

The Castro Lion ROAR

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General Membership Meetings:
1st & 3rd Wednesdays
Miu Miu Bistro
131 Gough 6:30 cocktails
Dinner 7pm
Call 415-90-Lions for reservations
Club Members \$20, Guests \$25

CASTRO Lions are a standing beneficiary of you 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, and track the contributions. Deliveries are at the dock in Sycamore Alley Street between Mission and 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 Eye-Glass Fund.



Calendar of Upcoming Events:

PLEASE – provide Lion Sams with any items for the calendar – as far in advance as possible.

July 25

New Century Club's Bowling Tourney call 415-561-2695 for details

August 14

First Special Officer Training Session \$5 – Foster City Rec. Center 630 Shell Blvd, Foster City 8am, See related article below.

August 28

First Cabinet Meeting – Foster City Rec. Center, 630 Shell Blvd, Foster City 8am,

September 18

Second Special Officers Training Session \$5 Foster City Rec. Center 630 Shell Blvd, Foster City 8am,

September 22

SF Council meeting at Miu Miu Bistro

November 12-14

Second Cabinet Meeting – Carmel Ca

Jan 29th 2005 –

Third Cabinet Meeting Foster City Rec. Center, 630 Shell Blvd, Foster City 8am,

Credit the Club for your ACE Hardware purchases!

We are also a standing beneficiary of your purchases at the ACE Hardware Stores (Cole Street and 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 10% of the accumulated purchases made in our name.

The Castro Lions is a Federal and 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](http://www.irs.gov).

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



Lions Clubs International - District 4-C4

Here's an opportunity to learn from the experts! District Governor Ray has invited MD-4 experts to train All Club Officers and any interested Lion member at our District 4-C4 Leadership Training

Saturday, August 14, 2004
8:00 AM

Location: William E. Walker Recreation Center 650 Shell Blvd. (corner Hillsdale Blvd.) Foster City, CA 94404. Cost: \$5.00 per person (Training, continental breakfast and lunch included). Please make checks payable to: District 4-C4. Send in your reservations by August 5, 2004 to:

Lion Ken Ibarra, Cabinet Treasurer
100 Lucia Court
San Bruno, CA 94066

For more information, please call Lion Esther Lee, District Coordinator at (415) 885-7664 daytime, (650) 742-9333 evening or (650) 278-1277 (CP) or e-mail: lesvilla22@yahoo.com or esther.lee@ucsfmedctr.org



August Castro Lion Club Birthdays:

Lion Peter Manansala August 18
Lion Mel Thomas August 20

May the best of the day be yours...

FOR THE RECORD:

There are currently 43 members in good standing in the Castro Lions Club. As of February 2004 there are 1,357,985 members internationally in 46,366 clubs and 739 Districts in 192 countries and geographical areas.



Lion John Klimek speaks....

Fellow Castro Lions Club members, I would like to extend a very special thank you to you all – individually and collectively for the honor of receiving the Melvin Jones Award at the Annual Dinner. “I cannot express to you how much, being a member of the Castro Lions Club, has meant to me.” Yours in Lionism, Lion John Klimek

AIDS Walk SF 2004

CHANGE THE COURSE OF THE EPIDEMIC

Update on AIDS Walk SF 2004:

Members of the club stepped up to Lion David Baehr's challenge in a big way. Lions David Gin and Steven Sams, collected \$1000+ from club members both indirect from the member and direct through the charities account.

As of this printing Lion Sams has raised nearly \$39,000 in the event. Altogether the event raised more than \$3 million for 35+ Bay Area HIV/AIDS organizations. Lion David Gin was a terrific partner throughout the day and between us – we'd like to encourage the club to consider joining us in the 2005 walk – maybe partnering with the SBC walkers, AEF and amongst ourselves – we can even beat \$100,000 total raised by the team. This was a great event and effort and both Lions Gin & Sams thank you for your generosity and support. The MD4, 4C\$ donor list was large too – and counted for nearly another \$1000 by the way. For snap shots of the day, visit: mark@sfo1k.com



THANK YOU LIONS!



IN THE COMMUNITY:

Help is on the Way X
-Broadway & all that jazz....
Tenth anniversary GALA for REAF
(Richmond Ermet AIDS Foundation)
August 2, 2004 Palace of Fine Arts – 8pm
415-273-1620 for details, tickets.

www.richmondermet.org Benefiting:

New Leaf Services:

www.newleafservices.org

UCSF AIDS Health Project:

<http://www.ucsf-ahp.org/>

See also ART FOR AIDS:

<http://artforaids.org/iSponsors.asp>

Lion Sams sponsored this event in the club's name to help UCSF AHP; and,

<http://www.broadwaycares.org/>

-among others....

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.



Sit DOWN – or you’ll faint - 17th Annual Leather & Whatever auction results

Sunday July 11 at the SF Eagle Tavern, Lion Tom Rodgers once again led the club in this our largest annual fund raiser. In fact – we may have broken a record or two this year – 442 paid for the bust – and we had stuff from the auction left over! Joining Lion Auctioneer Supreme-o – Tom were Lions Harp, Wilmes, Wood, Lopez-Wood, Klimek, Gin, Rudder, Fears, Gould, Carbo, Carroll, Kennedy, Roth, Hale and soon to be cub Mike Boote and Sams. We even had a visit from former Lions Janet Hintermann and Richard Mendoza.

The Alexander Hamilton Chapter of the American Legion graced us with their presence and donated/prepared and served the day’s food which was just terrific. The names I captured were Tony Benfield the Commander of AH Chapter, William Watson, John Caldera, Pete Pistochini, Rene Puliatti, Robert Potter and Jim Lewellan. The food was so, so good, and went fast. These delightful men have already promised to come back next year and do it for us again as well – BY THE WAY – they also bought one heck of a lot of the leather items!

After paying the ‘bill’ for cups, beer etc, we raised an extraordinary \$7650.00 throughout the day and had just a great time socializing, telling the story of the Lions club and our own history – and maybe – just maybe – recruiting a few new members. I handed out ‘a few phone numbers at least – dog that I am (tee-hee). This is more incredible than we could have hoped and more than 1/3 of the budget we’ve projected for the year – thanks to all who participated...bought, drank, enjoyed!

Lion Tom also wishes to especially thank Lions Denni and David for assisting the day before doing the ‘tagging’ and cleaning.



2003-2004 LY&C Update:

FYI – 2 of the prize winners from the 2003/2004 Y&C Ticket Sales were people who purchased tickets from the Castro Lions Club. Both were \$50 winners. Let's all pitch in and ensure that Lion John Klimek's leadership of the 2004-2005 effort surpasses even this great result!

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.

MD4 – PR contest:

Take note fellow Lions – we can possibly raise up to an extra \$1000 for the club charities by winning the BEST PR for Lionism from MD4 coffers. Any and all Media Releases we get - news articles we have published about us in local papers, employee association newsletters etc - can all be submitted to MD4 to be counted in this contest. Contact Lion President Gail Wood for details – and help us spread the word about our club activities, Lionism and our SERVICE to the community – and maybe – even raise some dollars while we're at it!

EXAMPLE: the SPECTRUM newspaper Vol 7, No. 7 July 2004 featured our entire Anniversary Dinner event! This is a GREAT plug – and had photos too!

Castro Lions 1st Annual Drag-a-Thon –
View the event photos at:

www.Andrewkewlkid.com/drag_marathon.htm

-and many, many thanks to Andrew F. Albright our Friend of the Club photographer!

Lions Eye Foundation Lion Michael Newell, PDG

The Annual Meeting of the Lions Eye Foundation of CA/NV, Inc. took place on Saturday July 17, 2004 at the Cathedral Hill Hotel. Attendance was approximately 250 Lions and friends. Castro Lion Mark Paskvan, Program

Coordinator for our Foundation, worked many hours to make the event such a success. He arrived at the hotel with Executive Director Lion Don Stanaway prior to 8 AM. Advisors to the Foundation from California and Nevada held their meeting before the Trustees meeting at 9:30 AM. At the same time, doctors from California Pacific Medical Center, held a series of educational seminars in The Pavilion, and the seminars were well attended. Two of the resident doctors making presentations had been on duty in surgery over the night because of a medical emergency involving one of the Foundation's patients, which resulted in a successful resolution.

Dr. Susan Day cut short her holiday to address the assembled. She could not bring her doggie Maggie who was taking charge of Dr. Day's husband. Dr. Day, who has spoken to the Castro Lions, confirmed that California Medical Center had purchased the Cathedral Hill Hotel and surrounding properties as a new site for the hospital. There was not much choice because of California mandated requirements for seismic retrofit of all California hospitals.

Once appropriate permits are obtained, the Cathedral Hill Hotel will be razed and a new hospital built on that site. A new Lions Eye Foundation Center will be located elsewhere and we want this to be the finest eye center in the world. -More to follow on this subject. The complement of residents has increased to nine, allowing more service to those in need.

Donations to the Foundation for this quarter were \$59,859.58. Not only are more donations requested, more patient referrals are requested. The Foundation does not pay professional fees; the costs for surgeries are negotiated. Had full price fees been charged, the estimated value of services for the period January to March would be \$1,057,894.04.



President's Column – Lion Gail Wood



Fellow Lions and Friends,
Well, the first month of Lions year 2004-2005 has come and gone. And we were busy. First, we held our annual Leather or Whatever Auction at the San Francisco Eagle on July 11. Thanks to auctioneer Lion Tom Rodgers we raised \$7650 selling donated leather items, tee shirts, miscellanea (is that a word? [EDITORS' Note: yes, when spelled right, smile]), beer and in tips. To all the Lions who worked the event, my thanks.

We worked at the door, took money and credit cards, sorted and held leather items for pick-up and worked on the stage with Lion Tom. Special thanks go to a couple of Castro Lions we don't see very often. Lion Chuck Roth helped with the donations and sales and Lion Dr. Kathleen Kennedy, looking too cute in her little leather vest running items from the stage to the sales table. We also had a "Lion-in-Waiting", Mike Boote, who was a stunning model. Picture him in a leather hood with the price tag still dangling. The food was donated and cooked by the Alexander Hamilton Post 448 of the American Legion. Superb cheeseburgers and all the fixings -the tomatoes had to be home-grown, they were that good. Post Commander, Mario (Tony) Benfield proved himself to be a true gentleman, gracious host and cheeseburger server.

The next weekend, Treasurer Lion David Gin and I attended the Lions in Sight Warehouse open house and annual meeting. What a trip! I80 was a parking lot from Richmond to the toll plaza and it was HOT. But it was well worth the trip. We met a few old friends, made some new ones, delivered some glasses, ate another cheeseburger and checked out the volunteer opportunities for the Castro Lions. We have the name of the fellow that can coordinate the dates for our trips to the warehouse to sort glasses and we can also go to Oakland to clean them.

Our club has always been a supporter of Lions in Sight as a member club and a working group of volunteers. Lions-in-Sight has conducted 124 clinic trips to 27 countries, examining and dispensing glasses to over 142,000 patients. During the last 16

years, they have shipped over 3 million glasses to 61 of the world's 180 countries. This year, I plan for our club to make at least two trips to Vallejo and/or Oakland to lend our support to this remarkable endeavor. Sight is the business of Lions. My article in the next newsletter will highlight Lion PP Carl Tebell and PDG Lion Mike Newell whose efforts are dedicated to providing eye exams and glasses to area children and AIDS patients which are endowed by our Hector Caceres fund. Read your next newsletter to find out who the July Lion of the Month is!!

Lion President Gail



GENERAL Membership and 'hat attire'

At the July 7 General Membership meeting, Lion Brit Zane showed us why a quiet, yet lethal Tail Twister is sooooo important – Sheesh- did he EVER!! After fining nearly everyone in attendance for one thing or another – and after the 5th fine to an individual, Lion Brit gives you a choice – pay up another \$1 – or wear one of his many 'hats'. TRUST ME – after being 'THE GREEN BUG OF MODOR' or whatever the heck it was – I wished I'd continued to pay the \$1's.

Be forewarned, wear clothing that'll go with paisley (ha-ha) right Lion Dennis Hale? - The other HAT recipient of the night!

We also received a congratulatory greeting/phone call during the meeting from Lion Gardner Pond – Hey Old Fart – how are ya?!

Lester and Giao (Bartender and wait staff person) were a delightful team for the meeting – and while we'll miss Carmen while she's at school – these fellows were certainly very attentive – and the food was great – BY THE WAY – they've promised no more strawberry cheesecake – at least for a while – YEAH!

We also has a guest for the meeting, Shane Royal, hosted by Lions Gail and Linda – who is very likely our next cub-in-waiting...Welcome Shane! (Hope I spelled your name correctly.)

We had 13 members and 1 guest in attendance – let's try to get those numbers back up to 20 if we can – makes for a MUCH better meeting, more marble and raffle \$ and we also have an obligation to the restaurant to keep the numbers up too.



The CASTRO LIONS want your used eye glasses and hearing aides – no loose lenses please.

Drop Off spots:

Dr Kathleen Kennedy 552 Castro
SF-LGBT Center 1800 Market Street
Site for Sore Eyes
– 300 West Portal; 140 Battery & 901 Market
Lions Eye Foundation CPMC
2340 Clay at Webster - 5th fl.



**Horizon Foundation,
Academy of Friends Grants:**

The club is in receipt of invitations from both the Horizon's Foundation and the Academy of Friends to submit proposals for funding from their annual grants budget. Lion Treasurer David Gin has these forms, and requests the help of any club member so inclined to assist him in completing them for submission. The Horizon Foundation grant made our first web page a possibility –perhaps we can raise more money for the eye care program, glasses if we complete these forms correctly, on-time....

**Beneficiaries of the Castro Lions
2003-2004 fund raising were:**

AEF/BCEF
<http://www.aidsemergencyfund.org/>
Hector Caceres Eyeglass Fund
COLAGE
<http://www.colage.org/>
Children's Book Project
GLSEN: SF-EB Essay
<http://www.glsen-sfeb.org>
Guide Dogs of the Desert
Honorariums
LCIF Melvin Jones
Lion of the Year
Lions Canine Companions (Membership)
Lions Canine Companions (Worker Dog)
Lions Ear Of The Lion (Membership)
Lions Eye Foundation (Membership)
Lions-In-Sight (Membership)
MNHC - Children's Holiday Pty
<http://mnhc.org/>
PAWS
<http://www.pawssf.org/>
Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic
Rocket Dog Rescue
SF Lesbian Gay Freedom Band
TARC: <http://tarcsf.org/home.html>
Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center
Tenderloin T's Dinners
The Center for AIDS Services
<http://thecenteroakland.org/>
Tranquillium Center
<http://tranquilliumcenter.org/>

(Please provide your news letter editor with the web site addresses of any of these organizations he doesn't have if you can....)

Speaking of Lions, Tigers, Bears - and OH MY, the bowling tournament has been postponed – probably to late fall.

Watch the newsletter for updates and the re-announcement for when/where.



**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING
THE CASTRO LIONS CLUB
JULY 14, 2004**

Officers and Members Present:

Lion Gail Wood, Lion Brian Carbo, Lion Moira Wilmes, Lion Denni Harp, Lion Linda Lopez-Wood, Lion Brad Sprankle, Lion Carroll Fears, Lion Dennis Hale, Lion Carl Tebell, Lion David Gin, Lion Brit Zane, Lion John Klimek, Lion Tommy Rudder, Lion Gary Nathan, Lion Patrick Gould

Before the meeting a very good meal was enjoyed by all.

The meeting was called to order by Lion President Gail Wood at 7:15PM. She thanked all who provided the food for the evening. Lion Gail stated that the meetings would be run according to Roberts Rules of Order. She stated that later in the meeting, she would announce plans for forming committees for the coming year so that officers should not feel they had to do everything by themselves.

Lion Secretary Carroll Fears commented that he would get the June MMR and activities reports completed. He stated there are discrepancies in membership numbers with International and he would contact them to get this corrected. He requested everyone to furnish any information concerning activities or service so it could be reported accordingly.

Lion Treasurer David Gin reported the proceeds from the Leather Auction totaled \$7,650. There were 442 entry tickets sold. Lion Brian requested that in the future, we keep a complete breakdown of the monies collected, i.e. door, donations, etc. and the expenses paid to the bar or others. Lion Carroll stated that one of the members of the Alexander Hamilton American Legion Post said that they would provide lots more food next year as they didn't anticipate that many people attending. Other discussion followed.

Lion 1st VP Tommy Rudder presented his proposed 2004/2005 Charitable Fundraising Schedule. He stated that he would like everyone to review and for different people to take ownership of the event and form

committees for each event. He suggested that everyone review the schedule and we would discuss at the next board meeting. Discussion followed concerning a Ms. Heartthrob in addition to the Mr. Heartthrob. More discussion followed about other fundraisers. Lion Tommy's schedule estimated charitable income at \$28,350.

Lion 2nd VP Brian Carbo stated that he planned to possibly survey the membership about charities this year and was tentatively planning on \$25,000 to be given away. He stated that he would present more information at the next board meeting. There was general discussion about charities.

Lion 3rd VP Linda Lopez-Wood stated that Lion Steven Sams is doing a fantastic job with the newsletter. The members all agreed. She requested anyone with articles to send them to him. She stated that he will be doing the Club Roster and anyone with changes should send them to him. Lion Linda stated that she will suggest that he try to send one out every other month.

Lion Membership Director Dennis Hale inquired about some of the duties of the Membership Director. Lion Denni stated that one of the first things was to get the Dues Notices to the members. She stated that last year, Lion Tommy had sent them out and the previous year when she was Treasurer, she sent them out since there was not a Membership Director those years. She provided Lion Dennis with a CD with information about the club and also had form letters on it. There was discussion among the members about various ways to increase membership. Lion Dennis thanked everyone for their ideas and stated he would begin immediately sending out Dues notices. Lion David offered that Sunrise Printing would produce cards for all officers to be able to give to potential members at no cost to the Club. Lion Denni said she would format the cards and work with Lions Gary and David so all cards would be alike and then the officers could provide the information of how they could be contacted, i.e. telephone number, etc. Discussion also followed about postcards, brochures, etc.

Lion IPP Denni Harp passed out recommended Constitution and By-Laws upgrades which were approved by the committees last year. She stressed that the changes were minimal in some cases to correct the bylaws such as dues which had been approved by the membership last year or before. Other changes were just to bring us in line with International. She stated that she planned to mail to the membership in

accord with our rules two weeks before bringing to a vote at the General Membership meeting. Lion Linda objected stating more time was needed and made a motion to delay mailing until the entire Constitution and By-Laws were present for review. Lion Dennis seconded the motion. Call for question was made and discussion followed. Lion Denni stressed that there were no major changes and that these changes had all been previously approved by committee. Lion Gail withdrew her motion. - A break was called.

Returning from break, Lion President Gail presented her idea for forming committees and again encouraged the officers under whom the committees fall to get membership involved and not try to do everything themselves. She recommended the following Committees and members present volunteered for the Committees. Lion Brian also suggested that we want to get members at the General Membership Meetings also involved.

Committees and volunteers (or appointments) as follows:

Finance and Budget - Lion David Gin
Visitations (2nd VP) - Lion Dennis Hale
Fundraising & Events - Lion Tommy Rudder
Constitution & Bylaws - (3rd VP) - Lion Gail Lopez-Wood
Voice Mail - Lion David Gin
Public Relations - Lions Gail Wood, Brad Sprinkle, Steven Sams & Patrick Gould
Newsletter (3rd VP) - 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 will coordinate with Lion Dr. Bill Iannacone
Exams & Eyeglasses - Lion Carl Tebell
Eyeglass Collections - Lions David Gin, Gary Nathan & Mary Sager
Holiday Party & Annual Dinner (Appointed)
Lions Carroll Fears, Gay Nathan & Linda Lopez-Wood
Board Meeting Pot Luck Coordinator Lions David Gin and Lion Dennis Hale
Charities (2nd VP) - Lion Brian
Convention (2nd VP) - Lions David Gin, Carroll Fears, Gary Nathan, Dennis Hale, Brit Zane, Carl Tebell, & Linda Lopez-Wood.

Lion Gail will participate in all committees. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Respectfully Submitted,
Lion Secretary Carroll Fears



The CASTRO LION Roar is once again accepting Advertisements from individuals and businesses.

Ads must be electronically provided, and 'business card' (3.5 in x 2 in) sized. They may be 'color' versions, though in PRINTED copies of the newsletter only B&W will be supported. A 12 month run of the ad is \$100. Special Event (2 month) ads are also available for \$25.

The Castro Lion Roar is published monthly.

Subscriptions for yourself or friends can also be made at \$10 per year and we'll mail the Castro Lion Roar right to you.

(Our non-profit friends and community business partners enjoy a 50% discount to the ad rates. Contact the editor for details.)

SF LGBT Pride Parade The Castro Lions are back!

UPDATE: Tips brought in \$800 and we sold more than \$13,000 of beer and sodas and water. We don't know yet what stipend we'll be getting for all this hard work, but it should be pretty sizeable and in any case - its 'money-found' since we've been without the event for the last several years.

Special thanks to the following who all showed up for shifts throughout the day and made it all possible:

Lions David Gin, Gary Nathan, John Klimek, Dennis Hale, Frank Bence, Brit Zane, Patrick Gould, Carl Tebell, Brian Carbo, Denni Harp, Moira Wilmes, Tom Rodgers, Tommy Rudder, Tom Lucas, Steven Sams and Lion Dennis Hale's roommate Ron, and friends Mike Boote, Chris Anderson, Charles Greenwood, Bob Karcz, Rocky Tran, Rich Bennett, and a visit by New Century Lion President Gina Tse and her husband. (If I missed anyone I certainly apologize - I did my best to gather all your names....)

The LGBT Marching Band also stopped by to honor us for the Tuba we purchased for them and serenaded us for nearly 30 minutes - and boy did they bring the business in! As per their usual SLOW-ness, it'll likely be early fall before we see the stipend for this event - but even if we come in at \$2-3000, thanks to this and the Leather Auction - we're at about 50% of the budget already!



Guest Column:

As possible, and as room allows, The Castro Lion Roar is accepting Guest Columns from our local non-profit partners & neighbors. Some of these are current or former beneficiaries, all are friends of the Castro and worth your consideration.

This month I am pleased to share some information with you from NEW Leaf Services for Our Community. The 2 'pieces' of New Leaf Operation Concern and 18th Street services were original beneficiaries of the Castro Lions fund raising, a previous member of the club was even the Director of OC, and then the combined entity early on. We have especially had close relationships with what was GLOE (separate from the 2 agencies in fact) in the early days, again through the work of a previous club member.

NEW LEAF: SERVICES FOR OUR COMMUNITY

In 1974, a small group of San Franciscans came together to create a new organization—a new *kind* of organization—dedicated to providing professional counseling and other services to lesbians and gay men. Operation Concern was needed, they realized, because traditional sources of assistance overlooked or ignored our community.

A year later, another group of like-minded visionaries, *as we now know to call them*, started 18th Street Services, dedicated to providing substance abuse services for gay men.

In 1995, Operation Concern and 18th Street Services merged to form New Leaf: Services for Our Community.

This year, New Leaf invites everyone in San Francisco, the Bay Area and beyond to celebrate 30 years of vision, commitment, and support by and for the LGBT community.

MISSION

New Leaf: Services for Our Community exists to help LGBT, queer and questioning individuals and families of all ages lead healthy and connected lives. We provide professional mental health, substance abuse, and social support services to strengthen our diverse community.

New Leaf's Programs

Women's and Men's Mental Health Services:

This program offers in depth individual, group, family and couples psychotherapy services. Our well-trained staff have specialized training in the following areas: trauma; disability and chronic illness; chronic

mental illness; dissociative disorders; sexual and gender identity issues; anxiety disorders; mood disorders; grief and loss; personality disorders; and life adjustment issues.

Children, Youth and Family Services: Under the umbrella of our women's and men's mental health services, this program specifically targets lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth, as well as LGBT parents and their children. New Leaf currently collaborates through this program by providing mental health services for the Dimensions Queer Youth Clinic.

Women's and Men's HIV Mental Health Services: This program offers mental health services to those dealing with HIV and AIDS. We provide individual, group and couples therapy. The program also provides home and hospital visits; a series of groups using creative arts therapy; a women's HIV process group; a men's HIV process group; and off-site services at collaborating agencies' sites, including Lyon Martin Women's Health Clinic and Asian Pacific Islander Wellness Center.

Women's and Men's Substance Abuse Services: Our substance abuse program helps clients through an individualized recovery process. While maintaining our long-standing abstinence based program, New Leaf also employs an innovative harm-reduction model, making us one of the only agencies offering both models in the spirit of meeting individuals' varying levels of need. Services include individual and group counseling in a three-phased structured program. Groups that specifically meet the needs of women, families and transgender persons are also offered.

Outreach to Elders: Serving LGBT elders age 60 and over, New Leaf Outreach to Elders (formerly Gay and Lesbian Outreach to Elders or GLOE) provides a range of senior social services promoting independent living and improving quality of life. The program offers information and referrals, support services, friendly visits for the homebound, educational and cultural activities, holiday events, group outings, and women's and men's social/recreational activities and groups. Outreach to Elders also has a Geriatric Mental Health component, which offers in-home, senior-specific counseling services and medication management.

Psychiatry & Medication Services: New Leaf provides assessment and monitoring for psychotropic medications by our

psychiatrists and psychiatric technician. The psychiatry service is for clients who may, but are not required to receive individual or group services by the agency, and is accessible through any of our programs. Our psychiatry team works closely with all the clinicians within the agency, assuring the best care for our clients.

Clinical Training Program: New Leaf has a long-standing reputation for excellence in the clinical training of masters and doctoral students to be culturally competent and affirming in providing mental health and substance abuse services to LGBT individuals. Our internship offers a ten-month intensive program of training, clinical experience and supervision with licensed clinicians.

Our intake department provides information about our services and referrals for other community resources as needed. Intakes can be scheduled for our programs as openings allow. Fees are set using a sliding scale based on income. New Leaf accepts private and group insurance and some of our programs can accept Medi-Cal.

Thank you for this opportunity to share some information about New Leaf: Services for Our Community with all of you. Many thanks too for your generous support over the years!

Joseph Neisen, Ph.D. - Executive Director

For more information about how to make a gift to support New Leaf, please call our Development Office at 415-255-0381 or email mwhite@newleafservices.org. Visit our website at www.newleafservices.org.

Editor's NOTE regarding submissions:

Please do your own spell checking in advance of sending copy when possible. Copy can be sent either as attachments or simple text in an email. Each month, the Castro Lion Roar will be published on or about the 23rd day of the month which means copy must be submitted by the 20th of the month to ensure its inclusion in the next edition. Of particular interest are CALENDAR items – Obviously – these need to be well in advance of the event to be of value.

LARKIN Street Appoints New Executive Director:

We are in receipt of correspondence from our old friends at Larkin Street Youth Services announcing that their Board has appointed a new executive director. Virginia "Genny" Price will be joining the staff of Larkin later this summer. Genny began her career as a street outreach counselor, is a licensed drug and alcohol Counselor in Massachusetts, and has a wealth of experience in program management, operations, and fund raising.

We'll see what we can do about having Genny come to a club meeting and see what we can do about renewing the long, long term relationship we've had with Larkin over the years.

Visit this web site for more on Larkin Street services:

www.larkinstreetyouth.org



Castro Lions 2004/2005 Officers and 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 At Large 2 Year

Lion Mike Newell, PDG
Lion Carl Tebell

Board at Large, 1 Year remaining

Lion Moira Wilmes
Lion Brad Sprankle

