

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



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 26th 2005 – 4th SF Council (415-550-7253)

Jan 29th 2005 – 3rd Cabinet Meeting

Feb 2nd 2005 – General Membership Meeting

Feb 11-13 2005 – San Diego MD4 Convention

Feb 13, 2005 – Mr Heart-Throb – SF Eagle

Feb 16th 2005 – General Membership Meeting

February 26th 2005 – SF Marina Dance

INFO: Lion Esther Lee (415) 885-7664, \$35.

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:

February born Club members

Lion Richard Bennett Feb 9

Lion Chris Grant Feb 16

Lion Steve Moses Feb 23

Lion Dennis O'Brien Feb 28

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)

THANKS Ronn Vigh for the great service at club meetings!

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 50 members in good standing in the Castro Lions Club. As of September 30, 2004 there are 1,362,478 members internationally in 46,381 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/>

Y&C Ticket – Street Sales:

Contact Lion John Klimek – **NOTE new days**
JRAK127@webtv.net

10 am – 3 pm Sat Feb 5; Sat Mar 5
Chevron Station Castro & Market

**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/>

Did you know?

Lion Mark Paskvan is shown in the November issue of The Retina as having been awarded the Helen Keller Fellowship Jeweled Pin Ruby, Sapphire & Diamond. Way to go Lion Mark! (That's \$4000 total gift to the fund for those who aren't aware!)
www.Lionseyeca-nv.org

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.)



Member Profiles

-getting to know each other...

Lion Dennis Hale is our Membership chair person grew up in central New York in a city called Utica, home of Annette Funicello. He played softball with her in heels when she was 15ish. She wore the heels & Lion Dennis says he wasn't jealous. (Ed Note: - yeah, right- ha-ha) He moved here from there in 1969 after a break from L.A. which he says is 'another story'. Lion Dennis was one of the first new merchants in Haight Ashbury after the riots. He opened an antique clothing store called Oola Boola on Haight & Clayton then Oola Boola Too at Castro & Market. He got involved in pro gay rights with the Castro community. As a member of the Castro merchants association in 1976 he helped organized "Save Our Human Rights" which was the major force against Anita Bryant. Later he became a producer & artist rep. for such people as Sylvester, Pearl & others. Lion Dennis joined the club in 2003 under the sponsorship of Lion David Gin. To anyone paying any attention at all, Lion Dennis has been the driving force in the club when it comes to dedication of time & effort ever since. There's not an event or a volunteer opportunity since he joined of which he hasn't been an integral part. Lion Dennis takes his Lion motto 'WE SERVE' more than just to heart – he takes it everywhere!

Lion Carl Heimann is a Charter member of the Castro Lions. He served as President in the late 1980's & again for two terms in 2001/2. He is a Melvin Jones Fellow, a Life Member of the Lions in Sight & has received the Lion of the year 3 times in the last 20 years. He has attended International Conventions in Denver, St. Louis, Brisbane, Australia, Minneapolis, Phoenix & Montreal. At those conventions he traded pins-specializing in pins from Japan, but always trading for international pins while most Lions tend to trade strictly within North America. Among the rarest are those from Russia, Kenya & South Africa. Lion Carl wrote the newsletter for more that 10 years & arranged for speakers for a decade. He also worked many many beverage booths. He resides with his Domestic Partner Jerry Power in Richmond California where he is an avid guerilla gardener & collector of antique Sterling Silver. [Editor's Note: Lion Carl has been far more than these titles and honors – many a time over these last 20 years, it has been his steady hand and calming influence which carried the club through some of our more 'rocky' times. Lion Carl – be well and come back to us soon!]

Lion Carroll Fears: [Editor's Note – I got Lion Carroll to write this himeslef and its just so darn cute – I simply dropped it in as is! Mind you – this extraordinary list of 'honors' only tells the smallest of tales regarding the invaluable service Lion Carroll's been to the club. I'd also note that

Lion Carroll's original profile he submitted said he was an abandoned baby in the balkins, adopted by millionaire parents who then sold him into servitude because he was so ornery or some such – always the 'wise' acre huh?! Ha-ha, gotcha good didn't I?]

"I was born in Louisville, Ky & went to college in Columbus Ohio in 1960s. After college, my partner & I came to SF in 1964, the year of the Flower Children. We fell in love with SF but spent a year at Eniwetok in the Marshall Islands & used to picnic where the first Atomic bomb was exploded. Little did we know about radiation, they just said "don't eat the shell fish". In 1970, we moved to Andros Island in the Bahamas but kept a home in Florida for occasional weekends. In 1978 I accepted a job in New Orleans as VP of one of the oldest companies in New Orleans. In 1983, I closed the business following the oil collapse in Louisiana & Texas & we moved to a small ranch in Arizona where all my family was. In 1985, I lost my partner as a result of radiation we believe he absorbed on Eniwetok. In 1987, I moved back to SF where I met Richard Eaton, later a president of the Club, who invited me to attend a meeting of the Castro Lions. The rest is history. I joined the Club & I continued to close the company in New Orleans. Richard Twining, another Castro Lion (& President to be) asked me to help him at his bus company. I went with Richard & then ran the company as he became ill. After Richard died, I helped Lion Don Gallup, his partner, close down the company. I then worked with Pacific Coast Bus Company until I joined Bonhams & Butterfields Auctioneers almost three years ago as Compliance Manager. Listed below is my record with the Castro Lions.

Joined the Castro Lions Club in 1987. Served as: Secretary 1989-90; 1991-92; 1999-2000; 2004-5; 3rd VP 1994-95; Membership Director 1996-97; Membership Assistant 1997-98; 1998-99; Representative to the SF Council of Lions Clubs 1988-89; District 4-C4 Y&CA Chairman 1989-90; Club Y&CA Chairman 1989-98; Awards: Lion of the Year 1989-90; 1991-92; 1999-2000; Bill Rowe Memorial Award 2000-2001; Helen Keller Fellow; Life Membership – Canine Companions for Independence; Melvin Jones Fellow (Awarded by the Club) - Hope that's enough. Anything else, just ask. Oh yes, currently single, always looking. ;-)"

Coming Profiles: The new cub-duo: Lions Steve Kech and Randy Otega, Lion David Gin and even if I have to make it up his partner in service, Lion Gary Nathan. I thought it proper for the Feb, Valentine issue – grins.

LEFT BRAIN VS. RIGHT BRAIN

While sitting at your desk; Lift your right foot off the floor and make clockwise circles (with your foot). NOW, while doing this, draw the number '6' in the air with your right hand.

Your foot will changes directions and there is nothing you can do about it. This will drive you crazy! [...from Lion Wayne Shatswell]

A bite of History & a bit of nostalgia...

Did you know:

There are still 6 members of the Castro Lions Club original Charter Members remaining? They are: Lion Ed Emond, Jeff Harlowe, Carl Heimann, Michael LaOrange, Robert Little and PDG Michael Newell. (Gardner Pond, now retired from the Castro Club was also a Charter member.)

How many of the younger club members – or even the more senior for that matter knew that when we were chartered in 1985, women were NOT allowed to be Lions. They were relegated to being Lioness only – a sort of auxillary organization. At our chartering time, we insisted that the club be open to everyone. Men and women. Thus began a whole new history in Lionism – the Castro Lions Club changed history in more ways than one by being the first LGBT and friends club and by making it possible for women to be Lions.

Five delegates going to MD4 convention – Lions Gail, Linda, Gary, David and Carroll

Another way to help the AIDS Emergency Fund:

There are still tickets available:

AIDS Emergency Fund is a major beneficiary of the Acedemy of Friends Gala this year in February 2005. As part of our commitment, we help them sell raffle ticket for their grand prize, a 2005 Mercedes SLK350 convertible, and also other raffle tickets for other prizes. Is there someone in your life who you might want to get a raffle ticket for this holiday? By buying directly through us, you help us hit our quota and therefore be eligible for a larger share of the proceeds of the event. Call Mike Smith at AEF directly for tickets, 415-558-6999 ext 7 or email to mikesmith@aef-sf.org ! This is a huge prize and a very successful event. There are only 2500 Mercedes tickets and they usually sell out fast. The other travel prizes are terrific, too

Castro BOARD Decides to donate \$500 through the district to Tsunami Flood victims, it is a restricted gift and can only be used for relief efforts. As a note of interest – the entire District contribution at last count was only \$1000, plus our \$500.

**LATE Membership dues not paid by 1/31/2005
midnite will result in membership suspension.**

COLE HARDWARE Report:

Lion Sams first opened the COLE Hardware account in late 1997. Since then, the years' gift checks have been good and not so good.

Here's the history of what we've been sent.

1998 - \$36.39 and \$31.06

1999 - \$30.48 and \$6.56

2000 - \$7.02 & \$12.14

2001 - \$15.38

2002 - \$8.48

2003 - \$12.56 & \$21.29

2004 - the one coming - \$4

We need to get folks to remember to tell the cashier to credit our account! In 1998 we were doing great! So anything – from lightbulbs, to garden supplies to paint and hardware items – get 'em at COLES – 4 SF locations and let the club get credit for your purchases – It ain't a gold mine – but these small gift cards pay for lots of ADMINISTRATION account type things and we could sure use it.

The annual Castro Lions Mr. & Ms

Heart Throb event will take place at the SF Eagle Tavern on Sunday February 13, 2005. The event is a is during the regular 'Sunday Beer bust and feed' (3-6pm) which will also be hosted by the Castro Lions.

There will be 'donation drawings, special prizes and of course the crowning of the 2005 Castro Lions' Mr. and Ms Heart Throbs. You need not participate in the 'beverage' part of the fund raiser (\$8) to be eligible for the Title contest, but it is encouraged, as all proceeds from the event benefit the Castro Lions Charities - last year as an example, the Castro Lions raised more than \$20,000 see the 2004 beneficiaries list elsewhere in this newsletter for a list of the direct beneficiaries of those monies.

Please help us spread the word of this event, and bring those aspiring HEART Throbs with you. Contest details will be provided on-sight. The winners receive special prizes in addition to their "Title accoutrement's". Members of the beneficiary organizations are encouraged to participate as well - as this is how we raise that money to give away to you.

Merchants who may wish to add items to our prize list should contact Lion Tommy Rudder, our event chair at sftommy@ix.netcom.com . Thanks to AEF/BCEF, BAR, Bay Times, Channel 29, SF Weekly, SBC's LGBT employee association & Mamma for helping us advertise the event.



NEWS from 'Outside' the club

Linda Lions – friend of the Castro Club, Lion Wayne Shatswell is the lead in 'The Man Who Came to Dinner' through February – Way to fo Lion Wayne! By the way Lion Wayne – I love those 'mind-bender' snippets in your newsletter and plan on stealing them ever-now-and-again....

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 Burlingame Lions Club invites you and your friends to our CASINO NIGHT, Saturday February 5, 2005 at the Lions Hall, 990 Burlingame Avenue. Bar Opens at 6:30pm, Casino opens at 7:00pm. Admission \$25, includes 25 gaming chips & free drink ticket! Please contact Chairman Lion Larry Panzica at (650)347-9177.

From The LION the international Lions Magazine http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/news_magazine.shtml 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".



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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. 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.



Lions Day with the UN Friday, March 11, 2005.
If you are reading this as an e-version, simply click on the image above or visit:
http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_int_idun2.shtml

CONVENTION 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/news_convention.shtml

DINE AROUND proceeds:

With a few restaurants still to report, AEF/BCEF tell me that some \$25,500 was collected from this service event. This is a tremendous effort by all involved. Thank you Castro Lions & friends!

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.



Castro Lions - Our Heart is Service!

Guest Column: As possible, & as room allows, The Castro Lion Roar will publish Guest Columns from local non-profits. 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 GLSEN SF-EB - the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network of San Francisco-East Bay works to assure that each member of every school community is valued & respected, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/ expression.



San Francisco–East Bay

GLSEN believes that an atmosphere of respect engenders a positive sense of self, which is the basis of educational achievement & personal growth. We are committed to helping strengthen the capacity of schools to reduce the behavioral risks that threaten the health & well being of real or perceived LGBTQ youth, & to creating safer learning environments that increase these students' opportunities for growth & success. In striving to achieve our mission, our goals are:

- To educate teachers, students, administrators & the public about the damaging effect homophobia & heterosexism have on youth and adults alike;
- To support schools in redressing all inequities based on intolerance of differences, &
- To develop school climates where difference is valued for the positive contribution it makes in creating a more vibrant community.

Dating back to its early roots in 1985, GLSEN SF-EB has now developed from educator support meetings held in private residences into one of the most prominent GLSEN chapters in the U.S. We have increased our membership rolls, opened an office outside of San Francisco, hired paid staff & expanded our programming. One of our recent major organizational accomplishments has been to expand & diversify staff leadership to more closely match our constituencies. This has had immediate impact on our program content, community capacity building, & more effective outreach strategies for empowering youth who face multiple barriers to success.

Programs & Services: Our programs empower people to acquire the knowledge & tools they need for creating safer & more inclusive learning environments together. We create opportunities for youth to connect with caring adult allies, to develop their talents, & to serve as leaders in their communities. We provide both youth & adults with opportunities to overcome the disconnections that can lead to the rampant bullying & harassment experienced on today's school campuses. Our programs support

increased success in school, & encourage today's youth toward success beyond the classroom.

Educational workshops & training for adults:

RESPECT Program: We engage & empower educators to enable every student to fully participate in school life, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression through anti-bias staff training & LGBT inclusive curriculum development.

Peer education & Youth Leadership: PRYDE (Peers Reaching Youth thru Diversity Education) Program. Youth educators, empowered as local school community leaders on AB 537, are leading the way to make anti-LGBT bullying, harassment, & name-calling unacceptable in our schools by speaking out in their classrooms & communities.

AB 537 Strategic Planning/Implementation

Support: We work with local school community leaders & build issues-based partnerships with other education and social justice organizations to help support implementation of effective safer schools plans.

Scholarship program for outstanding high school student leaders eQuality Scholarship Collaborative:

We are proud to be a member of this Collaborative – one of the oldest in the country – that honors graduating high school seniors who have made significant strides in putting an end to anti-LGBT bias & violence in their schools and communities.

Support the distribution of our nationally-recognized curriculum materials. Volunteer as an adult mentor, board member or community volunteer. Sponsor school & community based workshops or awards to youth. Assist in raising funds for work in a specific school or district. Help spread the word about GLSEN SF-EB work in your company or community. Contact Julie Lienert, Executive Director - julie@glsen-sfeb.org (925) 685-5480

GLSEN SF-EB is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit IRS ID#94-3029787. Your contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

ARTICLE IX: Elections

– from the club By-Laws:

The officers and Board of Directors of this Club, excluding the Immediate Past President, shall be elected as follows:

Section A. The President shall appoint a nomination committee, which shall seek nominees for all offices to be filled.

Section B. A nomination meeting shall be held in March of each year, with the date and place of such meeting to be determined by the Board of Directors. Notice of this

nomination meeting shall be mailed to each member of this Club at least ten days prior to the date the nomination meeting is held.

Section C. The nomination committee shall submit the names of candidates for the various offices to the Club membership at the nomination meeting. At this meeting nominations for all offices to be filled in the succeeding year shall also be accepted from the General Membership.

Section D. If in the interim between the nomination meeting and the General Membership meeting at which election will occur, any nominee becomes unable to serve in the office to which that nominee was nominated, the nomination committee shall submit names of additional nominees for that office. This shall occur at the election meeting.

Section E. An election meeting shall be held no later than April 15th of each year, at a time and place determined by the Board of Directors. Two weeks prior to the election meeting, written notice shall be given to each member of this Club. Such notice shall include the names of all nominees approved at the nomination meeting, and, subject to section C above, a statement that these nominees will be voted upon at this election meeting. No nominations shall be accepted from the floor at the election meeting, unless a majority of the members qualified to vote and present agree to do so.

Section F. Subject to the provisions of Section H of this Article, all officers, other than Directors, shall be elected annually and shall take office on July 1st and shall hold office for one year from that date. In unusual circumstances, an officer can hold office until a successor has been elected and qualified.

Section G. One-half of the Directors shall be elected each year, shall take office on July 1st next following their election, and shall hold office for two (2) years from that date, or until their successors have been elected and qualified.

Section H. All elections shall be by ballot by those members present and qualified to vote, as stated in Article III of this Constitution. A plurality vote shall be necessary to elect any officer or member of the Board of Directors.

Section I. Results of elections shall be announced during the election meeting. Only the names of winning candidates shall be announced. Tallies of election results shall not be announced. Tallies shall be available for review by any member in good standing.

Section J. Any officer or member of the Board of Directors of this Club may be removed from office for good cause by a two-thirds vote of the entire Club Membership.

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.

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 - Marlena's - The Edge - SF Eagle Tavern - Lone Star - Moby Dick – Castro & Market Chevron - 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.

CATCH-UPS, Reminders and PLEAs:

- Last Lone Star beer bust raise about \$595 total, including a \$65 personal donation from Klaus Kreimann, an attendee Lion Denni snagged and spoke to and sweet-talked.
- We received the Castro Street fair check, some \$981.02
- Next fund-raiser event is at TRAX on Jan 22, Saturday – contact Lion Brit for details.
- Community Thrift Donations: Please be sure to record name/address on donation slip when you or your friends make donations to the club's account so we can track them, & thank the donors.

President's Column – Lion Gail Wood



Fellow Lions & friends

The visitation and pre-convention schedules being what they are – and of course the kick off of tax season has made our busy-bee President even more busy than usual. Lion Gail appreciates everyone's hard work efforts at all the fund raiser events of late – and especially thanks the businesses and merchants who've made them possible.

Lion Gail requests a continued dedication from all club members as we wind up the Y&C sales, do another round of beverage events and prepare for the GREAT Croquet Tournament...to be successful – we really do need everyone pitching in -

Yours in Lionism, - Lion President Gail

MORE CLUB Notables:

Lions Rany Ortega & Steve Kech's request for assistance in helping 'Milan' a cancer patient, has met with wide-spread help throughout the District, especially from SF Fila-Am, Chinatown & Castro club members. Milan, a double amputee now due to the cancer has been presented with several 'Holiday-gift' items just for him, as well as financial assistance, food & help for his impoverished family. Thanks Lions Randy & Steve for this extraordinary effort of service!

Y&C Street Sales – results:

Bracing against the wind and rain, and led by Lion John Klimek, Lions Dennis Hale, David Gin, Gary Nathan, Tommy Rudder, Randy Ortega, Steve Kech and Steven Sams sold 15 books worth of Y&C tickets on Sunday January 9th. Special thanks to former Lions Janet Hinternamm and Matt Hudson who each bought a full book, and Lions Mary Saeger and PDG Michelle Jester too who stopped by with their personal purchases/sales.

Saturday January 15 was another cold & windy day - but a wonderful success, again thanks to our Y&C lead, Lion John Klimek. Throughout the day Lions Mary Saeger, Tommy Rudder, David Gin, Gary Nathan, Dennis Hale, Brian Carbo, Kathleen Kennedy and Steven Sams 'barked' and cajoled, and begged and sweet-talked anyone within earshot. Lion Jen 'Spike' Lee also turned up, but the cold got to us and we were closing up shop as she arrived.

We sold an amazing 22 books of tickets and what's perhaps even better - made more than a dozen contacts of potential new members. Several have asked to be on the mailing list or receive the newsletter via email.

NOTE: The next two scheduled street sale days have CHANGED:

Since Feb 6 is Super bowl day - we've moved that sale to Saturday 2/5, and since Mr/Ms Heartthrob is 2/13, we've move that sale to March 5. Reminders will be sent out.

We have to have ALL books turned in by March 16 - so please get yours into Lion John as soon as possible. (We still have some 40 books left to sell.) If you cannot join us 'on the street' you can always get books from Lion John and sell them to your friends, co-workers and neighbors on your own.

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, 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.

Here's an Idea – whose time is WAAAAAY overdue!!!

It has occurred to Lion Gary Nathan & me over the last three hundred thousand events, fund raisers and other activities we've done as a club (seemingly) since July - that there is a deep and abiding need for a NEW MEMBER, prospective member (hell old member for that matter) 'handbook' of stuff. For the members

- say things like - a copy of the charter, the by laws, the processes like HOW TO OBTAIN A HELEN KELLER etc....

for the prospective member/donor - a sort of HISTORY of our experience section and maybe - even a list of the things we've done for the last 20 years - like the Community Thrift and LGBT Historical Society, and starting Open Hand, helping 18th Street Services and Operation Concern become New Leaf, Coming Home Hospice, the original ZEN Center/Maitri Hospice etc etc etc (sure I have some of the details wrong).

WELL - Lion Gary & I have decided to do just such a thing - I'll do the copy - he'll get it printed/bound etc - maybe even set up and an expandable book.

SO TO THAT END - I need EVERYONE of you to start feeding me bits and pieces NOW so we can get at it while both Gary and I are Psyched to do it. SEND IT ON in what ever format you care to....cheers - Lion Steven Sams

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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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