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Bridge to Lionism

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## A message from your PCL President



Fellow Lions,  
Since this is my first column as the president of the PCL, I'd like to start out by introducing myself. Lion Mario Benavente, 51 years old, married with 3 daughters, ages 9 to 18. I've been a member of the San Bruno Lions Club for a little over

ten years. My mother had been a Lioness, then, later a Lion but I had never given any thought to joining myself. I was busy with work, professional organizations, church and, of course, family obligations. The thought of becoming a Lion had never even crossed my mind.

A dentist by trade, I was working with a patient, a son of a Lion. What we were talking about, I don't remember but somehow the Lions Club came up. He wasn't trying to recruit me or anything. He wasn't even a Lion himself. But during the course of the conversation I realized that, yes, giving back to the community is something that I could do and I would be interested in doing that - someday. Someday came sooner than I thought.

A day later, I got a phone call from Alan Hafter, a fellow dentist in San Bruno and, as I discovered, a Lion. He invited me to a club meeting at the old Martinelli's. I only knew one or two people but everyone was friendly. It was student speaker night and I could see that they had many projects going on. After two more visits with the club, I was invited to join the club and I decided to become a Lion. Not long after, only a month or two,

I was put in charge of a Tex-Mex Night fundraising event. Once I had handled that, I was game for anything.

As it turned out, joining the San Bruno Lions would only be step one in my involvement with the Lions Club. As I became more involved with my new club and was asked to assume more responsibility, I learned that there were levels in this organization. I was asked to attend some meetings at something called the District and then the PCL.

At my first PCL meeting, I was convinced that I wouldn't be going back. I was standing around and I didn't know anybody. I was nursing a drink in one hand and trying to look involved but I was bored silly and looking to get out of there. Fortunately, I stuck around long enough to strike up a conversation with someone (maybe they struck one up with me) and I've never looked back. I've very much enjoyed my involvement with the San Bruno Lions Club, District 4-C4 and the PCL.

The point is this: 1) When you're out there in the world in your daily life, sprinkle a little Lions talk into your conversations. You don't know where a seed thrown may result in a new Lion. 2) Get your new members involved early. Once he or she has been deeply involved in a project, the new Lion is invested in your club. 3) If you see someone standing around and you don't know them, whether at your home club or at a District or PCL function, TALK TO THEM! You'll meet someone new and possibly get them cemented into Lionism. 4) Lions, get involved with your District and with the PCL. The nicest people I know are involved with this organization and if you restrict yourself to your home club, you're missing a tremendous benefit of being a Lion.

Yours in Lionism, Lion Mario Benavente

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



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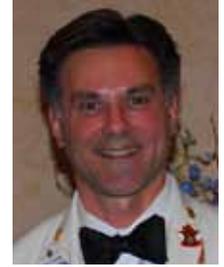
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Belmont — Christine Beard  
Brisbane — Michael Abney  
Burlingame — Glenn Mendelson  
Daly City Gateway — David Hoffman  
Daly City Host — Sharon Keenan  
Foster City — Mary True  
Half Moon Bay — Celia Ayon  
Menlo Park Host — David Hunter  
Menlo Park Live Oak — Margaret Carney  
Millbrae — Ronald Frediani  
Pacifica — Kathy Dedini  
Palo Alto Host — William Downey  
Redwood City Fair Oaks — Aide Garcia  
Redwood City Sunrise — Christine Cheshire  
Redwood Shores — Gary Krippendorf  
San Bruno — Charles Smith  
San Carlos — Scot Marsters  
San Mateo — Michael Chan  
San Mateo Metropolitan — Jennifer Chen  
SSF Golden Gate — Roy Blanco  
SSF Host — Terry White

### SFCCL Lions Club SF President

SF Bay Area New Century — Gina Tse  
SF Bayview Hunters Point — Gwendolyn Strain  
SF Chinatown — Johnson Y C Lam  
SF Circle — Eva O. Harmon  
SF Fil-Am — Ferninand Feria  
SF Geneva-Mission — Ward Donnelly  
SF Highlands — Evangeline Roberts  
SF Hispanic — Doris Esther Melendez  
SF Host — Pat Ancheta  
SF Korean-American — Michael Kang  
SF Marina North Beach — Rolly Mungues  
SF Merced Heights — Lydia Taylor-Bellinger  
SF Nikkei — William Stipinovich  
SF Ocean/Ingleside — Constance Bridgewater  
SF Park Presidio-Sunset — Russell "Woody" Howard  
SF Premier — Gemma Noromna  
SF State University Campus — Judy Thao  
SF The Castro — Troy Bruner



## Presidents Message Continued

**P.S.** At the last meeting, I announced that Lion President Christine Cheshire (Redwood City Sunrise Lions Club) had graciously volunteered herself to create a calendar of upcoming Lions events for the PCL. The objective would be to try to avoid conflicts in our event planning, if possible. Of course, there are only so many weekends and a lot of clubs in this District. But if we could prevent conflicts with the Lions Clubs in our immediate areas, we

could possibly stop competing with ourselves. Lion Christine will be getting information on your upcoming events from your club reports at the meetings as recorded by Secretary/Newsletter Editor Dan Andersen but even better would be to send your information directly to Lion Christine via email at [ccheshire@yahoo.com](mailto:ccheshire@yahoo.com). The sooner she gets the information on the calendar, the less the likelihood of conflicts. LMB

## August 27, 2011 — Installation Dinner



The August 27th PCL installation dinner was a great success. Things started off with a relaxing cocktail hour where Lions could get to know each other, and have some time with old friends. From there it was on to the dinner and the evening's festivities.



The Master of Ceremonies, PDG Mel Phillips from the San Bruno Lions club, took the mike and things began to run smoothly. After a brief conference Fist Vice District Governor Lion Bob Wilson from the Brisbane Lions Club started off the



grand march of officers and dignitaries.



We had our pledge started off by Lion Ora Seyler from the SSF Golden Gate Lions Club, our song by the trio of Christine, Rachel and Michelle Benavente—future rock stars. The invocation was given by Lion Roy Blanco from the SSF Golden Gate Lions Club.



Dinner wasn't quite ready, so we did a little dancing to the music provide by Lion Dick Kishimoto.

President Rudy Padiagat gave out several plaques for 100% attendance during the past year.





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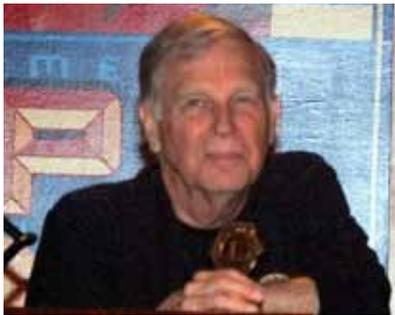


## September 26, 2011 Dinner Meeting

The first meeting of the 2011-2012 PCL board and presidents was held at Chile's in Foster City. Things started off on time and with little fan-fair. New President Mario Benevente rang in the meeting, and things got rolling from there.

PDG Lion Emil Kantola started us off with the pledge, Lion Mike Justo gave the invocation, and Lion Yvonne Kantola .

### Secretary's Report



Lion Dan Andersen asked that all the new club Presidents turn in their monthly reports after they had given them and, if possible, to make sure they send him an e-mailed copy

of the report or a brief report that can be published in the next bulletin. If the Presidents don't send in the reports via e-mail, all the typos are theirs.

In the future, it would be great if all clubs could send in their reports in a way that they feel best describes their club's *upcoming activities*. And, best of all, you may include as many details as you like.

### Treasurer's Report



Lion Ora Syler gave a brief report on the PCL's financial situation. We now have \$8,468.24 in our account but there are still some outstanding checks that have not been cashed.

### Second VP Report



Lion Sylvia Chu announced the next PCL/SFCCLC meeting to be held at Nick's in Rocklaway Beach. A flyer will go out very soon. Make sure you make your reservations, as there is a limited amount of room.

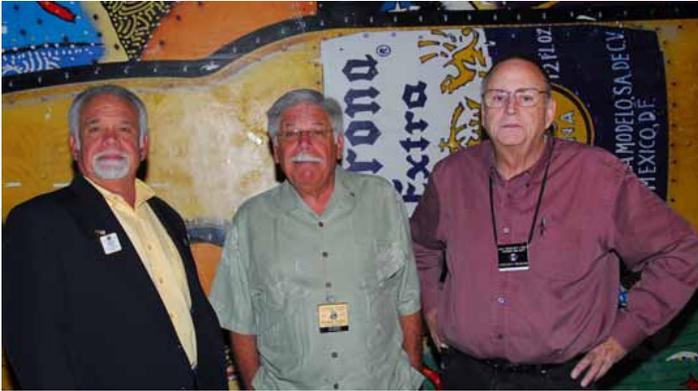
### First VP Report

Lion Paul Larson announced the schedule of meetings for the next year, and reminded everyone to make sure that they make reservations. It's important to insure that there is enough seating and food.

October 24, 2011	Pacifica (joint meeting with SSCCL)
November 28, 2011	Redwood City Sunrise
December	No Meeting
January 23, 2012	Burlingame
February 27, 2012	SSF Golden gate
March 30, 2012	Police and Firefighters Awards
April 23, 2012	Half Moon bay
May 21, 2012	Millbrae
June 25, 2012	San Bruno



# September 26, 2011 Dinner Meeting, Continued





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## The potential tooth fairies



## The last of the perfect attendance awards





## Club President's Reports on Upcoming Events

The following reports were delivered on Monday, September 26. It is important to have all, or as many as possible, of the clubs present their activities that have been planned for the next month or so. In that way the various clubs can avoid schedule conflicts.

Note: Before our next meeting, please E-mail me a copy of your typed report. Remember that PCL President, Mario, only wants to have reports on upcoming events and joint projects. Past accomplishments are tremendously appreciated but not required in your report.

Thank you Club Presidents for your hard work and for all you do for Lionism and your Club. PCL Secretary/Bulletin Editor Lion Dan Andersen.

15 PCL Lions Clubs

### Bay Area Special Olympics Lions Club



**President:** Deborah Kielty

**Report:**

- 3 BASO members present tonight; Lion President Debbie Kielty, IPP Amy Fink, Lion Secretary Sharon Bagley.
- 28 member in the club; 2 new in September 1 new lion - Margie King, 1

transfer lion - Maryah Tucker, 1 new lion in the hopper - Laura Leahy

#### September Events

- September 16th - Co-Hosted Bunco Night with Burlingame Lions Club
- September 24th - Touch-A Truck event for Community Gatepath

#### Upcoming Events

- October 14th - Putting for our Pals - Malibu Castle - Redwood City
- Looking for hole sponsors and participants :-)

### Belmont Lions Club



**President:** Lion Christine Beard

**Report:** Lion Sylvia Chu

Sunday, Oct 2

- We are doing a food booth with the Redwood Shores Lions at the Save the Music Festival, to support music programs in local schools. This will be

11am-5pm at Twin Pines Park in Belmont. Saturday, Oct 15- 2pm

It's our 3rd annual Belmont Lions Idol/Talent Show! Only \$5 admission. Prizes for all contestants. We have a silent auction as well as raffle tickets for a gorgeous necklace (no need to be present to win). Please contact Lion Sylvia for necklace raffle tickets, \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Lion Phyllis Moore from Foster City won the necklace a couple of years ago!

### Brisbane Lions Club



**President:** Lion Michael Abney

**Report:** 1st DG Bob Wilson

- We served hot dogs at six concerts in the park. We helped BBQ at a fundraiser to support local schools.
- Every Wednesday we have Bingo from 7 to 9p.m. for our scholarship

fund.

- We did a BBQ at the lagoon Clean-up day.
- October 1 is the Community Day BBQ in the park.
- October 16 is the Brisbane Lions Sierra Point Prowl Fun Run for our scholarship an car show put on by the Brisbane Chamber of Commerce.

### Burlingame Lions



**Present:** Lions Erik Winkler, Kevin Kielty, Dan Andersen, Jack Van Etten

**Report:**

- Relay for Life—Saturday, October 1 is a hot dog BBQ, and on Sunday, October 2 is our pancake breakfast.
- October 8 is our White Cane day on Burlingame Avenue.

• October 29 is our annual Oktoberfest dinner.



## Club President's Reports — Continued

### Daly City Host Lions Club



**President:** Lion Sharon Keenan

**Report:**

- September 23rd's Pasta Bingo Fundraiser was a success, thanks to the many Lions who supported it with their attendance. Our Leos Club volunteered to help with the fundraiser. They had a good time initiating their 2011 community service for our Club.
- October 22nd is the date for our Make a Difference Day project. We will assist in the Daly City Kids ID Program, as well as serving lunch to all the volunteers. Our Leos also plan to help.
- Our Leos Club is planning a Blood Drive in November. More details will follow next month. We now have 21 Leos in the Club with several more interested in joining. The Leos Club has also will join the "Keys for Sight" project.
- We now have more than 60 seniors playing Bocce at the Doelger Senior Center. We helped with their picnic on September 18th.

### Daly City Host Lions Club

**President:** None

**Report:** Not present, No report submitted

### Foster City Lions Club



**President:** Mary True

**Report:**

- October 2 is a family picnic at Central Park in San Mateo.
- October 11 is our installation of 7 new members
- October 13 is our blood drive at the Foster City Recreation Center
- October 22 is our annual White Cane Chicken Bingo Dinner

### Half Moon Bay Lions Club



**President:** Dainne Ayon

**Report:** We have six members in attendance:

- The HMB Lions cooked hamburgers and sausages for an event for Project Knew Groove. The event was to raise money for their Art and Music for kids programs
- We cooked hamburgers and hot dogs And participated in the HMB Life Cancer Walk
- We cooked hot dogs for Kids Day at Quarry Park
- Pumpkin festival will be October 15 and 16. We will be cooking hamburgers/cheeseburgers and roasted corn. We will be assisted by the HMB High School Basketball team, the cross country team and the girls volleyball team

### Menlo Park Host Lions Club

**President:** David Hunter

**Report:** Not present, No report submitted

### Menlo Park Live Oaks Lions Club



**President:** Margaret Carney

**Report:** Not present, No report submitted

### Millbrae Lions Club

**President:** Ron Frediani

**Report:**

- On October 8th, we will be working alongside the Millbrae Rotary Club. Our Lions Club will be cooking hotdogs and bratwurst and whatever else the Rotary Club has for us to cook. We'll be there from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. You can e-mail Anthony Caccia or me and give us your availability. (Remember our Motto: We Serve).
- On October 19th, our general meeting will be a Spouse Night. We have invited the Scout Troop Advisors to come and talk to us about what they have going on for this coming year. We will have the Scouts perform the color guard duties as a special treat. Be sure to bring those spouses with the purse strings. The Scouts will also be selling popcorn. Come show your support for



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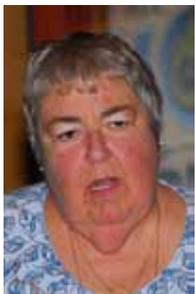
the youth of our group purchasing popcorn. I invite all of you to participate and join me on this night.

- Last but not least, on October 28th and 29th we are hosting and organizing the Halloween "Monster Mash" spectacular. On Friday night we will be hosting a dance at the Rec Center for the sixth-graders from Taylor Middle School and St. Dunstan's School. Thank you to Lion Cindy Silva and Lion PP Tom Cullina for agreeing to chair this event. Thank you to the host of Lions and Leos who already told me "I will be there" to help to make it successful night for the sixth graders.

- Then, to finish out the Halloween weekend, we will again be running the annual "Monster Mash Carnival and Parade" at Millbrae Square parking lot on north side. Our Lions will be serving hot dogs and drinks. There will be games run by the Leos with the help from the Rotary Club and their Interact Club. Last year, Central Peninsula Church took portraits of the children, so we're hoping they will provide that service again this year. I can't tell you how important it is that we have lots of adults there to help out with the children. There is a parade down the length of Broadway at the end of the day, and the kids Trick or Treat the merchants in town. Come out to see all the wonderful costumes and have some fun while doing your part.

Again, prove to our community that "We Serve". I ask for your help as we demonstrate how proud we are of our Club and our City, just as we always have in the past.

### Pacifica Lions Club



**President:** Kathy Dedini

**Report:** Participated in the Diabetes "WALK FOR LIFE"

### Palo Alto Host Lions Club

**President:** William Downey

**Report:** Not present, No report submitted

### Redwood City Fair Oaks Lions Club

**President:** Aide Garcia

**Report:** Not present, No report submitted

### Redwood City Sunrise Lions Club



**President:** Christine Cheshire

**Report:**

- Three members attended the District President's Training session
- Two members attended first cabinet meeting
- Helping out at the American Legion Post 105 with Bingo fundraiser on Thursday nights
- Selling garlic chicken, BBQ corn on the cob and soft drinks and handing white canes in honor of White Cane Days, at the Redwood City Portfest on Sunday, October 1.
- Annual pancake breakfast and sight screening on October 2 at the Sequoia High School with all proceeds, going to their Special Needs Program. Pancakes, coffee, sausage, and juice \$5.00 advance ticket, \$6.00 at the door.
- Assisting the NFL alumni with their annual Drug Awareness Day on October 25 in Redwood City.
- Preparing and serve dinner at the Maple Street Shelter in November.
- On November 9 we are having a membership drive mixer. We will also be working on the Clean-up RWC program

### San Bruno Lions Club



**President:** Charles "Smitty" Smith

**Report:**

- On Friday, October 7, we are holding our annual golf tournament beginning at 1 p.m. with a shotgun scramble. The fee is \$110, which includes green fees, golf cart, mini lunch and awards dinner at the 16-Mile House at 6:00 p.m.
- San Bruno Lions will be planting trees on Wednesday, November 9 at the National Cemetery on Sneath Lane in time for Veterans Day on Friday, November 11. (This event will be filmed by Lions Club International)



## Club President's Reports — Continued

### San Carlos Lions Club



**President:** Scot Marsters

**Report:**

- We have two members present at tonight's meeting: Lions Scot Marsters and Carl Miller.
- We donated \$500 to the Lions Veterans Charities

We will be planting two acres of trees for \$130

- White Cane Day will be held on October 1
- We will have a beer booth at the San Carlos Art & Wine Faire on October 8 and 9
- We are having our tri tip dinner on October 22 at Mahaney Hall
- We will have volunteers at the Goblin Walk on October 28

### San Mateo Lions Club



**President:** Michael Chan

**Report:**

- Our Website SanMateoLions.org is now online and setting up donation page with links to photos taken at various Lion events for the past year
- Bowling for Tots is going to be held on Saturday, December 3

• Boys and Girls Club Annual Fundraiser is on October 15. We have been chosen as the Service Organization of the Year.

- We plan to plant three acres of trees, 1,000 trees

### San Mateo Metropolitan Lions Club

**President:** Jennifer Chen

**Report:** Not present, No report submitted

### SSF Golden Gate Lions Club



**President:** Roy Blanco

**Report:**

- Our club is going to have our annual Health Fair on October 16 at the Holy Angles Church community Hall from 8 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.
- We are preparing for "Adopt a Navy Sailor" during Fleet Week in the second

week of October

- New Years Eve Fundraising at the embassy Suites Gateway in SSF. Tickets will be available the first week of October. \$75 per person

### SSF Host Lions Club



**President:** Terry White

**Report:**

- The SSF Host Lions Club is now in its 66th year of existence
- We have 32 members and one of our members has been in our club for 51 years—Lion George Stagnaro
- We are working on several projects:

Lases for Kids, White Cane Day, The Scott Dykes Project, SSF Mud Cats little league team

- We are collecting phones for our troops
- We will be attending and supporting the Trivia Challenge, which supports Project Read and working with the YMI and SSF Kiwanis in December to load and deliver food and toys to over 300 needy families.



## ***PCL — Service with a Smile***

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“A man who dares to waste one hour of time has not discovered the value of life.”

- Charles Darwin



### **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 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, as 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 my praise; to build up and not destroy.

### **Lions International Purposes**

**To Organize**, charter and supervise service clubs to be known as Lions clubs.

**To Coordinate** the activities and standardize the administration of Lions clubs.

**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 and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.