



Lion District Governor
Emil Kantola

One of the things I like about Lionism

is that Lionism is a learning experience.

You can take a challenge and do a project. If it does not turn out, you learn from it and move on. A Lion will support another Lion as long as the Lion is trying. Lions are not judgmental.

Last week I received a call from a Lion asking why another Lion did something. To make a long story short sometimes we do not see things as they are, we see them as we are.

As I look back, I am very proud of some of the things that I have been involved in as a Lion. Sometimes I was wrong or a project did not work as I had planned and I wish that I had done things differently. I

think that this is true for all of us. I learned when the project worked and when the project did not work. The important thing is that other Lions were there and they supported me. As a Lion, I have always received support from other Lions in everything I have done. A helping hand was there and I learned. They helped me learn and grow.

Lionism is not just the act of helping others in need. Lionism is also mentoring another Lion and helping them grow. Mentoring not judging. As a Lion, I have learned to look at things not only through my eyes but through the eyes of the other person. Sometimes being a Lion is seeing things as they are, not as we are.

Lion Emil Kantola

District Governor



Lion Vice District
Governor Ken Ibarra

Fellow Lions:

The first quarter of our Lions year is nearly history, and I must say, it's been a great start! After over twenty club officer installations and nearly twenty club visitations, I am very proud and impressed with the Lions of our District. However, the most pleasant surprise has been the number of new member inductions I have had the honor of witnessing. It seems that at nearly every club function, whether an installation or meeting, there has been a request to induct new members. I was most proud at the West O'Twin Peaks visitation as the District Governor inducted FIVE new members – all sponsored by Lion President Tess Labitoria.

For a club with a long and storied history, but beset with struggles in recent years, it was very encouraging to have a full room of excitement and promise.

“Excitement and promise.” Add in “energy” and “potential” and you have the makings of a new Lion in your club. It is a wonderful event and a special moment for all of us. We almost seem to let out a sigh of relief when we bring someone into the fold of Lions. I'm quite sure that DG Emil is pleased that his pledge for new members appears to be catching on. Good job. Well done. Now what? This is when it gets a little dicey...

You see, more times than not, we tend to ease up or let go once we induct a new member. Too many times we take for granted that our new Lion knows what to do or what we're about. Too many times we feel that it's just up to us to make sure our new Lion shows up at the meetings - and if they don't, oh well, we'll catch up with them next time. With all the pomp and circumstance of joining Lions, we tend to sometimes fail to truly “embrace” our newest members.

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We need to work harder at advising and guiding our new members. We need to explain and teach them the challenges and rewards of how Lions help the community and the world. We need to strive to include them in every facet of the club's operations and goals. And most importantly, we must always ask them if they have any suggestions or ideas that they wish to contribute to our club. As part of your Lions club and the Lions family, you need to include them.

So, what now? For the new Lions, I suggest you get informed and get involved. Talk to the members – ask questions. And, to the existing Lions, I strongly suggest you listen and “embrace” your members, especially the new ones. It's your duty and it's for our own good.

Yours In Lionism,
Lion Ken, VDG

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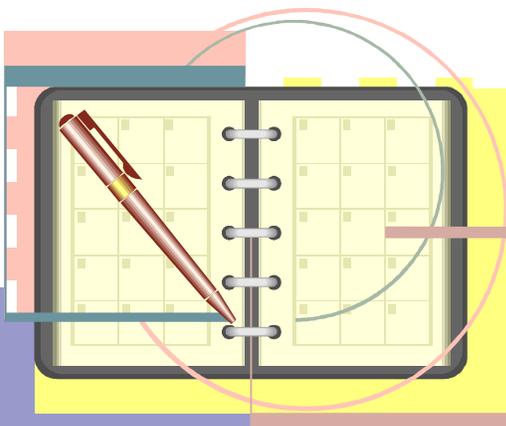
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CALENDAR

September 24, 6pm - San Francisco Council Meeting - Far East Cafe, Chinatown, SF. Your participation will be greatly appreciated. More details contact: Lion Past President Margaret K. Lee, SFCCLC

September 27, 10am - Ocean Ingleside Lions Open House and Community Outreach Brunch — Contact Lion President T Connie Bridgewater at 415 531-5187 or cwater94134@yahoo.com

September 27 - Deadline to sign up for Ocean Ingleside Birthday Calendar. Remember your loved ones and Lions, \$2 per name, \$2 per calendar. Display advertising also available. Contact Lion Connie, info above.

September 27 - Belmont Rummage Sale - 11am-5pm, Barrett Park, 1800 Ralston Ave. Info: Lion Sylvia at 415-699-0408 or email sylvia1234@hotmail.com

September 28 - SF Hispanic Picnic - 11am Kennedy Park, 19501 Hesperian, Hayward. \$10 adults, \$4 children under 10. Lots of fun and activities. RSVP: Lions Gilberto Crespo 510 384-0218

October 5 - San Francisco Host Health Faire, Glucose Meter Donations, 1pm-2:30pm First Filipino American Church of Christ, 461 Linden Ave. San Bruno

October 11 - Foster City Blood Drive, 8am-1pm, Dance Room, 650 Shell Blvd, FC. No appointment necessary.

October 13 - Ocean Ingleside Thunder Valley Trip — Fundraiser for Thanksgiving for Seniors, Contact LION Lovell Davis (415) 467-6546

October 18 - Burlingame Oktoberfest - St. Paul's, 415 El Camino, Burlingame. 4pm-9pm. \$25. Contact Lion Dan Anderson, 650-348-0799, DanAndersen@comcast.net

October 20 - San Bruno, 11:30am, Crystal Springs Golf Course, 6650 Golf Course Drive, Burlingame. \$150 including lunch and dinner. Deadline Oct. 10. Contact Lion Frank Seydel at 650-455-2981

October 25 - Lions in Sight Vallejo Warehouse Service Day, 1404 Lemon Street, Vallejo. Contact Lion Rudy Pedagat Cell: (415) 652-7271 Email: rrpeditagat@comcast.net

October 27 - Peninsula Council hosted by San Francisco Council - Halloween Meeting.

November 8—Nikkei Lions Day at the Races— 12 noon Golden Gate Fields— Benefitting the Asian Women's Shelter of San Francisco, contact Lion Jon Wong, jon15@mindspring.com or 415.990.1387

November 8 - San Carlos 8th Annual BBQ TriTip Dinner - Mahaney Hall, 1336 Arroyo. \$20 Adults / \$10 kids under 12. Reserve by 11/3 to Paula (650) 637-0650. Benefits Lions, Girl Scouts and 4H Clubs.

November 22 - 2nd District Cabinet Meeting - Mission Blue Center, Brisbane. 8:30am - 1pm. \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Make check payable to District 4C4. RSVP Lion Rich Picchi by Nov. 17. P.O. Box 1987, El Granada, Ca 94018, Cell: (650) 703-9834, rpichchi@comcast.net

Convention - May 14-17 2009 - The Spirit of Giving



Lion Aurora Santiago is New SF Highlands President!

The San Francisco Highlands Lions Club celebrated its 16th Anniversary at the Basque Cultural Center on August 30th, 2008. It installed its **16th president, Lion Aurora Santiago**, succeeding IPP Lion Kristy Elayda, who has completed two one-year terms.

In her acceptance speech, Lion Aurora emphasized that she will be at her best whenever her best is required. She is self-motivated, enthusiastic and has strong spiritual conviction as a leader. She is quick in setting a good example to accomplish yet another great year. When her call came up, she promptly donated \$5K for our "School for Poor" project. Four qualified new members were admitted into the membership. Her unique idea to raise funds was approved by the membership, challenging each member to raise \$1K or more for a period of one year ending in September 2009. The donation will be for the School for the Poor. Her love for God and compassion for the poor make her energy in the overdrive. She plans to complete the construction of the school classrooms at the end of this year. Lion Aurora concluded her speech by affirming to serve humbly, eagerly and willingly, and then she emotionally said, "Here I am Lord, use me".

Lion Flor was at her usual best as the emcee of the event. She captured the audience's attention with her wit, enthusiasm, gracefulness and friendliness. The music provided by fellow Lion Dick Kishimoto was terrific. The Hawaiian entertainers and the combined dance/song performances by fellow Highlander, Lion Ramon Del Rosario, made the dinner in a more relaxing mode.

A number of Lions dignitaries graced the event. **IPDG Maxine Frazier** installed the officers. **PDG Jocelyn Mina** inducted the new members. **VDG Ken Ibarra** introduced the keynote speaker. MD-4 Council Chairman, **PDG Dave Johnson**, delivered the inspirational speech. PDG Dave Johnson electrified the audience with a moving and powerful message. He praised the SF Highlands Lions for taking a bold action in establishing a school for the poor. He said that only motivated Lions, no matter its size, can do such a huge project. He is most proud to see a 40-member Lions Club wanting to carry on a gigantic task. He congratulated the members for their dedication, courage and their desire of "walking the talk".

During the event, Lion 1st VP Lourdes Pescador, Lion President Aurora Santiago and Lion Past President/Secretary Flor Camota were awarded new Helen Keller Fellowships by **PDG Don Stanaway**, Executive Director of the Lions Eye Foundation of California/Nevada.



SF Highlands 2008-09 New Officers and Directors



Helen Keller Fellows



PDG Dave Johnson inspires, as PDG Maxine Installs





HURRICANE UPDATE from Mahendra Amarasuriya, LCIF

This summer there were a great number of hurricanes throughout the Caribbean and U.S. Gulf Coast. The destruction was significant, killing thousands and destroying properties across several countries and states from wind damage to flooding. Similar to past disasters, Lions and LCIF quickly responded to provide immediate relief items and help families to get back on their feet.

Hurricane Gustav caused \$20 billion in damage and caused great flooding damage in Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, areas previously hard hit by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. LCIF issued five Emergency grants to Lions districts in Mississippi and Louisiana, totaling \$50,000 in relief funds. Grants totaling \$15,000 were also awarded to Lions in the Dominican Republic and Mexico.

Hurricane Ike, the ninth hurricane of the summer, also hit the Gulf Coast of the U.S., making landfall in Texas and causing destruction along hundreds of miles of coastline. LCIF has issued five Emergency grants to districts in Texas and Louisiana, totaling \$50,000 for immediate needs.

LCIF has responded to a number of recent natural disasters around the world. Since July 1, LCIF has issued \$464,000 in Emergency grants. LCIF continues to be in touch with Lions in the affected areas to assess the situation and respond as needed.

Emergency grants and Major Catastrophe grants are funded through LCIF's general humanitarian fund. Donations to support these disasters and future disasters can be made online at www.lcif.org/donate or by calling 630-468-6774 Contact LCIF by e-mail at lcif@lionsclubs.org.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our Foundation. As members, we all belong to LCI, but LCIF belongs to us.

Sincerely,

Mahendra Amarasuriya, Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



International Hero Award Nominations are now available at the LCI website.

Do you know a deserving Lion? Nominate them!



HONORED LIONS in PASSING

Lion Hisao Inouye - Lions Life Member and Nikkei Lions Club Charter Member .

Lion Hisao was born March 10, 1908 in Kobe, Japan and in 1955 he became a naturalized U.S. Citizen. He was very active in community affairs helping to organize and serving as an officer in many organizations. In November 1988, the Government of Japan conferred on him The Order of The Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Rosette, in recognition of his years of outstanding work in promoting relations between Japan and the United States. In 1961, Lion Hisao helped organize the Nikkei Lions club and served as President in 1962. He was Cub Lion of the Year in 1968 and in 1965 served as the District Chairman of the Lions Youth and Community Activities

Fund. A memorial service celebrating the life of Lion Hisao Inouye will be held on Sunday, October 12, 2008 at 2:00 P.M. in the Imperial Room, Hotel Kabuki, 1625 Post Street (at Laguna), SF Phone 415-922-3200 or 415-614-5420.

Spreading the Sunshine

This year I will be taking over the Sunshine from Lion Barbara Fields, who did a great job last year. I know most clubs have their own Sunshine chair but if you would like the District to send a card to someone, please let me know. Contact me at LionYvonne@gmail.com with details (such as name and addresses for cards to be sent to) and I will take care of it. Lion Yvonne Kantola.



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Fair Oaks Lions Club gets off the ground

By Shaun Bishop

San Mateo Daily News

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Two of the Fair Oaks Lions Club's primary backers have very different levels of experience with the historic service organization.

Laura Castillo, 24, has never belonged to a Lions Club before. Still, she is helping the recently chartered branch of the international group to serve the unincorporated North Fair Oaks area near Redwood City. Bill Gibbons, 76, has been a member of the Sunrise Lions Club in Redwood City since 1970 and is in his fourth term as president. His job as a "guiding lion" is to make sure Castillo, the club president, succeeds in getting her club off the ground.

Parque de la Amistad, or Friendship Park, at Dumbarton and Curtis avenues, is one of the Fair Oaks club's first projects. The club has volunteered to clean the park regularly to ease the burden for the cash-strapped San Mateo County Parks Department. The group was recognized last month by the Redwood City Council for its efforts.

As it adds members and chooses projects, the club is shattering stereotypes. While Gibbons said that the clubs have often consisted of mostly senior-age men, 18 of the 22 members in the Fair Oaks club are women, mostly in their 30s and 40s.

"I saw that there's so many clubs through this whole area," Castillo said. "I feel like our community needs one most, and there was nothing being done, so I felt like no matter what it takes, or how hard I have to work, or how long it takes me to get people interested in it, I have to do it."

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More Pictures from the First District Cabinet Meeting August 23, 2008



LCI has recently "renewed" the Lions Logo. Updated logos in many formats are available at the LCI website.





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County parks director Dave Holland said that the club's help with maintenance at the park should keep it from becoming a gathering place for unsavory characters. "When you get the neighborhood involved, that kind of prevents that," he said. "They kind of take over keeping an eye on the park."

Castillo, who started knocking on doors about a year ago, said the club has organized a few fundraising events so far, including a food booth at the recent North Fair Oaks festival, and it is planning a rummage sale next month. In line with a longtime mission of the international Lions Club, the Fair Oaks club is trying to raise money to help the visually impaired.

"In our area, there are a lot of kids who can't afford eyeglasses," said Paula Martinez, 46, the club's vice president. "They don't have insurance because they are not legal residents."

Among the challenges of starting the club are the members themselves. Martinez said most members work and many have school-age children, which makes it difficult to plan meetings.

In Gibbons' club, "The average age now is probably 60 or better," he said. Another hurdle is recruiting members, which Gibbons said has been hard for his club and others in the area. He has encouraged some reluctant members of Castillo's club to take anyone they can. "If they don't like somebody, they want to kick them out of the club," he said. "I said, 'Wait a minute — it takes an awful lot of effort to get members!' You've got to run a club like a business, and they don't know that yet."

Castillo said she hopes to work on future projects to help local schools. She is attending Foothill College and wants to be a teacher.

"I want principals, I want nurses, I want schoolteachers to be able to call me and say, 'We need help,' and me find a way to get their resources to them," she said. "The need, to me, is obvious if you spend a day at one of these communities."

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.



2007-2008 Rick Nuccitelli
District Award Winner
Lion Mike Simonini



LIONS OBJECTIVES

- To Create** and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- To Promote** the principles of good government and good citizenship.
- To Take** an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.
- To Unite** the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.
- To Provide** a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.
- To Encourage** service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.



NEW TAX FILING REQUIREMENT— AFFECTS LIONS CLUBS

If you are a small tax-exempt organization that normally has annual gross receipts of \$25,000 or less and does not have to file Form 990 or 990-EZ, you must file the e-Postcard (990-N) If you do not, you risk losing your tax exempt status.

If your fiscal year is July 1—June 30, you need to file no later than November 15, 2008. Club Presidents should have received a letter explaining the requirement. If you have not received the letter, or if you have questions, please contact Lion Mike Simonini.

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