

The Castro Lion ROAR

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



General Membership Meetings:
1st & 3rd Wednesdays

La Tasca (now called 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 Eye-Glass Fund.

www.commthrift.com

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Submit items early for best impact.

Send to ss2391@sbc.com

December 1

-SF AIDS Emergency Fund's
World AIDS Day Every Penny Counts Drive
-General Membership Meeting

NEW PLACE – see left panel!

-Eye Glass give-away

December 4

Holiday Party/Toy Drive
Davies Hospital 'GAZEBO' 6-10pm

December 8 – Board Meeting

December 19 - Lone Star Beer Bust
4pm - 8pm (\$7) - see Lion Brit

December 15

General Membership Meeting

Jan 29th 2005 – 3rd Cabinet Meeting

Feb 11-13 – San Diego MD4 Convention

April 23 – 2005 Convention

Dates TBD:

Alice in Wonderland Croquet Tournament and
Tea Dance - see Lion Brit

Victorian House Tour - see Lion Rich Bennett

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



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Credit the Club for your
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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.

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.

Castro Lion Club Birthdays:

A Happy Belated Birthday to:

Lion Randy Ortega 10/13

Lion cub Steve Kech 11/28

And the December born Club members

Lion Steven Sams 12/3

Lion Frank Bence 12/16

Lion Brian Carbo 12/24

Lion Stephen Sims 12/26

Happy BD's to you all.



FOR THE RECORD:

There are currently 47 members in good standing in the Castro Lions Club. As of July 31, 2004 there are 1,362,562 members internationally in 46,260 clubs and 745 Districts in 193 countries and geographical areas.

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 – 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!



707-648-2306 – Warehouse
PIDDRBILLIANN@aol.com

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

**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

<http://www.Childrenbookproject.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)

Lions 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 editor with the web site URL of any of these not shown.)

LY&CA

(Lions Youth & Community Activity)

Raffle tickets

The Y & C Tickets are now available.

Contact Lion John Klimek at:

(415) 933-6827 - or -

577 3rd Avenue Apt. B

San Francisco, CA 94118 – 3901 – or – via

email at: JRAK127@webtv.net

Street Sales Days to be announced soon.



The CASTRO LION Roar Ad Rates

Ads must be electronically provided, & '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 ad-run 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 & we'll mail the Castro Lion Roar right to you.

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

Thanks for your Support!

With help from 83 donors; I was able to raise \$4441 in the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk on 10/23. My team, at SF and Sacramento raised a total of more than \$32,000. Many Lions from near & far were part of the donor base – thanks a million! Lion Steven Sams

Lion Tom Rodgers Reports:

SFLD Art Auction September 24 ended up raising \$4,470 for Visual Aid.
– Great effort Lion Tom!

CASTRO Lions

Holiday Party Reminder:

December 4 – 6-10pm

The Davies Campus of CPMC – Gazebo
45 Castro Street, SF –, free parking.

No private gift exchange – but bring a new un-wrapped toy for the SFPD/SFFD toy drive collection.

Members are \$15 and non members are \$20
RSVP by 11/28 to Castro POB checks payable to Castro Lions. See Holiday Party flier or Lion Linda Lopez-Wood for more details.

Lions Eye Foundation of CA-NV -Lion Mark Paskvan

Greetings from the eye clinic! December will mark my first 10 years as program coordinator at the Foundation. I say my first ten years as I have no intention of going anywhere soon, as I truly love my job. Besides, my predecessor Barbara Anger held this position for 27 years. I have her high standards to maintain & just 17 more years of catching up to do. As so much is happening around the Medical Center, I thought a general update might be helpful.

In January 2004, California Pacific Medical Center (CPMC) purchased the Cathedral Hill Hotel on Van Ness Avenue. Yes, CPMC is currently in the hotel business! The plan for the site is to build an acute care medical facility that to include women's & children's services. The timeframe to be up & running is 2013. By the way, if you have guests in town & are looking for a place for them to stay, you might consider the Cathedral Hill. Mention that you are connected to CPMC for an \$89.00/night (double occupancy) rate. Rate includes buffet breakfast & parking.

Dr. Susan Day, department chair, continues to explore possibilities for our future home, the Eye Institute. The plan is to build a free standing facility here on the Pacific Campus. The Eye Institute concept revolves around the Lions Eye Clinic & would include offices for private physicians, a diagnostic & testing department, a patient education area, laser rooms, a low vision rehabilitation center & a same day surgery center.

These are exciting times for the department & the Lions Eye Clinic as all of our ducks appear to be lining up; the participation & support of CPMC, the doctors showing a high interest, possible sites that have been identified & coming to grips with the finances needed to build our dream. Dr. Day's timeframe remains to be moved in by 2008.

The Foundation has a capital campaign (currently in the silent phase) to raise \$5 million dollars for the Lions Eye Institute. From our Lions community, we have already raised over \$450,000! The big push will come when we have a building site & architectural drawings for the new institute. We will be writing grant proposals, looking for increased community involvement &, of course, for donors who are interested in having a

room, center or even building named after them. In conjunction with our capital campaign, Pacific Vision Foundation (our sister Foundation that supports education & research in the eye clinic) will also be starting a campaign.

Recently, Dr. Donald Fletcher (Center for Low Vision Rehabilitation) joined CPMC's Department of Ophthalmology. Dr. Fletcher, & occupational therapist Christine Kent, offer comprehensive treatment & training to help patients adapt to low vision, by using their remaining vision more effectively while regaining some measure of independence in their daily lives. Dr. Fletcher will be seeing patients in the Lions Eye Clinic. For an appointment with Dr. Fletcher, please call Stacy at the front desk at (415) 600-3901.

Dr. Susan Day, now President of the American Academy of Ophthalmology is the first woman to hold this important position. Among her many professional memberships, Dr. Day is also the President of the American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology & Strabismus.

The eye clinic recently added another new program, refractive laser surgery (lasik & the like). Residents along with a local corneal specialist are providing this new service for private pay patients. Cost is around \$500.00 an eye. For information, please call chief resident Philip Penrose or Stacy at the front desk at (415) 600-3901.

As 2005 nears, the Foundation has many reasons to be thankful. We have a dynamic chairman who understands our mission and is helping us to ensure our future. We have a dedicated group of volunteer attendees who support the eye clinic & residents by performing surgery on our patients with the residents. We also have an amazing group of Lions & Lions Clubs that refer patients to the clinic. Most importantly, we are all focused on our mission, helping people with eye problems. Please join me in thanking everyone who plays a role in making it all possible. You all deserve a hearty round of applause.



Year End Moves to reduce your taxes:

Consult a professional CPA, CFP for details.

- Harvest Investment Losses
- Max out your contributions to your 401k, IRA, 403 b accounts.
- If self employed, open a SEP-IRA, Simple IRA or qualified retirement account (QRP/Keogh)
- Open/fund a Roth IRA
- Make final quarterly estimated state income tax payment early.
- Prepay 2nd property tax installment by 12/31.
- Make a January mortgage payment in Dec.
- Open/fund a 529 college savings account.
- Donate appreciated stock held for more than a year to a non-profit (Castro Lions counts!)
- Postpone exercise of Incentive stock option (ISO) until Jan.

NEW COLUMN: Member Profiles

Many club members have been around for many, many years, some are fresh-faced cubs. I don't know about anyone else, but your editor often hasn't a clue about the 'history' of some fellow club members. I don't know what they do, what motivates them, or even in many cases their Lions history. I am therefore initiating a club-member profile column. With each edition of the Castro Lion ROAR, I hope to profile a club member or two. When I contact you for your profile please, 2-3 paragraphs & tell us about yourself – in whatever words you see fit.

As content/size constraints appear – some months I may have more than 2, some only one or none at all but my intention is to profile each of you for the benefit of us all.

Lion Tom Rodgers:

"I've been a member of the Castro Lions since October 1985. Lion PDG Michael Newell was my sponsor. I sponsored 5 other members as well (Lions Richard Mendoza, Mary Coomey, Ace Rocek, Matthew Hudson, George Contos), was Lion of the Year in 1995 [I think that's the right year] & won the Maurice Perstein award 3 times [I think, maybe more]. I served as Treasurer, Tail Twister (at least 3 times) & on the Board (at least 3 times). Each year for the past 17 I've organized & auctioneered our annual leather & whatever auction at the Eagle, which is the single biggest fundraiser for the Club each year. I also routinely request our annual dates at the Eagle & host & MC our Mr. Heart Throb contest in February. Beyond that, I've been a SF resident since 1979, an attorney since 1974 & retired on disability since 1995. I'm SF Leather Daddy IV (1986) and, among other duties as such, annually organize the SFLD's art

auction to benefit Visual Aid. In my retirement I do considerable pro bono legal work & operate a small guest house for leather men, 'Tom's Place.' "

Lion John Klimek

It's not an easy task to tell John's story without writing an entire book! Born in 1939 in Michigan – he began attending work with his father at age 6 due to his mother's illness. He 'never left' & has been doing optical laboratory work ever since. 36 years in wholesale/manufacturing of glasses & for the last 24 with eye doctors in their offices. He is the father of 11 (6 step children & 5 natural) & 24 grand children! He's been married twice. His hobbies include Paleontology, Egyptology, 'old radios', Fishing & Camping. Active in church he is a past president of the parish council "Our Lady of Lebanon" in Flint Michigan. His other professional & personal memberships are wide & varied – from being the president of the Michigan Optical Association to tutoring Chinese students in English. Lion John became a Lion in 1967, 37 years ago! He's past president of the Flint Downtown Lions & the Westwood Heights Lions, he has 2 Melvin Jones, 4 Lion of the year awards, a Life member at 25 years service awarded in 1992, received the George Daly award Dist 11-D-1 & was a 4 year member of the Governor's cabinet 11-D-1. Lion John joined us in 1998 & has been a boon to our process & fund raising from the very beginning. His Castro Club credits & accomplishments are myriad, his awards grow annually.

CASTRO Lions 10/30/2004 Halloween BLAST Results!

Madame Zora (Lion Linda) told fortunes, Brits' Beauty Boutique of HORROR, Lion President Gail & her bobbing for dead babies, the 'beverage benefit' raffles, contests & prizes & some rather 'scary' costumes on some otherwise 'cuddly' members made for a hauntingly fine affair. Lions Dennis Hale, Randy Ortega & his partner Steve Kech, Linda Lopez-Wood, Brad Sprankle, Patrick Gould, Steven Sams – & of course out 1st VP of the hour Tommy Rudder (wow what a costume - the Evil Mr. Spock!) worked the crowd, their last leather nerve & their wallets. An additional \$255.50 was added to the charity coffers. Thank you Lion Tommy for the extraordinary effort & for arranging this fund raiser.

CASTRO Lions – 11/6/2004 Lone Star Beer Bust Results:

Lions Brit Zane, Dennis Hale, Gail Wood, Linda Lopez-Wood, Randy Ortega & partner Steve Kech(now Lion cub Steve!), Tommy Rudder &

Steven Sams fired up the grill & gathered in the cash for 50-50 raffles & beverages Saturday 11/6 with a grand flare. Thanks also to Lion David Gin for the shopping & delivery services!

Ask randy Lion Randy how fun it was to do 50-50 raffle by the way – he certainly seemed to enjoy the ‘inseam’ sales! I believe we may have a brand new committee assignment for him.

We’d also like to thank Todd Kepus (our Marlana’s event assistant and helper at the Edge bust) for being the BBQ master. Todd, you did a wonderful job – & frankly – we couldn’t have succeeded without your help! Rumor has it we’ll be seeing Todd’s application for membership soon as well.

Final accounting for the event wasn’t readily available, but it appears we cleared at least \$200. The next Lone Star bust is Dec 19 4-8 pm (1354 Harrison Street, SF) – & we have some product left so expenses should be less for this one. WE REALLY SHOULD consider buying a club propane BBQ though, the charcoal type is a mess, hard to move, & is a real pain when it comes time to ‘clean up’ since it’s HOT & gooey!

Dine Around 94114 Results

Lions David Gin, Gary Nathan, Gail Wood, Linda Lopez Wood, Tommy Rudder, Randy Ortega, Steve Kech, Denni Harp & Scot Riffe, friend of the club Janis Kiesel were ambassadors on 11/10. Lion Sams hosted a table of 20 SBC Spectrum members. Lions Brit Zane, Denni Harp, Moira Wilmes & Dennis Hale were SoMa ambassadors on 11/17.

Lions Steve Kech & Randy Ortega played Ambassadors at Corte Sud & were able to report a grand response – they even solicited some potential new members. Lions Scot Riffe & Denni Harp were at Titas, smaller crowd but energetic, & Lions Denni & Moira were at 21st amendment on 11/17 – another grand result. Lion Dennis Hale reports that he & Lion Linda Lopez-Wood were at Braccos which had a very ‘good turnout’. Lions David Gin & Gary Nathan were also successful at Ma Tante Sumi. Friend of the club Todd Kepus served as ambassador at the Capri – where attendance was brisk.

DINE AROUND is an AEF/BCEF production – it is not associated with the National program Dining Out for Life, which charges a fee for their assistance. All participating restaurants have 30 days to report on their results, so the actual numbers will likely not be available by press time for the next edition of the Castro Lion – but more likely, in January 2005. AEF/BCEF clients must be residents of SF and therefore the effort concentrated on the Castro/Noe & SoMa neighborhoods this year, which itself was an expansion of the effort from last year. Nearly

every café and restaurant in the three neighborhoods was approached and asked to join. Many declined participation this year including some such as Harvey’s which did participate in 2003. Be sure to thank those which did sign up as you patronize them - and ask those that didn’t - why they weren’t part of the campaign.

From the BOARD:

Castro Street Fair – we got word from the fair organizers that our take from the day was \$981.02 – WAY TO GO FOLKS!

Folsom fair ‘duty’ check was delivered – we got \$1000 from that effort – TERRIFIC!

The Board accepted membership application from Steve Kech & tentatively accepted membership application for Todd Kepus on completion of all requirements.

BOARD voted to purchase a gas grill for our beer bust efforts – YEAH! (Lions Sams and Hale will arrange purchase/storage.)

Board voted to sponsor Mission Neighborhood Health Center Holiday party for the kids and donated \$500 and \$500 to Tenderloin Tessie’s Holiday meal as well.

The Board thanks Lion David Gin and others for the terrific Turkey-Day meal and the real silverware etc.!

NEWS from ‘Outside’ the club

Nov 28 – San Mateo Lions Christmas carol at the Geary Street ACT – SF \$30 4pm Call Lion Doug at 650-400-0220.

Dec 5 Daly City Emergency Food Pantry fund raiser. Doelger Senior Center 101 Lake Merced Blvd, Daly City. Lunch, Entertainment, Bake & White Elephant Sale \$5 doors open at 11:30 Call Lion Mike 650-755-2262 or Lion Doug at 650-7558596 for details/donations.

Dec 31 SF Golden Gate Lions New Year’s Party, Clarion Hotel SF airport \$65/person Call Lion Veronica for reservations. 650-756-1406

Feb 5, 2005 San Bruno Lions annual Crab Feed. \$37.50 6pm – San Bruno Senior Center. Call Lion Rueben at 650-616-8912 for reservations.

The latest edition of The LION (which is available ONLINE at: http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/news_magazine.shtml) has recently arrived in member mailboxes. On page 30 begins an article about an International Environmental photo contest. Lion Linda will provide additional materials at the club meetings, but basically, you have until March 1, 2005 to submit the proper materials to be considered for the award. For additional details, contact Program Development Dept. email at josten@lionsclubs.org or

executiveservices@lionsclubs.org or by telephone 630-571-5466 or fax 630-571-1692. Information also appears on the LCI website at <http://www.lionsclubs.org> look under "OTHER Programs", then, "Environmental & Cultural", then "Environmental".



(If you are reading this as a e-version, simply click on the picture above.)

HOMETOWN Hero – HOMETOWN Day is the first Wednesday in December & is another opportunity for Lions Club members to partner with LensCrafters to provide the Gift of Sight to those in the greatest need. Lion Linda will be providing additional information at General Membership meetings; however, to participate in the program contact the nearest LensCrafters store to inquire about volunteer opportunities or visit www.lenscrafters.com (1-800-522-LENS). Be sure to report any hours to Lion Carroll or Linda for monthly activities report.

Interactive LEARNING comes to the Lions Learning Center. LCI has an online learning center & offers a myriad of courses to assist the Lion member in everything from membership retention & growth to leadership development. Check it out at:

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/resources/learning_center.shtml or -



Lion Worldwide Induction Day April 16, 2005



Watch for more information in future issues your LCI THE Lion Magazine.



The next **Lions Day with the UN** event will be held on Friday, March 11, 2005. If you are

reading this as an e-version, simply click on the image above for additional info or visit: http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs/int_ldun2.shtml

CONVENTION 2005



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http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/news_convention.shtml



Happy
Thanksgiving



**General membership Meetings are
Dinner meetings – REMEMBER to call
in your reservation by NOON the
Monday before the meeting
415-90-LIONS**

Castro Lions Club Committees:

Finance & 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
Exams & Eyeglasses – Lion Carl Tebell
Eyeglass Collections – Lions David Gin, Gary Nathan & Mary Sager
Holiday Party & Annual Dinner – Lions Carroll Fears, Gay Nathan & Linda Lopez-Wood
Board Meeting Coordinator Lions David Gin & Dennis Hale
Charities (2nd VP) – Lion Brian Carbo
Convention (2nd VP) – Lions David Gin, Carroll Fears, Gary Nathan, Dennis Hale, Brit Zane, Carl Tebell, & Linda Lopez-Wood.

**ANY MEMBER MAY
Join & Assist any committee.**

Guest Column:

As possible, & 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 & worth your consideration.

This month I am pleased to share some information with you from The Center for AIDS Services <http://thecenteroakland.org/>

The Center has cared for “people most in need” for the past 20 years through wars, recessions, earthquakes, indifference, & elections. A lot has changed in 20 years (and hopefully a lot more will change in the next short time in this country).

Almost 20 years ago, in a small house in Oakland, friends started feeding & caring for friends who had HIV/AIDS. The epidemic exploded & so did the needs of persons who were dying from the virus. After all of these years, *The Center* serves those infected with HIV/AIDS with the two hot nutritious meals a day, van transportation to medical appointments for clients who are too weak to use public transportation, mental health therapy to help with fear & loss; shower, laundry, phone facilities for our homeless clients; acupuncture & herbal therapy to assist with side effects of medication & case management help with emergency assistance with housing, utilities, food, & transportation. We have a gym to help with muscle loss & deterioration. *The Center* is the only day-center in Alameda County for clients who have no other place to go & who are lonely & frightened.

Given the fact that we are a small non-profit, we have no product or service to sell to raise money to continue our work. Grants, foundations, donations, fund-raisers, direct mail requests have dropped off the face of the earth. If we did not provide services, more than 400 clients would be destitute & desperate. We need to survive to help our clients survive.

Our most promising way of staying afloat is an event called ‘*Dining Out For Life*’. Two years ago, we bought the license to promote this one-time-a-year event in the East Bay. On April 28, 2005 we will have 75 restaurants/bars who will contribute 25% (or more in some cases) of the proceeds from business on that day to *The Center*. In exchange for this incredible support,

The Center promotes the restaurants & bars & fills them up with diners on the evening of the event. Diners have a chance to enter a raffle with “over the top” prizes & to make a donation at the same time.

The magic of this event is that everyone wins! *The Center* is happy because we can continue our work with this money, the participating restaurants are happy because they get new diners & a very busy Thursday evening, & the diners are happy because they can go to their favorite restaurant & have a wonderful time eating exactly what they want to eat, knowing *The Center* will get 25% of the cost of the meal.

You can help with this event. You can connect us with any restaurants & bars that you know of in the East Bay. You can become a greeter at a participating restaurant & fill it with friends, neighbors, & business associates on April 28th. You can be a table captain & commit to bring 6 or more friends to one of our participating restaurants. You can be a fabulous person helping a great cause at no expense to you. Pick a participating restaurant & come as the *Castro Lions Club*. Stretch a little – you’ll feel good, we’ll feel good, & the clients will feel better. Call Simona today at 510.282.0623 & offer your services. Thank you.

The Center For AIDS Services
5720 Shattuck Avenue
Oakland, CA 94609
www.TheCenterOakland.org
510 655-3435 (voice)
510 655-2543 (fax)



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.

President's Column – Lion Gail Wood



Fellow Lions & friends

Year end business obligations have had President Gail extremely busy finalizing tax reports etc for her clients and regrets not being able to compile a column for this edition...on her behalf, your editor hopes to have captured all the myriad of events and accomplishments in the various other news items contained herein. Apologies for any items missed – or participants over looked.

Lion President Gail



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

The Castro Lions are a part of District 4C4; Region 1, Zone 1: which includes New Century, China Town, Nikkei and SF Parkgate.

CASTRO Lions Club

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 – and tell them you appreciate their support of the CASTRO LIONS.

Cole Hardware - Community Thrift Store - The Edge SF Eagle Tavern - The Lone Star - Moby Dick SPECTRUM news paper - The Halcyon Hotel

NOTE: The Halcyon hotel for Lions expecting guests for 7 nights or longer is available at \$350.00 a week plus tax. 3 blocks from Union square, easy public transportation. Rooms include private bath tub, kitchenette with refrigerator, micro wave, coffee pot & toaster.

District 4C4 - Officers 2004/2005:

District Governor

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The CASTRO Lion Roar - Castro Lions Club 584 Castro PMB 200 SF, Ca 94114
Membership Information Hotline: 415-90-LIONS



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 43,000 clubs with a membership exceeding 1,429,000 in over 185 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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WE SERVE!

Mission Statement: “To create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation. “
The Castro Lions is a Federal and State recognized 501 (c) (3) organization. Your contributions to our work in the community are fully tax deductible as allowed by law. [EIN# 94-3206719.](http://www.irs.gov)