

The Castro Lion ROAR

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General Membership Meetings:
1st & 3rd Wednesdays



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

CASTRO Lions: benefits from your Community Thrift Store

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

PLEASE be sure to complete a donation receipt so we may thank you for your generosity, & track the contributions. Deliveries are at the dock in Sycamore Alley Street between Mission & Valencia.

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

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

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Submit items early for best impact.

Send to ss2391@sbc.com

Jan 5, 2005 – General Membership
Jan 19, 2005 – General Membership
Jan 26th 2005 – 4th SF Council (415-550-7253)
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 Zane

Victorian House Tour - see Lion Rich Bennett

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

Castro Lion Club Birthdays:

January born Club members

Lion Don Gallup	Jan 3
Lion Brad Sprinkle	Jan 12
Lion John Klimek	Jan 27
Lion Carl Tebell	Jan 30
Lion Robert Little	Jan 30
Lion Mark Paskvan	Jan 30

Happy BD's to you all.



Credit the Club for your
Cole Hardware purchases!

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



FOR THE RECORD:

There are currently 49 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.



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.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)
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/>



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

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:

Street Sales Days : (10 am – 3 pm)
(Chevron Station Castro & Market)
Sunday January 9
Saturday January 15
Sunday February 6
Saturday February 12

These sales ALWAYS work better if we have a
CROWD we need at least 4 or 5 bodies –
please plan to attend!



The Best of the Season to you all!

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.)

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 Stephen Sims:

Lion Sims now resides in Palm Springs, but was the club's liaison for many many years to the Larkin Street Youth Center. With Lion Brian Carbi's assistance, the club and Levi's provided Levi outer wear for the LSYC kids annually each year as part of our on-going Community Service partnerships. Lion Stephen was also a member of their board for many a year. While 'in-residence' with us, he also was an active member of the "WeDriveU" organization and in the mid-90's, during the National Conference of Mayors held here in SF, Lion Stephen and some of us worked that event as a service opportunity. He also arranged for a wonderful, novel fund-raiser event with All American Auto – wherein we had two

opportunities a year (two Saturdays actually) to bring in as many autos as possible for check ups, tune ups etc and we got a portion of the proceeds.

Living in Palm Springs now, he is continuing this enterprising attitude, and beginning a similar 'driving business' of his own. He is also a party owner in a Gold Mine, and a 'land' Barron of sorts with a growing number of properties. When he has the time, Lion Stephen enjoys travel more than anything – and hopes to be visiting in SF again soon on his way to 'parts unknown' around the world.

Other profiles were supposed to be included this month – but certain Lion members fibbed and didn't send them as they promised... (oh, let's see – like Lion Treasurer David, Lion Secretary Carroll, New members Lion & Randy....gotcha! I'll make it up myself if I have to boys! Smile)

NEWS from 'Outside' the club

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.

2 New LEO clubs were formed in SF and will be featured in the next District Newsletter.

The LION the international Lions Magazine (which is available ONLINE at: http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/news_magazine.shtml) on page 30 an article about an International Environmental photo contest. 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.)

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_earning_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

Lone Star Beer Bust Results:

Lions Brit Zane, Dennis Hale, Todd Kepus, Brad Sprankle, Denni Harp & Steven Sams initiated the new BBQ grill on Sunday 12/19 at the Lone Star. Thanks to Lion Tommy Rudder, we also had a collection of wonderful 'gifts' in a 'sudden gratification' raffle. Everything from a 'flogger' to a curly-headed toy poodle! The gift-affle, 50-50 raffle, the bust itself & the food sales proceeds are being totaled & will be reported at the next General Membership meeting, but even with the unfortunate 'percentage split' misunderstanding we had with the establishment, we probably raised somewhere in the neighborhood of \$350-400. Thanks Lion Brit for another fantabulous effort.

President's Column – Lion Gail Wood



Fellow Lions & friends

The last two month's have been very busy for Castro & the District. In November we had another great fundraiser, courtesy of Lion Brit & some hard working Lions, at the Lone Star. We had a wonderful time, raised some money & got 2 new members in the pipeline. Then we led up to Hometown Day on December 1st. Lion Mary Sager & Lion Michelle Jester, PDG, went shopping & got 20 wonderful goody bags for the kids we were expecting. They were there at LensCrafter in Stonestown bright & early, joined by Lion Linda Lopez-Wood, who had organized this, & by Lion Carl Tebell. I have good reports & pictures that it was a thoroughly satisfying & wonderful event. There were 18 kids & 1 adult that we had referred through the schools & MNHC that Lion Linda had contacted. This was with 4 calling in sick, they would still get their glasses but it would be on another day. The staff had baked cookies & cupcakes, they had water & juice, & everyone was prepared. Lion Mary & Lion Linda hung with them, talked with them & took pictures most of the day. The kids played & ate & had a great time getting their new glasses.

Then we went on to our Holiday Party. What an event that turned out to be. We arrived early to help set up, & we were being told that everything was canceled in sympathy for the strike with Sutter. Davies is affiliated with Sutter, not owned by it, & there were no pickets. Lion Mark Paskvan got it ironed out for us & Security began to let our party goers in. We lost some of our guests but the rest had a great time. In arranging for the Hometown Day, Lion Linda had asked Mission Neighborhood Health Clinic, one of our charities we give some money to every year for their little neighborhood children's party, if they would like our toys from the toy drive. They were excited & when Gladys Sandlin, the Exec. Director, arrived with her helpers to pick them up we asked her to talk a minute. We found out she used to be a Lioness with Park Gate Lions but had long since dedicated all of her time to MNHC. So I asked her, "Can we come to your party"? It was a date. Lion Linda called her contact to get the address & directions & casually asked about how many children were expected. About 1000 to 1500 children & their families

came to this little neighborhood party! Word was sent out & Lion Margaret Lee & her newly certified Newcomers Leo Club from SF Chinatown came & worked, Lion Agnes Lau & her prospective Lion Mindy Wong were there helping, & Lion Dennis Hale from Castro was there along with Lion Linda & myself. This was organized & smooth, but we can still help them next year with things to make it easier & better. As Lion Linda & I handed out candy, next to the ice cream table, we learned a little Spanish to get the kids to come over & get their candy. We also got a chance to talk to the Medical Director for MNHC. Now, mention a need & Lion Linda is off & running with what Lions can do. It seems they have about 500 Diabetics, mostly adult, that need diabetic retinopathy screening. Castro has the contacts for that, & we are already working on this project with Lion Mark Paskvan & Lion Mike Newell, PDG, through Lions Eye Foundation.

We still have more to do out there, & we have a lot to learn about some of charities. I think it is very important to go to some of their functions & see what they really do & meet the people who are running things. Those people have a great deal to do with how an organization is perceived, what they accomplish in the community, and, therefore, how effective they really are as a charitable organization. Everyone we met & talked to from actual staff to volunteers, those there for the day & the ones who were there one a regular basis, were very impressive at Mission Neighborhood Health Clinic. Not only for their dedication but also for willingness to give that extra bit that makes it feel good to everyone involved.

So Happy Holidays to all & let's have a great Lion's 2005 filled with Service, Fellowship & Fun!

Yours in Lionism, - Lion President Gail



Lion Dennis Hale:

"Thanks fellow Lions and friends!"

As most of the club knows, Lion Dennis participated in the Muscular Dystrophy "Jail & Bail" fund raiser this last month. He was 'jailed' and need to raise his 'bail' in order to get out. With the help of club members – Lion Dennis raised an impressive \$4000 for the MDA clients through this effort.

Editor's Note:

CONGRATS Lion Dennis, but do you ever sleep? It seems to me – there has not yet been a club event at which you didn't participate! AND you do these extras! Talk about examples – I bow to your energy, kindness and dedication!

ATTENTION CLUB MEMBERS

- BY LAWS and Constitution call for new officer nominations soon. If you are interested in running for one of the club offices - please register your interest with the club secretary Lion Carroll Fears soon - I don't recall the exact dates by which this all needs doing - we'll get this at the January General Membership meeting - BUT - if memory serves - I think we have to have the new officers elected by mid March at the latest.

NOTE TOO: You must have been a member at least 6 months in good standing to hold office, and no more than 2 terms in a given office in succession is allowed.

SPEAKING OF BEING IN GOOD STANDING - that means you uphold the Ethics and Objectives of the club and Lions International - AND - that your dues are paid up. We have several who are in the red - please - make everyone's life easier - and get those checks to Lion Dennis Hale, Membership chair - NOW! We are forced to pay District and MD4 and International dues for you on-time - if you haven't paid us - we get to be like the US Government - and run a deficit - unfortunately - we can't print our own currency - so it means dipping into reserves or borrowing against other ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS. So in essence - your non-payment COSTS us more.

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 belong to District 4C4;
Region 1, Zone 1: which includes New Century, China Town, Nikkei and SF Parkgate.



WELCOME - LION CUB WALTER !

World AIDS Day - Every Penny Counts Campaign - 2004

On December 1 - World AIDS Day, the AIDS Emergency Fund, historically our primary beneficiary, annually holds its Every Penny Counts campaign collection.

Actually a year-round thing - the Drive is also a special grade, middle & High School fundraiser drive every fall culminating in the collection event on World AIDS Day. The school collecting the most for AEF is treated to a special event by the sponsors of the campaign & local radio stations. Not as a reward for their volunteerism, but as a thank you from the sponsors on behalf of the thousands of AEF clients who benefit directly from the drive. Thanks to these sponsors - EVERY PENNY does count, they underwrite the entire event cost & the funds collected on World AIDS Day are 100% client benefit. Lion Sams sponsors the event annually in the name of the club, & was joined this year by presenting sponsor Wells Fargo & Robert James Frascino AIDS Foundation, U-Haul, Wild 94.9, Office Depot and the City & County of SF.

Proceeds from the day are estimated to about \$120,000. We hope to have exact figures for this in the next edition of the Castro Lion Roar - as well as the results from our Dine Around nights we did for AEF (AIDS Emergency Fund) and BCEF (Breast Cancer Emergency Fund) in November.

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 Sprankle, 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, Gary 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.

MNHC Kids' Holiday Party a bang up job!

From Lion Linda Lopez Wood:

We had a great time with MNHC at their 'little' party for over 1200 children. Toys & ice cream & candy & the snack bags filled with cereal boxes, sandwiches & fruit were provided. While they waited in orderly fashion to get in the Santa Area & have their pictures taken with Mr. & Mrs. Santa & the elves, they were given hot dogs, pop corn & hot chocolate. There was also face painting for the children & we saw lots of hearts & angels & Christmas Trees & a few dinosaurs coming through on the little peoples cheeks. Lion Gail, myself & Lion Dennis Hale represented Castro, we were joined in the Joint Adventure by the newly recognized SF Chinatown Newcomer's Leo Club, Lion Agnes Lau & her prospective Lion Mindy Wong from Marina-North Beach.

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 & tell them you appreciate their support of the CASTRO LIONS.

Cole Hardware - Community Thrift Store - Marlina's - The Edge - SF Eagle Tavern - Lone Star - Moby Dick - The Halcyon Hotel

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

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.

District 4C4 - Officers 2004/2005:

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The ORIGINS of LIONISM:

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