

The Castro Lion ROAR

20th Anniversary Edition – June 15, 2005

Steven Sams Editor – submissions accepted in word format via email at ss2391@sbc.com



General Membership Meetings:
1st & 3rd Wednesdays



Michael's Octavia Lounge - 415-863-3516
1772 Market Street - San Francisco, CA
6:30 cocktails; Dinner 7pm
Members \$21, Guests \$25
Across the street from Martuni's
PLEASE! Call 415-90-Lions for reservations

CASTRO Lions: benefits from your Community Thrift Store donations.

Our Account # is 67. CTS will make arrangements for pick up of larger items, or you can drop them off during normal store hours.

PLEASE
be sure to complete a donation receipt so we may thank you for your generosity, & track the contributions.

Deliveries are at the dock in Sycamore Alley Street between Mission & Valencia.

Community Thrift Store
623 Valencia Street
10 am to 6:30 pm Open every day
(415) 861-4910.

Proceeds from your CTS donations benefit our Castro Lions Hector Caceres Eye-Glass Fund. www.commthrift.com

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Submit items early for best impact.

Send to ss2391@sbc.com

June 19, 2005 – Father's day

2nd Annual Castro Lions Drag-a-Thon
Marlena's Noon to midnight

June 23, 2005 - June ABC Training

June 26, 2005 – Pride Parade Beverage Booth
SF Toyota Raffle Sales

July 3, 2005 – Daddy's Beer Bust 4-8 pm

July 6, 2005 - General Membership meeting

Bay Positives, guest Speaker, Curtis Moore

July 10, 2005 – Leather & Whatever Auction 3-6 pm

July 17, 2005 - AIDS Walk SF

August 14 – Lone star Beer Bust

August 14 – service event – AH Post 448

November 27th – Lone Star Beer bust

Other community Events: <http://www.craigslislist.org/>

Castro Lion Club Birthdays:

June born Club members

Lion Jeff Harlowe	July 13
Lion Gary Nathan	July 15
Lion Michael Newell	July 20
Lion Michael LaOrange	July 23

Happy BD's to you all.



Credit the Club for your
Cole Hardware purchases!

We are also a standing beneficiary of your purchases at the Cole Hardware Stores (Cole Street & the other SF locations of Fox Ace Hardware). Our club receives 'purchase' credits for your mentioning us when you make your purchases. The Club's account number at Cole is # *2584. (I'm told the "*" is essential.) <http://colehardware.com/>

Twice a year, they send us a gift certificate worth 5% of the accumulated purchases made in our name.

FOR THE RECORD:

There are 45 members in good standing in the Castro Lions Club. As of 2/28/2005 there are 1,350,499 members internationally in 46,103 clubs & 745 Districts in 193 countries & geographical areas.



Lions Code of Ethics

TO SHOW my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I 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 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 the doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position of action towards my fellow man, to resolve such doubts against myself.

TO HOLD friendship as an end and not a means; to hold that true friendship exists not on the account of service performed by one to another but true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the true spirit in which it was given.

ALWAYS bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my unswerving loyalty in word, act and 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.

THANKS Michael & the Michael's Octavia Lounge Staff for the great service at our club meetings!

Castro Lions Charities, Inc. is both a Federal & State recognized 501 (c) (3) organization.

Your contributions to our work in the community (charities account only) are fully tax deductible as allowed by law. EIN# 94-3206719. State Of California Domestic Nonprofit Corporation, Registration No. C1912192. State Charity Registration Number: CT095682

The Castro Lions Club Employee Giving Campaign/United Way Number is: #1034139 (At SBC, employees can use ID# 002944)

Lion Clubs International Objectives

To create a spirit of understanding among the people of the world;

To promote the principles of good government and good citizenship;

To take an active interest in the civic, culture, 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 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 men and women 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.

2005-6 Castro Lions Beneficiaries

AEF/BCEF <http://www.aidsemergencyfund.org>

Hector Caceres Eyeglass Fund

COLAGE <http://www.colage.org>

SFLGBT Marching Band

Honorariums

LCIF Melvin Jones/Lion of the Year

Lions Canine Companions (Membership) www.cci.org & www.lpcci.com

Lions Canine Companions (Worker Dog)

Lions Ear of the Lion (Membership)

Lions Eye Foundation (Membership)

Lions-In-Sight (Membership) <http://www.lionsinsight.org>

MNHC - Holiday Party <http://mnhc.org>

PAWS <http://www.pawssf.org>

Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic www.rfbd.org

Rocket Dog Rescue www.rocketdogrescue.org

Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center <http://tarcsf.org/home.html>

Tenderloin T's Dinners

The Center for AIDS Services <http://thecenteroakland.org>

Tranquillium Center/New Connections

<http://newconnections.org>

One-by-One www.1-by-1.org

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services

Positive Resource Center www.positiveresource.org

Amounts of individual Grants and presentation to be made public at the Leather & Whatever event July 10, 2005 – SF Eagle Tavern – SEE YOU THERE!

NEWS from 'Outside' the club

Lions Wilderness Camp for Deaf Children – Camp Dates

Northern Clovis RLC Camp June 26-July2

Southern Teresita Pines July 10-July 17.

Lions Appreciation Day – June 25 Open House at Clovis

Regional Learning Center 1-888-613-1557

Linda Lions announce 4-C1 website: www.4c1lions.org



707-648-2306 – Warehouse

PIDDRBILLIANN@aol.com

The CASTRO LIONS want your used eye glasses & hearing aides no loose lenses please, frames only are ok if in good condition.

Drop Off spots:

- CalOptix- Lion John Klimek
3838 California #100
- Dr Lion Kathleen Kennedy 552 Castro
- SF-LGBT Center 1800 Market Street
- Site for Sore Eyes:
300 West Portal – or - 140 Battery - or - 901 Market
- Lions Eye Foundation CPMC
2340 Clay at Webster - 5th floor
<http://www.lionsinsight.org/>

SAVE THE DATE: July 15 – at Bonhams & Butterfields
UCSF AIDS Health Project ART for AIDS auction
415-502-7276 for tix/info. 5:30-9+ \$25/person.
www.artforaids.org

Website is UP! – Lion Denni Harp and crew have managed to get the updates done and have posted the new Castro Lions Club web page – and its as up to date as it can be – YEAH! Thanks Lion Denni good job! Let's try to be sure it never falls so far behind again! (See Banner heading)

CASTRO Lions: Community Business Partners

The following local businesses are community partners in the service work of the Castro Lions Club. Because of their support – we are able to meet our annual charity fund-raising goals. We encourage you to patronize them & tell them you appreciate their support of the CASTRO LIONS.

Cole Hardware <http://colehardware.com/>

Community Thrift Store www.commthrift.com

Marlena's

The Edge

SF Eagle Tavern <http://www.sfeagle.com>

Daddy's www.daddysbar.com

TRAX www.TRAX.com

Lone Star

Moby Dick www.mobydicksf.com

Castro & Market Chevron

American Legion Alexander Hamilton Post 448

<http://www.post448.org/welcome.html>

The Halcyon Hotel www.halcynsf.com

Other useful Links:

Under One Roof: www.underoneroof.org

Lions Wilderness Camp www.lionswildcamp.org

One By One Homeless Assistance: www.1-by-1.org

LYRIC: www.lyric.org

(Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center)

GGBA www.GGBA.com (Golden Gate Business Association)

CUAV www.cuav.org Community United Against Violence

Bay Positives: www.baypositives.org

Guide Dogs of the Desert www.guidedogsofthedesert.org

A bite of History & a bit of nostalgia... Did you know?

Annual Awards Castro Lions Club Service Awards: presented to club members at the anniversary dinner.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Awarded to an individual, business or organization for outstanding support of the community.

MAURICE PERSTEIN MEMORIAL AWARD

Awarded to a club member for excellence in fund raising.

GARDNER POND AWARD

Awarded to a new member for outstanding service.

BILL ROWE MEMORIAL AWARD

Awarded to a club member for distinguished service, loyalty & devotion to Lionism.

RICHARD E. TWINING MEMORIAL AWARD

Awarded to a club member for outstanding service to our community.

LION OF THE YEAR

This award is the most important award given by the club. Awarded to a Lion who has devoted exemplary time & effort to the support of the club.

Lion Stamps for Easter Seals:

The Sacramento Philatelic Society (SPS) has an alliance with the Sacramento Easter Seal Society to help collect modern postage stamps that have been sent thru the mail. The SPS evaluates and prepares the stamps for sale, and sales them to collectors all over the world. Some stamps go to auction while others are sold for pennies. Pennies add up so volume is important. All proceeds go to Easter Seals. We can participate by collecting envelopes with any used/metered stamps on them (seals on the back can be valuable as well). Putting collection boxes at our place of work is one way and telling your friends also. Please bring your stamps with you to the monthly meetings or mail them in a "stamped envelope" to...

Lion Walter Bowen

c/o WAK SHACK 782 Haight Street - S. F., Ca. 94117

LIONS of the MONTH:

July 2004 – February 2005

July	Lion Carroll Fears
August	Lion Tommy Rudder
September	Lion Brit Zane
October	Lion Tommy Rudder
November	Lion Dennis Hale
December	Lions Mark Paskvan & Linda Lopez-Wood
January	Lion Steven Sams
February	Lion John Klimek
March	Lion Denni Harp
April	Lions Gary Nathan & David Gin
May	Lion Walter Bowen
June	(To be announced tonight)

-For exemplary Service to the Community & club...

Castro Lions

2004/2005 Officers & Board

President	Lion Gail Wood
1st VP	Lion Tommy Rudder
2nd VP	Lion Brian Carbo
3rd VP	Lion Linda Lopez-Wood
Secretary	Lion Carroll Fears
Treasurer	Lion David Gin
Membership Chair	Lion Dennis Hale
Tail Twister	Lion Brit Zane
Lion Tamer	Lion David Gin & Lion Gary Nathan
IPP	Lion Denni Harp

Board

Lion Mike Newell, PDG – 2 year term
Lion Carl Tebell – 2 year term
Lion Moira Wilmes – 1 year term
Lion Brad Sprankle – 1 year term

Castro Lions belong to District 4C4; Region 1, Zone 1:
which includes: Nikkei, Ocean Ingleside, Park Presidio
& Sunset clubs for 2005-6

Castro Lions Club Officers & Board elect: Term begins July 1, 2005

IPP	Lion Gail Wood
President	Lion Steven Sams
1 st VP	Lion Brit Zane
2 nd VP	Lion Brian Carbo
3 rd VP	Lion Dennis Hale
Secretary	Lion Denni Harp
Treasurer	Lion David Gin
Lion Tamer	Lion John Klimek
Tail Twister	Lion Gary Nathan
Membership Director	Lion Randy Ortega
Director 2 year	Lion Steve Kech
Director 2 year	Lion Frank Bence
Director 1 year	Lion Jen 'Spike' Lee
Director 1 year	Lion Carl Tebell

**Lion PDG Michelle Jester HAS the SF
Toyota Raffle tickets in hand – please
contact her direct for your share to sell.**

lionjester4c4@hotmail.com

415-846-9257.

**See the Flier for these elsewhere in this
edition of the Anniversary Dinner News.**



Join Lions David Gin & Steven Sams in AIDS Walk SF – 2005

note: there are underscores between their first & last names

Lion Sams Personal secured donation page:
http://aidswalksanfrancisco2005.kintera.org/Steven_Sams
Lion Gin's Personal secured Donation Page:
http://aidswalksanfrancisco2005.kintera.org/david_gin

Join the team by visiting:

<http://aidswalk.net/sanfran/index.html>

Then 'click register now' and 'JOIN A TEAM' our
Team name is Team SBC Communications. (or see
below). Team shirts and Ball-Park Lunch will be
provided by Lion Sams.

Together they helped raise more than \$32,000 in the
2004 walk. Sign up or Donate – either way please
support their efforts in the name of the Castro Lions.
Complete the following information and mail it to:
Lion Steven Sams c/o

The Castro Lions Club Charities, Inc.

584 Castro Street PMB 200
San Francisco, Ca 94114

(If you'd like to help pay for the shirt/food – please include a
personal check for \$5 made payable to Lion Sams)

NAME: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone Number w/area code: _____

EMAIL: _____

A complete team information kit will be sent.

2004-5 Castro Lions Club Committees:

Finance & Budget - Lion David Gin

Visitations - Lion Dennis Hale

Fundraising & Events - Lion Tommy Rudder

Constitution & Bylaws - Lion Linda Lopez-Wood

Voice Mail – Lion David Gin

Public Relations – Lions Gail Wood, Brad Sprankle,
Steven Sams & Patrick Gould

Newsletter – Lion Steven Sams

Speakers – Lion Linda Lopez-Wood

Membership – Lions Brit Zane & Patrick Gould

Y&CA Raffle Tickets – Lion John Klimek

Lions in Sight – Lion Linda Lopez-Wood

Exams & Eyeglasses – Lion Carl Tebell

Eyeglass Collections – Lions David Gin, Gary Nathan
& Mary Sager

Holiday Party & Annual Dinner – Lions Carroll Fears,
Gary Nathan & Linda Lopez-Wood

Board Meetings -Lions David Gin & Dennis Hale

Charities - Lion Brian Carbo

Convention - Lions David Gin, Carroll Fears, Gary
Nathan, Dennis Hale, Brit Zane, Carl Tebell,
& Linda Lopez-Wood.

Any Member May Join & Assist any committee.

The SF Castro Lions Club was officially chartered under the auspices of Lions International on February 4, 1985.
Park Presidio Lions Club was our sponsoring club.

The Charter members of the club were:

Skip Anderson	Bob Little
Dan Archuleta	J, Davis Mannino
Michael D. Arken	Charles T. Mays
R.A. "Dick" Bahrenburg	Albert Martino
Scott Bailey	Lon McAdams
Jack I. Baker	Steve McBride
Raymond L Benson	Patrick McGonigle
Rick Brattin	Francis Medeiros
Michael B. Buckley	Gary Moonert
Mark Busche, DDS	Charles R. Morrow
Hector Caceres	Michael Newell
Richard Carle	Bernard Pechter
Robert Coats	Garret Peter
Kim De Steiguer	Gardner P. Pond
James Rodney Doby	Richard Robinson
John Dowdy, Jr.	Hector Romo
Brian J. Duckworth	Bill Rowe
Edward T. Emond	John A Schmidt
Stephen Ernst	Chuck Smith
Cecil Garcia	Jack Smith
Robert E. Gerard	William Stanley
Robert Griese	Joe Summerville
Jeffery Scott Harlowe	Carl Tebell
Carl Heimann	Richard E. Twining
Hal Harkenhoff	Chuck Ward
Dan Jeansonne	William Warriner
K. Martin Keller	Dennis Watson
James L.D. Lamm, MD	Jonathon R. Wright
Michael La Orange	Steve T. Young

The List-of-Past-Presidents:

Gary Moonert	1985
John Wright	1985-86
Gardner Pond	1986-88
Michael Newell	1988-89
Bill Rowe	1989-90
Carl Heimann	1990-91
Richard Eaton	1991-92
Carl Tebell	1992-93
Richard twining	1993-94
Richard Mendoza	1994-95
Brian Carbo	1995-96
Richard Twining	1996
Carl Tebell	1997-98
Michelle Jester	1998-99
Donald Gallup	1999-2000
Ace Rocek	2000-01
Carl Heimann	2001-3
Denni Harp	2003-4
Gail Wood	2004-5

Did YOU KNOW?....

The Castro Lions are a member of the SF Public Library Community Service Organizational Listings? <http://sfpl.org> under Local Links, Community Organizations. (Certain corp. firewalls disallow you access so try from your personal account.)

Drag-a-Thon is posted on Craigslist as is the car raffle. We also got featured on the Community Thrift Store's Community event Bulletin Board.



PDG Rocky Lombardi recently suffered a stroke but is now in rehab and on the road to recovery.

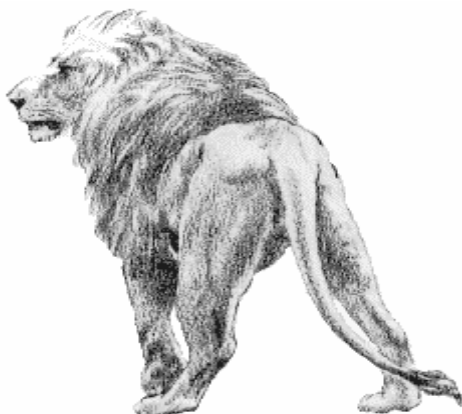
NEW OFFICER TRAINING: Saturday June 11 contact Lion Ken Ibarra at kenibarra@aol.com or by phone: 650-827-1005

District 4C4 – 2005-6 Officers
District Governor: Lion Eugene Chan
415-929-7602 eugene-chan@webtv.net

VDG: Lion Al Russell
650-474-3680 arussell@cbnorcal.com

Region 1 Chair: Lion Thelma Ajero
650 238-8275 ccajero@rcn.com

Zone 2 Chair: Lion Gail Wood
510-329-3508 Liongailw@aol.com



Pride Celebration - & THE PINK TRIANGLE

Activities for set up of the annual Twin Peaks Pink Triangle begin at 7 am and run through 10 am Saturday June 25th. Help is being requested by Pat Carney. Historically, several club members have been able to fit this into their schedules and be at Twin Peaks to assist. If interested contact Pat at PatC@hellermanus.com or 415-247-100 x142. Commemoration Ceremony is at 10:30 am. Dignitaries will be at the commemoration, as well as the fabulous S.F. Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band. The Director of Exhibitions at the U.S. Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C. will be here to tell the History of the Pink Triangle. The removal will be Sunday June 26 from 4:30 – 7:30. www.thepinktriangle.com

FRIENDS OF THE PINK TRIANGLE
The History of the Pink Triangle

The pink triangle was used by the Nazis in concentration camps to identify & shame homosexuals. This symbol, used as an attempt to label & shame, has been embraced by the gay community as a symbol of pride. However, in the 1930's & 40's there was nothing to celebrate concerning the pink triangle. Gays were forced to wear the pink triangle on their pockets in the concentration camps to identify them as homosexual to set them apart from other prisoners. Triangles of various colors were used to identify each category of "undesirable": yellow for Jews, brown of Gypsies, red for political prisoners, green for criminals, black for anti-socials, purple for Jehovah's Witnesses, blue for immigrants & pink for homosexuals. The pink triangles were slightly larger than the other colored triangles so that guards could identify them from a distance. It is said that those who wore the pink triangles were singled out by the guards to receive the harshest treatment, & when the guards were finished with them, some of the other inmates would harm them as well. At the end of the war when the concentration camps were finally liberated, virtually all of the prisoners were released except those who wore the pink triangle. Many of those with a pink triangle on their pocket were put back in prison and the nightmare continued. It is the same kind of senseless, irrational hatred that still haunts Gays, Jews, Blacks & other minorities today. The Taliban in Afghanistan required non-Muslims to wear identifying badges on their clothing, just as the Nazi's required their "undesirables" to wear identifying logos so long ago. History repeats itself. That is why the Twin Peaks display is so important. We must remind people of the hatred & prejudice of the past to help educate others and prevent it from happening again. What happened in the Holocaust must not be forgotten and must not be repeated.



Castro Lions Raffle

This is a wonderful opportunity for this great new car. Castro Lions is one of 5 Beneficiaries on this donation program. ALL PROCEEDS GO TO OUR CHARITY FUND. Deadline is August 6, 2005 – but once the tickets are gone we will accept no further checks!

WIN A 2005 SCION XB SPECIAL EDITION

\$10.00

OR 3 TICKETS FOR \$25

Car donated by San Francisco Toyota & SCION

OTHER PRIZES!

- SF Toyota hosts a Suite at SBC for you & 7 of your best friends (GO Giants!)
- Energy 92.7 Weekend in San Francisco for 2 includes Dinner and Lodging (\$1,000 Value)
- COMCAST Prize Package (\$700.00 Value)
- Ruth's Chris Steakhouse Dinner for 4 (\$400.00 Value)

All proceeds will benefit The LGBT Community Center, AIDS Emergency Fund, The Castro Lions and Breast Cancer Emergency Fund.

Drawing will be held 8/15/05 at the LGBT Center; Must RSVP by 8/6/05 to attend to info@sfpride.org
Need not be present to win. The winner will be responsible for sales tax and vehicle license fees
The maximum number of tickets sold will be 6,000

Make checks Payable to Castro Lions Club for Special Raffle & Send to:

Castro Lions Special Raffle

584 Castro PMB 200 - SF, Ca 94114

Your tickets will be sent by return mail so print clearly, please.

Thanks for your support of the Castro Lions Club and all those we serve!

Or BUY THEM HERE from a Castro Club Member Tonight!



Anniversary Attendees:

We welcome our Club friends & visitors tonight. As of the latest information before press time, we are expecting the following dignitaries, special friends, & fellow Lions to be in attendance.

DG Ray Rosenthal & his wife Christina, Dee Walter & PDG Linda Griffin (LiS), Carol Klatt & Denise Kelly, Vellie Brown (RB&D), Betty Connel Eberhard (Park Presidio), Woody & Melody, Dorothy Johnson, Roger Burr & Julie Mills, Jane Leon, Andy & Bea, our musician friend Mark Stevens & his wife Jane, Marina North-Beach: Lions Frances Tolosa, President Agnes Lau, Secretary Mindy Wong & Barbara Vitalis. Foster City club has responded that they will be here "en masse" as well. And our friend Dr. Lion Wayne Shatswell from the Linda Lions.

SFPD are sending several people all as guests of Sally Casazza, the SFPD/SFFD toy drive coordinator & former SFPD Historian Sgt Bob Fitzer Forensics (CSI) & ID Bureau & Lt Dennis Krueger. The two chiefs were also invited but we're not sure yet of their schedules. We're proud to have members from AIDS Emergency Fund with us tonight too. (Of course we welcome all club members including our very own PDG Michelle Jester.) And maybe a surprise guest or two!

Memory Lane:

Tonight several special recognitions will be made of & for members of the club & community for their tremendous dedication & service to our community & each other. Most of these awards & certifications are annual recognitions. As a reminder, the awards from last year's dinner – our 19th were:

The 2004 Awardees

Castro Lions Club - 2003-2004
Lion of the Year - Lion David Gin

The Gardner Pond Award for
Outstanding Service by a New Member
2003-2004 - Lion Brit Zane

The Bill Rowe Memorial Award for
Special Achievements - 2003-2004
Lion Linda Lopez Wood

The Maurice Perstein Memorial Award for Fundraising
2003-2004 - Lion Tommy Rudder

The Richard Twining Award for Volunteerism
2003-2004 - Lion Dennis Hale

Melvin Jones – Lion John Klimek

And a very special award initiated in 2004:

The PRIDE OF THE CASTRO Award
2003-2004 Lion IPP Denni Harp

Community Business Partner Award
Spectrum Magazine

WHO will be our Award Recipients Tonight?!



Our Year of Service:

A retrospective of the activities & fund raising & service events of The Castro Lions club 2004-5

During this last 12 months, the Castro Lions have been very busy. Since we last met to celebrate our anniversary of the Club's Charter (in February 1985) & Installation of our First president Garry Moonert in June of that year, we have held more fund raisers, more service events & more partnership events with other non-profits than perhaps ever before.

We began the year with returning to an old event, starting a new one & continuing a tradition of 17 years by holding our annual Leather (& Whatever) auction.

The old event saw us back at PRIDE – dispensing brew from a Budweiser Truck, being serenaded by the SFLGBTDFMB (San Francisco Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Day Marching Band). Well the horn section in any case. Lion Denni Harp is to be congratulated for helping us re-secure that opportunity.

We also started what may soon prove to be a new signature event for the club – our 1st annual 12-hour Drag-a-Thon show at Marlena's Empress XXV of SF's Imperial court. Lion Brit Zane led this effort along with Lion Patrick Gould & we were a smash! and – because of the event – Lion Walter Bowen became interested in, & finally chose to join the club.

The 17th annual Leather (& Whatever) auction at the SF Eagle was Lion Tom Rodgers day to once again shine, & did he ever. We raised an astonishing amount that day – as do we usually at these events, & a huge percentage of our annual charities budget was raised (more than \$7600!). We also took that opportunity to present the prior year beneficiaries with their grant checks.

Following only a week later, Lions David Gin & Steven Sams participated in AIDS Walk SF, between them, & all of their Lion & other sponsors, they raised more than \$32,000 for Bay Area HIV/AIDS agencies.

Then we participated in the New Century Club's Bowling tournament, & besides being the best 'dressed & cheered' took second place in the tourney. Securing I might add, the upcoming new membership of Lion Jenny 'Spike' Lee.

During this time we also re-established our business partnerships with Community Thrift, Cole Hardware & several corporate United Way/Employee Giving Campaigns as direct funding tools for our club's Eye Care program run by Lion Carl Tebell.

The newsletter also began a club-member BIO column during these early months so that we could each get to know one another better. With a full year almost gone, there are still some profiles not yet in print – but these articles have been a very good tool at developing new & better understandings of where we've come from – & why we are Lions.

Also – in the newsletter – we began doing SERVICE Profiles of local Non-Profits with whom we've worked throughout the years & to whom we've made more than \$500,000 in contributions since we were first founded. Yet another terrific example of partnership in community building.

We established an on-going & cooperative support partnership with the American Legion Alexander Hamilton Post 448 during these early months too. Together, the Post membership & the Castro Lions have now partnered in some 6 events, with many yet to come.

Lions David Gin & Gary Nathan ramped up a new & exciting eye glass collection methodology, collecting throughout the year – the most glasses of any of the District Clubs, while turning the cases into an additional funding stream for our own eye care program. Lions Kathleen Kennedy & John Klimek, among several other businesses stepped up at their optical shops & became collection locations for us.

Lions Tommy Rudder, Carroll Fears, Dennis Hale & many others got us back into the Folsom & Castro Street Fairs – again 'pouring brew' & adding to our charity coffers.

Lion Tom Lucas, assisted ably by Lions Linda Lopez Wood, Gail Wood, Denni Harp & others held Garage Sales – yet more dollars deposited.

The American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk was in October & followed then by special events like Halloween – where again an ever increasing number of volunteers made a special night, a special addition to the charities account. Here again Lions Brit Zane & Tommy Rudder led the way.

As we moved into November, we assisted the AIDS Emergency Fund again in conducting their spectacular Dine Around 94114 events. Lions served as table hosts, 'greeters' AEF Ambassadors – & helped them raise an exceptional \$50,000+

December arrived with many opportunities – the Mission Neighborhood Health Center's Children's Holiday party, eye test sessions in schools, our own Holiday party (thank you Lion Mark Paskvan for securing the site) & of course – our own Toy Drive.

In January we began what I now refer to as Lion Brit's 'don't let us have time to rest' series of Beer Busts. From Trax to Daddy's to Lone Star to the Edge & round the circle again & again – one has lost count of how many we've done – but with each one garnering from \$200-\$600 on average – they have been tiring, but more than worth it. Lion Dennis Hale – I can't believe you've been at absolutely everyone of these event so far listed – in fact everyone I'm going to yet list! And not to forget – the months long campaign of LY&CA sales adroitly managed by Lion John Klimek, for the first time in years – we sold everything we had!

In February was our annual Mr./Ms Heart Throb event at the SF Eagle, again – Lions Tommy Rudder, Tom

Rodgers – the Alexander Hamilton Post members & many others from our club had a raucous wild & FUND-filled day. It even got major press coverage.

As spring sprung, there were more Beer Busts, BBQs, Lyon-Martin's 25th Anniversary Service event, Y&C Street Sales, the March of Dimes WalkAmerica event, the Ron Wilmot AIDS Bike-a-Thon & Dining Out for Life – our participation in the Center for AIDS Services fund raiser in the east Bay.

And who could forget the windy day at MOBY DICK as we did our best to sell our wares – BAKED GOODS that is. Special thanks to Lion Scot Riffe for making this possible, & to all the bakers & sellers.

Gleaning the names of members from all the M&A reports who have participated in event after event was easy – All I need really needed to do was cut/paste the roster into this article – nearly every member did their duty in dozens of activities.

Lions Brad Sprankle, Brian Carbo, Brit Zane, Carl Tebell, Carroll Fears, Chuck Roth (OUR GRACIOUS TAX PREP-GUY!) David Gin, Denni Harp, Dennis Hale, Frank Bence, Gail Wood, Gary Nathan, Greg Douglas, Jenny 'Spike' Lee, Kathleen Kennedy, Linda Lopez-Wood, Mark Paskvan, Mary Saeger, Michael Newell, Michelle Jester, Michael Boote, Moira Wilmes, Patrick Gould, Randy Ortega, Rich Bennett, Scot Rife, Steve Kech, Steven Sams, Tommy Rudder, Todd Kepus, Tom Lucas, Tom Rodgers, & Walter Bowen. And from afar and in their own ways: Lions Gardner (always will be a Castro member to me) Pond, Ed Emond, O. John Groehl, Jeff Harlowe, Michael LaOrange, Carl Heimann, Mel Thomas, Don Gallup, Dennis O'Brien, David Baehr.

We gained more members than we lost this year, we raised more awareness of the work we do & our own presence in the community & we did a fine job of raising thousands of dollars for that community.

Oh & lest I forget – we closed not one but TWO more restaurants – a seemingly nasty tradition we've had since charter night! Miu Miu's sold, & the new owners weren't interested – & now we here that our current place – though probably still available to us – has gone into receivership – & as we begin the new fiscal year – it may too have a new name as well as new owner.

Lion Gail – you've had a busy year – a year of growth, which sometimes is painful, extra hard work & on occasion undeniably stressful. We thank you for your leadership, & the year we've had – we wish you well in your new role as Zone Chair in the coming year.



Lion Gail Wood – President 2004-5
Castro Lions Club
The PRIDE of the Castro!



Did you know there's a CASTRO Lions AIDS Memorial Panel?

This page is dedicated in loving memory to Castro Lions Club members whom we've lost to the HIV/AIDS disease. Many are remembered above in a copy of the Names Project Quilt Panel memorializing their time with us. The complete listing of those we have lost appears below.

NOTE: If you have a photo editor loaded on your computer, and this is being viewed electronically, you can 'right-click' on the image above, edit it and view it in a larger image to read the first names on the badges, see more detail of the quilt. Lion O. John Groebl and previous club member Mary Coomey assisted Lion Sams in creating this memorial to our fallen members.

Gary Moonert (1986)
Von Phillips (1989)
Worth Young (1990)
Robert Bacci (1990)
Paul Walker (1991)
Bill Rowe (1992)
Patrick McGonigle (1993)
Mark Russo (1994)
Kim de Steiguer (1995)

Jonathan Wright (1987)
Mark Busche (1990)
Maurice Perstein (1990)
Joel Coleman (1990)
Gene Lyon (1992)
Bill Perniconi (1992)
Phillip Quattrociocchi (1993)
Eric Bailes (1994)
Ray Benson (1995)

Frank Makowski (1988)
Richard Robison (1990)
Michael Arken (1990)
Neil Skillman (1991)
Hector Romo (1992)
Kim Nelson (1992)
Rod Doby (1994)
Steve Sanders (1994)
Richard Twining (1996)

All NAMES Project Quilt Panels may be viewed on their web site <http://www.aidsquilt.org/>. Individual panels are identified by an image number. The Castro Lions Club panel is indexed under Castro Lions and as image #04331. Also on that site are additional panels commemorating Bill Rowe - image #03182 and Gary Moonert - image #00001. Lion Sams is the Club's Quilt master. The panel is updated with fallen fellow club members as the need arises.



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The End of the ROAR!

Thank you all for attending. We hope you enjoyed yourselves and that you were as proud of this evening's program as we are of your presence.



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The ORIGINS of LIONISM:

Lionism began in 1917 when a group of independent businessmen responded to an idea presented to them by a young Chicago insurance agent, Melvin Jones. The idea is one of service as a group to our fellow human beings without regard to politics, religion, sex, race or any way the personal interests of the members. A conference of 25 independent clubs was called on June 7, 1917, and from this the organization of Lions was born. The International Association of Lions Clubs has grown to be the largest service club organization in the world, represented by over 46,000 clubs with a membership exceeding 1,350,000 in over 193 countries.

THOSE COLORS:

To Lions, purple stands for loyalty to country, friends, ones' self and the integrity of mind and heart. It is the traditional color of strength, courage and tireless dedication to a cause. Gold symbolizes sincerity of purpose, liberality in judgment, purity in life and generosity, in mind, heart and money toward our fellow men and women.

Who We Are:

We are volunteer members of a club that is chartered under an international organization, where we enjoy fellowship and dedicate part of our free time to helping those in need all over the world, while making our individual community, a better place to live. Our membership is open to any person willing to step up to the SERVICE motto of the organization.

Think of joining us:

While Castro Lions is one of the youngest Lions Club in San Francisco, we are a busy club! Formed in 1985, we have become the world's first officially sanctioned gay/lesbian Lions Club (and have since played a role in chartering other gay clubs in Denver and Toronto). Lions International has always encouraged clubs to reflect their unique neighborhoods. Membership is open to Gay and Non-Gay individuals.

YES – you CAN Afford It!

A member's basic financial commitment is a \$75 entrance fee and \$125 annual dues (payable semi-annually). The degree of involvement by each member and the degree of financial contribution are personal decisions. Club Meetings are held twice monthly (with dinner optional). There is usually a guest speaker about topics of interest to our community as well as a few reports of business and planning projects. Lions Clubs elect their officers annually and work through club committees. Our club is proud that it reflects all socio-economic levels within the gay, lesbian and non-gay community. Pins, vests and other items you may desire to acquire as part of club membership are available at anytime, and are reasonably priced, not required and payment schedules can be arranged.

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