Row: Casey Engler, Michael Miller, Steve Whitmarsh;

Front Row: James Hendrickson, PCL President Toni Nava, Carlos Arroyo.

Fire Heroism Awards

Steve Whitmarsh
Michael Miller
Casey Engler
Carlos Arroyo

Captain, Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department
Captain, Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department
Firefighter/Paramedic, Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department
Firefighter/Paramedic, South San Francisco Fire Department

Area Wide Fire Heroism Award

James Henrickson

Firefighter/Paramedic, Palo Alto Fire Department



Pictured at left

(L to R)

Far Back Center: Lion Palo Alto Fire Chief Nicholas Marinaro;

Front Row: Chuck Pomicpic, Jeff Higgins, Ken Schneider, PCL President Toni Nava, Joe O'Brien, Steve Islander...

Area Wide Fire Valor Award

Chuck Pomicpic
Jeff Higgins
Ken Schneider
Joe O'Brien
Pat Mahoney
Steve Islander

Captain, North County Fire Authority
Engineer, North County Fire Authority
Firefighter, North County Fire Authority
Captain, North County Fire Authority
Engineer, North County Fire Authority
Captain, North County Fire Authority

(Pat Mahoney not pictured).



Police Heroism Award Honorees



Police Heroism Awards

William McDonald	Corporal, Pacifica Police Department
Ryan Adler	Officer, Redwood City Police Department
Eduardo Rios	Corporal, San Bruno Police Department
Jason Pasero	Officer, San Bruno Police Department
Jesus Esquivel	Correctional Officer, San Mateo County Sheriff Office

Area Wide Police Heroism Award

Troy Adams	Officer, Belmont Police Department
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Pictured above (L to R)

Far Back: Lion Foster City Police Captain Jon Froomin;

Back Row: William McDonald, Ryan Adler, Eduardo Rios;

Front Row: Jesus Esquivel, PCL Pres. Toni Nava, Troy Adams (Jason Pasero not pictured).



Police Valor Award Honorees



Police Valor Award

Michael L. Brennan
James Aboud
Doug Jukich

Officer, Daly City Police Department
Officer, Millbrae Police Department
Deputy Sheriff, San Mateo County Sheriffs Office

Area Wide Police Valor Award

Rick Apecechea
Kevin Rafaelli
Jeff Dellinges
Roberto Gonzalez

Officer, San Mateo Police Department
Captain, San Mateo Police Department
Officer, San Mateo Police Department
Officer, San Mateo Police Department

Pictured above (L to R)

Far Back: M.C. retired San Mateo County Sheriff Don Horsley;
Back Row: Roberto Gonzalez, Jeff Dellinges, Kevin Rafaelli, Rick Apecechea;
Front Row: James Aboud, Michael L. Brennan, PCL President Toni Nava, Doug Jukich.



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Lion President Toni & your PCL Officers want you to remember...

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District 4-C4

The Peninsula Council of Lions Clubs

You are invited:

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Monday, April 26, 2010

at the

Portuguese Cultural Center

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Lots of FUN ~ Great Raffle Prizes



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2009-2010 Lion President Toni Nara



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your written
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Important Dates and Upcoming Events



2009-2010 Peninsula Council of Lions Meetings

Day	Date	Host	Event / Place
Monday	July 27, 2009	No Meeting	~
Sunday	August 23, 2009	Burlingame Lions / PCL	PCL Installation—Double Tree Hotel Burlingame
Monday	September 28, 2009	San Mateo Lions	Meeting—The Van's Restaurant in Belmont
Monday	October 26, 2009	Pacifica Lions / PCL	Joint Meeting—Nick's Restaurant in Pacifica
Monday	November 23, 2009	R.C. Sunrise Lions	Meeting—Redwood City Women's Club
Monday	December 28, 2009	No Meeting	~
Monday	January 25, 2010	Burlingame Lions	Meeting—Doubletree Hotel in Burlingame
Monday	February 22, 2010	Palo Alto Host Lions	Meeting—Chef Chu's Restaurant in Palo Alto
Friday	March 26, 2010	PCL	Police & Fire Awards—Crowne Plaza in Foster City
Saturday	April 3, 2010		YC&A Ticket Drawing—Oyster Point Yacht Club
Monday	April 26, 2010	Half Moon Bay Lions	Meeting—Portuguese Cultural Center in HMB
Monday	May 17, 2010	Millbrae Lions	Meeting—El Rancho Inn "Palm Room" in Millbrae
Monday	June 21, 2010	SSF Golden Gate Lions	Meeting—Grosvenor Hotel in South San Francisco

2009-2010 San Francisco Council of Lions Meetings

Day	Date	Host	Event / Place
Wed.	November 18, 2009	SF Bay Lions	Meeting—Chevy's Restaurant in S. San Francisco
Wed.	December 23, 2009	No Meeting	~
Wed.	January 27, 2010	SF Bayview H.P. Lions	Meeting—Velma's Place Sports Bar in S.F.
Wed.	February 24, 2010	SF Ocean Ingleside	Meeting—L.T. Bookman Center in San Francisco
Wed.	March 24, 2010	SF Nikkei Lions	Meeting—Shima Sushi Restaurant in San Francisco
Friday	April 23, 2010	SFCCCL	Police & Fire Awards—Patio Español in S.F.
Wed.	May 26, 2010	SF BA New Cen. Lions	Meeting— TBA
Wed.	June 23, 2010	SF Merced Hts. Lions	Meeting—Italian-American Social Club in S.F.



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

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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.