

# The Castro Lion ROAR

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

## 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 Eye-Glass Fund.  
[www.commthrift.com](http://www.commthrift.com)

### Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Submit items early for best impact.  
Send to [ss2391@sbc.com](mailto:ss2391@sbc.com)

- August 28  
First Cabinet Meeting – Foster City Rec. Center, 630 Shell Blvd, Foster City 8am,
- September 1 - General Membership meeting  
SPEAKER from SF AIDS Housing Authority
- September 15 - General Membership meeting  
Dine Around 94114 presentation AWF/BCEF
- September 18 - Second Special Officers Training Session \$5 Foster City Rec. Center 630 Shell Blvd, Foster City 8am,
- September 22 - SF Council at Miu Miu Bistro
- September 26 – Folsom St Fair  
<http://www.folsomstreetfair.com/>
- October 3: Castro Street fair  
<http://castrostreetfair.org/>
- October (TBD) – Garage Sale – start preparing items
- October (TBD) – Halloween Party fund raiser
- Nov 10 & 17 AEF/BCEF Dine Around 94114
- October 23 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer  
-See related article.
- November 12-14 – 2nd Cabinet Meeting, Carmel Ca
- December 15 – Holiday Party
- Jan 29<sup>th</sup> 2005 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Cabinet Meeting Foster City Rec. Center, 630 Shell Blvd, Foster City 8 am.
- Other community Events: <http://www.craigslist.org/>

### September Castro Lion Club Birthdays:

Lion Brit Zane	Sept 2
Lion Linda Lopez-Wood	Sept 11
Lion Kathleen Kennedy	Sept 23
Lion O. John Groebl	Sept 29

May the best of the day be yours ...

**FOR THE RECORD: There are 43 Castro Lions Club members in good standing. As of April 30, 2004 there are 1,370,040 members internationally in 46,795 clubs & 739 Districts in 193 countries & geographical areas.**



**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 10% of the accumulated purchases made in our name.

**UCSF AIDS Health Project ART for AIDS** event netted \$140,000! Thanks Lions for attending & bidding HIGH!

**AUGUST General Membership Speakers:**

**August 4, 2004**

Corey Ruda GM of the Community Thrift Store spoke to the club concerning our account, donations & our ongoing partnership with this terrific community asset. A tri-fold insert will be mailed to the distribution list in an upcoming edition of the Castro Lion Roar.

**August 18, 2004**

Chris Morris - Development Director of AIDS Emergency Fund was scheduled to address the club with regards to AEF/BCEF's fund raiser DINE AROUND 94114. Circumstances prevented his attendance – stay tuned for DINE AROUND 94114 details at 9/15 General meeting, or visit: [www.DineAroundSF.org](http://www.DineAroundSF.org) .

Region One Chair - Bill Stipinovich was also in attendance on a club visitation.

[EDITORS Note: Going forward - we will attempt to publish this guest speaker information in the monthly newsletter. They'll be posted in the Calendar of Coming Events on Page 1 as known.

Submissions must be received no later than 4 pm on the 20th of each month in order to be ensured of being in the next issue. Send them to [ss2391@sbc.com](mailto:ss2391@sbc.com) . Please proof read & spell check all submissions in advance including the provision of time, place, date, event name.]



**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 & any interested Lion member at our District 4-C4 Leadership Training - Saturday, Sept. 18, 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 & 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](mailto:lesvilla22@yahoo.com) or [esther.lee@ucsfmedctr.org](mailto:esther.lee@ucsfmedctr.org)



**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.

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 – & help us spread the word about our club activities, Lionism & our SERVICE to the community – & maybe – even raise some dollars while we're at it!



## 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.

The Castro Lions is both 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.](#)

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.



Lions Gin & Sams at AIDS Walk SF - 2004  
They helped raise an amazing \$3,024,769 for HIV/AIDS Services. These two Lions raised more than \$32,000 of that total! More snaps at: <http://www.awsfteamsbc.com/>

## October: Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Lion members, friends and family are encouraged to become part of the growing number of individuals signing up for the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk in SF's Golden Gate Park. Team SBC has invited everyone to join with them in this vital fund raiser for Breast Cancer education, prevention and care. For details, contact Lion Sams ([ss2391@sbc.com](mailto:ss2391@sbc.com)) he'll email the URL, or visit the team registration website at: <http://www.acsevents.org/faf/search/searchTeamPart.asp?ievent=57238&lis=0&kntae57238=A97092AFACE049CF9158C307E1486D28&team=486854>

## Castro Lions 1<sup>st</sup> Annual

Drag-a-Thon View the event photos at:  
[www.Andrewkewlkid.com/drag\\_marathon.htm](http://www.Andrewkewlkid.com/drag_marathon.htm)

Many, many thanks to Andrew F. Albright our Friend of the Club photographer! Here's a sample – our '1<sup>st</sup> family and Hostess Marlana



The CASTRO LIONS want your used eye glasses and **hearing aides**: No loose lenses please, frames only are ok if in good condition.

### 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 - 5<sup>th</sup> floor  
<http://www.lionsinsight.org/>

## WELCOME !!!!!

Member Jenny Lee! Lion John Klimek (through the assistance of Lion Gina Tse from New Century Lions) introduced Jenny to the club at the 8/18 General Membership meeting.

### 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of the month which means copy must be submitted by the 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**(Editor on vacation 8/23-9/9/2004)**

## 2003-2004 Castro Lions Beneficiaries

AEF/BCEF

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

Hector Caceres Eyeglass Fund

COLAGE

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

Children's Book Project

<http://www.Childrensbookproject.org>

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)

Ear Of The Lion (Membership)

Lions Eye Foundation (Membership)

Lions-In-Sight (Membership)

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

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

Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center

<http://tarcsf.org/home.html>

Tenderloin T's Dinners

The Center for AIDS Services

<http://thecenteroakland.org/>

Tranquillium Center

<http://tranquilliumcenter.org/>

(Please provide your newsletter editor with the web site URLs of any of these organizations not listed.)

## NEWS From Other Clubs:

Marina North Beach Lions hold their Installation on August 24<sup>th</sup> – Call Lion Esther Lee at 415-885-7664 for details.

SSF Host & Brisbane Lions co-fund raiser. Family style BBQ at 500 East Jamie Ct in SSF (SSF Scavenger Building) to raise money for their scholarship fund. \$25/person RSVP by 8/22 – SSF Host President, Lion Thomas Fourie  
[tafourie@aol.com](mailto:tafourie@aol.com)

## The CASTRO LION Roar Ad Rates

Ads must be electronically provided, and 'business card' (3.5 in x 2 in) sized. They may be in 'color' 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.)

### August Board Meeting minutes

High-level only, for detailed minutes please request them from Lion Secretary Carroll directly at [cfears@aol.com](mailto:cfears@aol.com)

11 officers, members & 1 guest attended.

We received a Melvin Jones chevron from LCIF for our newest Melvin Jones.

The club will be completing membership application to GGBA.

Administration fund-raiser – (6) PIN SETS \$15 see Lion Denni.

Club will sponsor PRC (Positive Resource Center) event, donating attendance tickets to PWAs.

Eyeglass fund received donor checks (via United Way/Employee Giving from SBC, Levi Straus – Lions Harp, Harlowe & Sams).

Club Web page is sponsored through 2008 by Lion Denni, new design under development – stay tuned.

Folsom St Fair beverage booth application is pending but was in on time. Castro Street Fair confirms we get same booth as in 2003, corner of 18<sup>th</sup> and Castro (intersection!)

Rich Bennett's application for membership was approved – WELCOME LION CUB RICH!

Thank you Lion sponsor Brain Carbo for this new member!

Mike Boote's application for membership was approved. WELCOME LION CUB MIKE! Thank you Lion sponsor Dennis Hale for this new member!

Both cubs will be inducted at the August 18 General Membership meeting by PDG Michelle Jester.

Speaking of which – he's already planning a charity fund raiser! Rick's Victorian House Tour fund-raiser set for Jan 2005 – stay tuned. Grant application is being sent to Public Welfare Foundation to assist us with our community service work. [Ed Note: Horizon and Academy of Friends Grants are still open for response Lion PDG Mike Newell is chairing.]

Halloween Party fund-raiser - details to follow Lion Brit is working on a Beer Bust at the Edge as a fund raiser.

Lions Denni and Lion Scot are working on a possible Beer Bust at Moby Dick's.

The SPECTRUM Newspaper will run article on our eye glass collection effort soon.

Collection boxes available for those with public access sites. Contact Lion Gary Nathan.

Holiday Party committee possibly acquiring space at the Cathedral Hill Hotel for 2004 party – site is owned by LEF!

Administration fund-fund-raiser – VEST & Pin set auction – see Lion Gary for details.

Club sponsors Geneva-Mission "My Fair Lady Pageant"

### Castro Lions Club Committees:

Any club member wishing to help the committee chair(s) in the work of a specific committee should feel free to contact the designee direct. We all can do better – by doing together. Even if Rome had been built in a day – it would have taken more than a single pair of hands/hearts!

Finance and Budget - Lion David Gin

Visitations (2<sup>nd</sup> VP) -Lion Dennis Hale

Fundraising & Events - Lion Tommy Rudder

Constitution, Bylaws - (3<sup>rd</sup> VP) – Lion Lopez-Wood

Voice Mail – Lion David Gin

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

Newsletter (3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> VP) – Lion Brian

Convention (2<sup>nd</sup> VP) – Lions David Gin, Carroll

Fears, Gary Nathan, Dennis Hale, Brit Zane, Carl

Tebell, & Linda Lopez-Wood.

Lion Gail will participate in all committees.



### SF LGBT Pride Parade GAY DAY BEVERAGE BOOTH

Update: Check presentation was held in July. Lion David Gin collected our proceeds to the tune of \$2395.00. Thanks again to everyone who participated in all the various tasks from set up to clean up. This combined with the 'Leather & Whatever' auction take brings us to just about 50% of the year's goal. WAY TO GO! Now, let's hope for the BEST at FOLSOM Street – the letter of determination/selection was set to arrive week of 8/15 – so we should know soon if we get to re-establish our presence at Folsom Street Fair! In the past it always 'deposited' more to our charities account than did either the Castro Street Fair or Pride.



## President's Column – Lion Gail Wood



Fellow Lions and friends

### **EDITOR'S Note:**

Due to a personal household/family emergency, Lion President Gail was unable to speak to us directly this month in time for me to publish this edition. This is in part due to my vacation schedule and I sincerely apologize for the fact that my schedule and her situation means we cannot hear direct from the Pride of the Castro's President this month. It is entirely my fault. – Your editor.



### **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 TARC, the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center.

The Tenderloin is one of the more varied & lively neighborhoods in San Francisco, full of interesting & colorful people with great stories & lots of San Francisco history. It's a regular neighborhood where people live & help each other out. You see the same faces, people say "hi" in the morning & salute you as you go by or stop & have a chat. The kids in the schoolyard scream like crazy when playing tag & the church bells at St. Boniface chime at Noon & 6 pm. But, as most San Franciscans know, people living in the Tenderloin traditionally do not have the easiest of lives.

Founded in 1990 by Network Ministries, TARC was established in response to the unmet, unique needs of the populations living with HIV/AIDS or at high risk of infection in the Tenderloin. TARC is a non-profit community based organization that works with the chronically poor, homeless & marginally housed in the heart of the Tenderloin at 183/187 Golden Gate Avenue, right beside St. Boniface Church. Using the principles of Harm Reduction, we provide primary medical, social, housing & mental health services to stop the spread of HIV; lessen disease progression & prevent homelessness. Last

year alone we saw a 274% increase in the number of HIV clients we served while city funding decreased.

Our clients deal with a lot more than just falling on hard times--the stories are as varied & unique as the snowflake itself. Many have had a brush with the prison system, a lot are transgender & have to struggle with medical costs to pay for their operations & medications & some become street workers to pay for it. Some are addicts, others are severely or mildly mentally ill, & all are probably a combination of some or all of these—or as the technical term describes it, dual or triple diagnosed. Ninety-eight percent are below the poverty line &, 974 live with HIV/AIDS.

It's fair to say, the odds are stacked against you, as Andrew, one of our clients said, "I was trying to kick my crack addiction & hell, I'd have to fight my way out of my SRO room, kick the crack dealers off me to get out of the building & then fight them all my way up Golden Gate Avenue to get to TARC, clean." Since he's been coming to TARC; Andrew made it off the streets, is not using & has a part-time job. We are lucky to have clients like Andrew who are determined & whose time is right, but not all our clients are so disposed.

Our approach is based on the peer, Harm Reduction model whereby we work with people "where they are at". We do not require abstinence as a precondition for services. Many of our staff have been in prison, were homeless, worked in the sex industry, are transgender, in recovery &/or have HIV/AIDS. Through the peer based approach & structures like our Client Advisory Panel, which meets every month, we work hard to ensure we hear what our clients have to say about our services & what is happening on the street.

Clients enter TARC in a variety of ways, (we are the only service provider open 7 days a week in SF) they need to use the bathroom, they need to make a phone call, they need a nutrition bar to tide them over or a care bag to clean themselves, they may need a nurse to bandage the wound they got last night while setting up bedding on the street, or they are so ill they need to see a primary care physician. With familiarity grows trust, which has to be built in a lot of cases with our clients because they do not trust the system due to their experience. Over time they may seek case management services because they can't make their rent & pay their bills, or they've been diagnosed with HIV & need to be put on medications, the dispensing of which TARC manages on a daily basis.

Others come through more traditional systems & methods such as our Community Drop-In Center. TARC works with the prison system to offer transitional & long-term housing for people being released, we offer HIV testing, syringe exchange (now becoming traditional!), & we take referrals from other providers. We also do traditional street

based outreach to SROs & we use peer-based outreach through social networks.

Ultimately, we want our clients to get long-term care. By offering a continuum of integrated client centered services, we help stabilize our clients' chaotic lives. Under the rubric of five basic service areas: health promotion, medical services, social services, housing services & mental health services, TARC provides a one-stop-shop approach to service delivery, which meets multiple & varying needs. Following is a description of our programs & services:

Access to HIV treatment & care for those in greatest need living with HIV: TARC's continuum of care is designed to meet clients' HIV treatment & care needs as they present themselves to the client through: HIV antibody Testing & Counseling program; Peer HIV Prevention Education program, a five week course to empower community residents; Peer-Based Support program to help clients meet their medical & social needs; HIV Treatment Education & Peer Discussion Group to help clients learn about HIV treatment options & share their coping & managing skills for living with HIV; Drop-In & Scheduled Health Education Groups & Events. The majority of TARC's clients are homeless & need daily antiretroviral & psychotropic medication management, TARC provides HIV/AIDS Medication Distribution program in collaboration with Castro Street Pharmacy.

Access to food & shelter & other basic human needs for people with HIV: TARC offers a Drop-In Community Center & Breakfast program to provide basic life sustaining services such as nutritional supplementation & emotional support for residents who are mostly marginally housed or homeless (closed for renovations since early 2004 & soon to reopen.) TARC provides Case Management services whereby client's partner with case managers to develop plans to help them stabilize their life. Assistance with navigating & gaining access to emergency & long term housing, food programs, substance-use treatment, mental health counseling & many other services are planned & supported. Case management is available on-site & on a mobile basis throughout the Tenderloin. TARC became the sole provider of HIV Emergency Housing for the city of San Francisco in 2003.

Improvement in the quality of, or planning for, services for people with HIV: In 2002, TARC was awarded a Title III Strategic Planning Grant with the goal of increasing coordination between HIV/AIDS agencies serving the

Tenderloin to effectively plan as a coalition with participation of PLWH. The goal of the Tenderloin Care Collaborative (TLC) is to provide an entryway into the primary care system for HIV-infected residents who have not established or maintained access to the existing primary care/mental health system. Strategically, this will increase efficiency in the delivery of care by increasing access to an unduplicated continuum of medical, emotional, psychiatric, housing, & social services within the TLC & through linkages to its collaborating partners while potentially being a model for other non-profit, community based prevention & care delivery systems throughout the nation.

Needle exchange programs: TARC offers a Weekly Syringe Exchange & Urgent Care Clinic where clients exchange syringes, receive one-on-one counseling, nutritional supplements, referrals to treatment & detoxification agencies, treatment for injection injuries, & informal support groups.

Prevention initiatives targeting those at greatest risk for HIV infection or HIV transmission: TARC's prevention work includes:

Outreach throughout the Tenderloin on the streets, in soup kitchen lines, in plazas & parks, & in the offices of other social services providers. Through outreach, our staff & volunteers bring HIV prevention education into the daily lives of thousands of individuals at risk for HIV while providing basic supplies, such as bleach kits for cleaning injection drug needles.

HIV Prevention Support Groups including a daily transgender group, a weekly harm reduction group & twice-weekly groups for men who have sex with men. Social support - the formation of a peer group that supports one's efforts to reduce the risk of infection - is crucial to HIV prevention efforts, & is one of the main goals of all of TARC's prevention groups. The groups also provide workshop strategies for addressing causative factors related to HIV risk, such as homelessness, substance use & employment.

Individual Risk Reduction Counseling, which provides one-on-one assistance with HIV risk reduction & related causative factors. TARC risk reduction counselors meet with clients for 30- to 60-minute sessions over the course of many weeks or months to help clients develop strategies for reducing their risk for HIV. As part of this work, counselors also offer confidential HIV antibody testing. Clients who test positive are streamlined into treatment advocacy, case management &, as appropriate, onsite medical care.

We are extremely grateful to the Castro Lions for their continued support of our work & very much appreciate the opportunity to have the Lion network learn more about TARC through this newsletter. We are deeply appreciative of all the hard work & effort the Castro Lions Club has done to combat HIV/AIDS

& its fair share has benefited the TARC. Again, thank you for your endorsement of our work.

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## General Meeting tidbits:

### 8/14 General Meeting

As noted elsewhere – we had GM Corey Ruda from Community Thrift (Store (CTS) speak to us the evening of 8/4 – the enclosed information about CTS. The insert doesn't cover a few things of interest though, which I believe important. Corey has led the effort now for 3 years. Since he took over, CTS has made more than \$900,000 worth of grants to participating 501 c 3 organizations – this is amazing when you consider the fact that the 'staff' is only about 25 paid/volunteers & over 200 agencies participate. At present, with salaries, Workers comp, & other expenses paid, CTS is able to meet a 40% return about 40% of the proceeds to the participants. Corey is shooting for 50% in the coming years.

Another note of interest is that participating agencies such as the Castro Lions are expected to generate a minimum of \$200 gross receipts/month in order to remain part of the 'coalition'. If an agency fails to meet this bar for 3 months running, they are replaced by one of the dozens of agencies on the waiting list. Our average per month is not great – but generally above the minimum. In July, we generate \$638 of gross income. Clothing – in GOOD condition, furniture – also is saleable condition & books are the top 3 items of income. To learn more about CTS – or to register to volunteer at the store – contact them at 415-861-4910. AND DO REMEMBER to donate regularly & assign the donation to the Castro Lions Account #67.

Present at the 8/4 meeting were 16 members plus guests – including Lion Mary Saeger & Michelle Juster who've been busy elsewhere for a while.

Lion President Gail awarded the July LION OF THE MONTH certificate to long time 'everybody's angel' Lion Carroll Fears for all his help in making the transition of administrations so easy & smooth. Lion Gail specifically commented that for the month of July – it was a difficult choice since nearly every member attended every event & assisted in every fund raiser. The extra mile that Lion Carroll walked to ensure the transition was clean & swift was what stood

out most strongly among all the club HEROES.

Lion John Klimek was then awarded his 5-member pin membership recruitment pin. One of the 5 is local, the other 4 from his sojourn in Michigan (?) all those many years ago. [ED Note: Sorry John if I got the state wrong – must be my parts-heimers again.)

Lion Secretary Carroll reported that the club had received thank you letters from the following beneficiaries: TARC (Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center), Tranquillium – AIDS Community Network in Richmond, RFPD Learning Center (Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic), COLAGE (Children of Lesbians & Gays Everywhere), & the Children's Book Project.

Also of note was the club Membership dues mix up. The dues are in fact rising, but the increase has not yet taken effect. Several club members have decided to 'deposit' the extra into the club's membership fund – which is specifically there to assist club members in good standing – & who actively participate in club activities – when & if they are faced with financial hardships & cannot otherwise afford the membership dues for a period of time. If you choose to join them – please state so on a note included with your dues check.

Annual dues are \$125 or \$62.50 for 6 months. If you choose to add additional funds for the membership fund, it will be appreciated by members if & when in need of temporary assistance with their dues.

Next we discussed the possibility of the club participation in both the Lions International Peace Poster Contest (ages 11-13) & the Student Speaker program (Jrs, Srs. in High School). Lion Linda Lopez-Wood will continue investigation, if interested in leading the effort please contact her directly. Time is short so if we're going to do it – we need to start NOW.

### IMPORTANT REMINDER!

*We've had a rather lax attention to dinner reservations of late – & since there is no existing GUARANTEED dinner list at present, Lion Treasurer David Gin is wishing to reestablish some order to the process. If you can guarantee you'll be at the meeting for dinner twice monthly, then you can sign up & NOT need to call each time to confirm (rather you'd call to cancel or else 'pay' anyway – which is what the guarantee is all about.) Otherwise, we REALLY must insist that members, visitors & guests be called in for reservations no later than NOON on Monday prior to the general membership meeting. THIS IS THE BEST WAY OTHER CLUBS SHOULD REPORT VISITATIONS TO US TOO.*

Without your consideration & cooperation – we face major dinner delays & understaffing at the restaurant – so please do your part.

Lion Treasurer David reported on the accounts totals & told us of his conversations with the Wells Fargo representative he has been meeting with. We should all thank Lion David for his accounts

consolidation efforts as it has already begun to pay off in refunded charges, fees & costs & a promise of waiver of certain fees going forward. He also reported on the Leather, Pride & Community Thrift deposits.

[Ed Note: Going back a term, & to Lion Past Treasurer Tommy Rudder - I also wanted to remind members of the \$1500 grant we received from the Public Welfare Foundation last term which helped us meet our service commitments & publicly thank the Trustee & Board Member Jerry Stokes for his assistance in obtaining the grant.

To visit their website, go to:  
<http://publicwelfare.org/index.asp>

**Community & inter-club activities:** 5 Castro Lions members; Lions Harp, Gin, Hale, Riffe, & Zane joined the New Century Lions as a team for their Bowling fund raiser on Sunday July 18. Lion Gary Nathan served as cheerleader.

A grand time was had by all – & this is the second New Century club/Castro Club inter-club event we've had since July 1 (They joined us at the Pride beverage booth.) New Century Club is planning a club visitation in the near future.

**Speaking of Community service & such –** Lion Secretary Carroll needs your help in completing his monthly reports to International. PLEASE remember to report your community service hours – even if they are not relative to a direct Lions initiated event to Lion Carroll so he can include them in his tallies. Send them direct to him at [cfears@aol.com](mailto:cfears@aol.com) no later than the 3rd of the month please.

Our next opportunity for an inter-club activity also happens to be a bowling thing – my goodness – what's that all about?! Anyway – 4C4 is sponsoring their Bowling-for-Sight LEF event on 8/22 at the San Mateo 'Bel Mateo Bowl. We'll report on the event in an upcoming issue – if our 'reporters' provide the juicy gossip details.

Finally – our friends at Maitri are also working on a new event called the CUTEST of the CASTRO – visit them at:  
[www.cutestofthecastro.com](http://www.cutestofthecastro.com)

#### 8/18 General Meeting

Condensed version as your editor & IPP Harp were attending a strategic planning session for AEF/BCEF. Thank you Lion Carroll!

Lions Gail & Linda had an emergency with their dog so weren't able to attend. Lion Tommy led the meeting. PDG Michelle Jester installed the two new members. The guest speaker went to the 'OTHER' restaurant

& so missed us, OUR BAD! New Century Lions visited as well as the Region 1 Chair, Bill Stipinovich. The secret word was "Lion" chosen by a guest (friend of New Century member). Lion Frank Bence bought the bull-ring. Lion Carroll should have. I think he must have been fined \$20 or more by acting Tail Twister, Lion Gary Nathan. The words Simba & Pussy Cat rang throughout the meeting. Nevertheless, laughter ruled the evening. The amendment(s) to the By-Laws was passed.

[ED Note: PHOTOS are much appreciated – send them as ".jpg or .jpeg" files to the editor at [ss2391@sbc.com](mailto:ss2391@sbc.com) or mail a CD version to him at the club address.]

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IPP	Lion Denni Harp

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