

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 Hector Caceres Eye-Glass Fund. www.commthrift.com

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Submit items early for best impact to ss2391@sbc.com

June 26, 2005 – Pride Parade Beverage Booth
SF Toyota Raffle Sales

July 2, 2005 AIDS Walk SF fund raiser
Moby Dick 4-8pm

July 3, 2005 – Daddy's Beer Bust 4-8 pm

July 6, 2005 - General Membership meeting
Bay Positives, guest Speaker, Curtis Moore

July 10, 2005 – Leather & Whatever Auction 3-6 pm

July 17, 2005 - AIDS Walk SF

August 14 – Lone star Beer Bust

August 14 – service event – AH Post 448

November 27th – Lone Star Beer bust

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

Castro Lion Club Birthdays:

June born Club members

Lion Jeff Harlowe	July 13
Lion Gary Nathan	July 15
Lion Michael Newell	July 20
Lion Michael LaOrange	July 23

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/>

Once a year, they send us a gift certificate worth 5% of the accumulated purchases made in our name.

FOR THE RECORD:

There are 44 members in good standing in the Castro Lions Club. As of 2/28/2005 there are 1,350,499 members internationally in 46,103 clubs & 745 Districts in 193 countries & geographical areas.



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.

THANKS Michael & the Michael's Octavia Lounge Staff for the great service at our club meetings!

Castro Lions Charities, Inc. is both a Federal & 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](#). State Of California Domestic Nonprofit Corporation, Registration No. C1912192. State Charity Registration Number: CT095682

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.



The Castro Lions Seize First Place at SF Bay Area New Century Lions 2nd Annual Bowl Smackdown Fund Raiser

On Sunday, May 15th, The Castro Lions took first place at the 2nd Annual New Century Lions Bowl Smackdown held at Serra Bowl in Colma. Castro Lions Jenny "Spike" Lee, Dennis Hale, Gary Nathan & David Gin & Sam (a volunteer to fill in our team to 5 members), made up the Castro Team. The Castro Lions won the two game tournaments with the score of 1184 scratch pin count. Castro Lion Spike Lee also took home the trophy for women's' high scratch game of 141. The Castro Lions bowled 549 in the first game and came in with a strong finish with 635 in the second game. The team opted not to take home the huge perpetual trophy which will be engraved by the New Century Lions. San Bruno Lion Ken Ibarra transferred the trophy over to the Team Captain Lion Dennis Hale.

Team Captain Lion Dennis Hale also took home numerous raffle prizes which he is donating for the Castro Lions Anniversary Dinner raffle on June 15th. Castro Lions will be defending their title next year and will be expecting more participation from our club. Submitted by - Lion David Gin.

2004-5 Castro Lions Beneficiaries

AEF/BCEF <http://www.aidsemergencyfund.org>
Hector Caceres Eyeglass Fund
COLAGE <http://www.colage.org>
SFLGBT Marching Band
Honorariums
LCIF Melvin Jones/Lion of the Year
Lions Canine Companions (Membership)
www.cci.org & www.lpcci.com
Lions Canine Companions (Worker Dog)
Lions Ear of the Lion (Membership)
Lions Eye Foundation (Membership)
Lions-In-Sight
(Membership)<http://www.lionsinsight.org>
MNHC - Holiday Party <http://mnhc.org>
PAWS <http://www.pawssf.org>
Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic www.rfbd.org
Rocket Dog Rescue www.rocketdogrescue.org
Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center
<http://tarcsf.org/home.html>
Tenderloin T's Dinners
The Center for AIDS Services
<http://thecenteroakland.org>
Tranquillium Center/New Connections
<http://newconnections.org>
One-by-One www.1-by-1.org
Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services
Positive Resource Center www.positiveresource.org

Ron Wilmot AIDS Bike-a-Thon

The club's June Service event was to staff the turn-around point & water station for the Project Inform's Ron Wilmot AIDS Bike-a-thon. Reports are that the event raised more than \$50,000 in support of PI's programs & services. For those unfamiliar with PI, they are the world's leading authority on HIV/AIDS, its prevention, treatment & policy work within international governments.



NEWS from 'Outside' the club

Lions Wilderness Camp for Deaf Children – Camp Dates Northern Clovis RLC Camp June 26-July 2 Southern Teresita Pines July 10-July 17.
Lions Appreciation Day – June 25 Open House at Clovis Regional Learning Center 1-888-613-1557
Linda Lions announce 4-C1 website:
www.4c1lions.org

Lion Randy Ortega Reports:

AIDS Walk SF - Board of Supervisor's Recognition
On Monday evening April 25 at the Bank of America Carnelian Room, AIDS Walk SF and the SF Board of Supervisors acknowledged President elect **Lion Steven Sams** of the Castro Lions Club as the Star Walker/Highest Fund raiser of the year. In doing so they also noted that in Steven's 18 years of serving as the Team SBC AIDS Walk Captain, he has now raised in excess of \$508,000 for HIV/AIDS Services throughout the greater Bay Area in this event alone. **Lion Steven** was presented with a special Top Walker Award and a certificate of Merit signed by the SF Board of Supervisors and presented to him by Supervisor Jake McGoldrick of District 1 in SF. The members and friends of the Castro Lions are encouraged to join **Lions Steven Sams and David Gin** in this year's walk (July 17 in Golden Gate Park). Entry information is elsewhere in the newsletter.



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

The CASTRO LIONS want your used eye glasses & hearing aides no loose lenses please, frames only are ok if in good condition.

Drop Off spots:

- CalOptix- Lion John Klimek
3838 California #100
- Dr Lion Kathleen Kennedy 552 Castro
- SF-LGBT Center 1800 Market Street
- Site for Sore Eyes:
300 West Portal – or - 140 Battery - or - 901 Market
- Lions Eye Foundation CPMC
2340 Clay at Webster - 5th floor
<http://www.lionsinsight.org/>



Other 'friends of the club' Activities:

SAVE THE DATE: July 15 – at Bonhams & Butterfields
UCSF AIDS Health Project ART for AIDS auction
415-502-7276 for tix/info. 5:30-9+ \$25/person.
www.artforaids.org

China Town Visitation – May 05

Let's just say that the evening was tremendous. The food divine, the portions colossal, the company superb. Thank you Chain Town Club for making us feel so much at home and showing us such a grand evening!



Lions PDG Michelle Jester, Carl Tebell, David Gin, Gary Nathan, Dennis Hale, Steve Kech, Randy Ortega, & Carroll Fears were in attendance.

CASTRO Lions: 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 <http://colehardware.com/> ; Community Thrift Store www.commthrift.com ; Marlena's; The Edge; SF Eagle Tavern <http://www.sfeagle.com> ; Daddy's www.daddysbar.com ; TRAX www.TRAX.com ; Lone Star; Moby Dick www.mobydicksf.com ; Castro & Market Chevron; AL Alexander Hamilton Post 448 <http://www.post448.org/welcome.html> ; The Halcyon Hotel www.halcyonsf.com : See Lion Dennis Hale for details.

Other useful Links:

Under One Roof: www.underoneroof.org
Lions Wilderness Camp www.lionswildcamp.org
One By One Homeless Assistance: www.1-by-1.org
LYRIC: www.lyric.org
(Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center)
GGBA www.GGBA.com (Golden Gate Business Association)
CUAV www.cuav.org Community United Against Violence
Bay Positives: www.baypositives.org
Guide Dogs of the Desert www.guidedogsofthedesert.org

...From Linda Lion

Wayne Shatswell's Book of Life:

FIRST GRADE WISDOM: These are actual responses from first grade students to common proverbs:

Don't change horses *until they stop running.*

A penny saved *is not much.*

Strike while the *bug is close.*

It's always darkest before *Daylight Saving Time.*

Never underestimate the power of *termites.*

No news *is impossible.*

You can lead a horse to water but *how?*

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



B A Y P O S I T I V E S

The Mission of Bay Area Young Positives (BAY Positives) is to "help young people, ages 14 to 26, living with HIV/AIDS live longer, happier, healthier, more productive & quality-filled lives." The agency was established 14 years ago by young people in SF who were struggling with HIV & who incorporated BAY Positives as a 501(c)(3) not for profit corporation in 1993. BAY Positives was established as a peer-run organization because of a perceived lack of programming that responded to the specific cultural need of youth & young adults who were infected with HIV/AIDS in SF. In the late 90's the BAY Positives peer-based model was designated as a Special Project of National Significance by the Federal Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA). The agency is currently membership organization, with a self-help focus in which members & staff work together to support all of the members. BAY Positives services have continued to evolve in response to the changing HIV/AIDS epidemic, & the development of evidence based models to prevent HIV with youth. Data available nationally suggests that approximately 50% of new HIV infections are among youth & young adults. In SF it is estimated that over 30% of young people who are infected with HIV do not know their serostatus, & therefore, are not receiving care & treatment, & represent a high risk for infecting others. Many youth at risk for & infected with HIV experience multiple problems & needs that increase the likelihood of unsafe behaviors. Primary among these are populations that inject drugs and/or use other illicit drugs & alcohol. Other problems are homelessness, participation in survival sex, histories of incarceration, & unmet mental health needs. There are also factors associated with being young that both increase risk in this population & can impede effective outreach, identification, & service delivery. Youth & young adults are more likely to believe they are invulnerable, to display impulsive behaviors, to experiment with multiple drugs, & to be highly sexually active. Young people have higher rates of sexually transmitted diseases (STD's) than older adults a particular risk factor for HIV. There is also evidence that many young people do not have accurate knowledge of HIV & its risk factors, & may promulgate myths about HIV that can also increase their risk for infection. There is also research data that shows that young people often do not have the confidence & skills to negotiate safer behaviors with their sexual or needle sharing partners. All of this demonstrates a need for the youth focused & delivered HIV prevention & support services of BAY Positives. BAY Positives programming includes Outreach & Member Services. Outreach Services are designed to educate young

people in SF about HIV/AIDS & its risk factors, identify individuals whose behaviors have put them at risk of becoming infected, & encourage those who do not know their serostatus to be tested. This includes supporting individuals through the testing process & providing support & linkage to those who test positive. Education & outreach is provided in a number of venues including schools, the streets, parks, clubs, street fairs & the internet.

BAY Positives Member Services provide care & build community for HIV positive young people.

Specifically, the Member Services include supportive & linkage activities & provide a safe haven where HIV infected youth can drop in to receive any assistance they need. This can include food, emotional support, access to the internet & e-mail, & referrals & active linkage for health, housing, employment, entitlements, & other needed services. Member services also include individual counseling, weekly support groups, weekend intensives, social & recreational activities, & a community newsletter. Member Services also include evidence-based interventions designed to prevent further HIV infections by those with HIV, & include Individual Risk Reduction Counseling, Prevention Case Management Services, & the Teens Linked to Care multiple session workshops. Member Services continue to evolve with innovative approaches based on expressed member needs & wishes & now include a Healing Arts Program. In summary, the Member Services help HIV positive youth build a community, in which peer support & other services reduce their isolation, increase their self-esteem, & inspire them toward a healthy & productive lifestyle.

Delivering prevention services & care to young people with & at risk of HIV in SF requires responding to the diverse cultural backgrounds of this population. The HIV/AIDS epidemic in SF has predominantly involved gay men. While the majority has been from white backgrounds, there are disproportionately high rates of infection among African American & Latino populations.

BAY Positives Outreach services are targeted to schools & venues with a high proportion of at risk populations. For example, the agency makes presentations at high schools with a high proportion of African-American & Latino students as they are at disproportionately higher risk. Outreach services are provided on the streets, at health fairs & community events, & on the internet where target population young people can be contacted. BAY Positives documents providing education & outreach services to at least 4,000 young people per year.

BAY Positives will provide comprehensive Member Services to over 80 HIV positive young people in 2005. The demographics of BAY Positives members in 2004 were as follows: 53% are youth of color; 47% white. Of the members who are youth of color, 25% are Latino, 25% are African American, 7% are Asian/Pacific Islander, twelve 29% are multi-racial, & 3% are Middle-

Eastern. 69% are gay, 11% are bisexual, 20% are heterosexual, & 4% declined to state. 81% of the members are men, 12% are women, & 6% are transgender. To respond to the diversity of its clients, BAY Positives staff are from African-American, Latino, & Asian backgrounds, are fluent in English & Spanish, & represent both the Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender & the heterosexual communities. Finally, the staff includes young adults who may also be HIV positive.

www.baypositives.org

2004-2005 Awardees:

Annual Awards Castro Lions Club Service Awards: presented to club members at the anniversary dinner.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD – Mayor Gavin Newsom
Awarded to an individual, business or organization for outstanding support of the community.

MAURICE PERSTEIN MEMORIAL AWARD

Lion Tommy Rudder, Awarded to a club member for excellence in fund raising.

GARDNER POND AWARD

Lions Randy Ortega & Steve Kech, Awarded to a new member for outstanding service.

BILL ROWE MEMORIAL AWARD

Lion Carroll Fears, Awarded to a club member for distinguished service, loyalty & devotion to Lionism.

RICHARD E. TWINING MEMORIAL AWARD

Lion Dennis Hale, Awarded to a club member for outstanding service to our community.

LION OF THE YEAR **Lion Brit Zane**, This award is the most important award given by the club. Awarded to a Lion who has devoted exemplary time & effort to the support of the club. Melvin Jones Award: **Lion Brit Zane**.

Member Profiles

-getting to know each other...

Lion J. Michael Boote:

Born & raised in Florida, I moved to California in 1972 to go to college. I was putting myself through college & the school I was attending in Florida was too expensive for me to handle alone. I read that schools in California were free, so I made my way out to Los Angeles. Well, the schools weren't free. My first semester at Los Angeles City College set me back \$2.50. OK, I wasn't outraged. I stayed in the LA area for 23 years, eventually getting a degree in accounting & going to work for the California State University system. I was working at the Long Beach campus when, in 1994, there was a budget crisis & we started laying off employees. I was given a choice: Take a job at the Chico campus, or be laid off. I took the job at Chico, not even knowing where Chico was. I thought it was somewhere near Lake Tahoe. To my surprise, I found it was in the valley north of Sacramento. I've never lived in an agricultural area & thought I would be kicking the pigs off my porch. No – Chico is not that bad, though I have learned far more about agriculture than I ever intended. Summer is the

best time of the year here. I love the heat & when the fresh fruits & vegetables come in, you feel particularly lucky. Still single after all these years (Chico is not a Mecca for single folks), my closest brush with having a partner has just ended after a year. Chris has taken a job in San Diego. So, I here I am, alone again.

Lion Dennis Hale got me interested in joining the Castro Lions Club. Being that I live 165 miles from San Francisco, I don't get much opportunity to work with the club, but I do certainly enjoy working the beer booth at Pride, Folsom & Castro fairs. I particularly enjoyed the leather auction last summer at the Eagle & hope to participate again this year. Last week, I competed in my first triathlon. It was a lot of training, & a lot of work. Mostly I am happy it is over & now I can start training for my first marathon.

[Editor's Note: Mid-race agony shown here (this is after the swim & before the bike ride (I think)).]



[Editor's Note: what he said the first time I asked for the BIO was this: (I believe it says it al - ha-ha - gotcha!)] What are you interested in for a biography? Do you want my likes & dislikes a la Playboy: "I like the sand in my hair & the wind in my heart. I hate shallow people. I want to be a brain surgeon or a stripper" I'll supply a picture of my boobage. :-)

Lion Stamps for Easter Seals:

The Sacramento Philatelic Society (SPS) has an alliance with the Sacramento Easter Seal Society to help collect modern postage stamps that have been sent thru the mail. The SPS evaluates and prepares the stamps for sale, and sales them to collectors all over the world. Some stamps go to auction while others are sold for pennies. Pennies add up so volume is important. All proceeds go to Easter Seals. We can participate by collecting envelopes with any used/metered stamps on them (seals on the back can be valuable as well). Putting collection boxes at our place of work is one way and telling your friends also. Please bring your stamps with you to the monthly meetings or mail them in a "stamped envelope" to...

Lion Walter Bowen
c/o WAK SHACK 782 Haight Street - S. F., Ca. 94117

Convention 4C4 – 2005 – WOW were we a hit!
As we reported in the last edition of the Castro Lion Roar, the Castro Lions Club took home a myriad of awards which were graciously accepted by Lion Brit Zane and as graciously presented to individual club members who had made them each possible. We also took 2nd Place in the on-site Talent show, and our Fruit-&-Nuts table in the Food Circus was a smash hit.



BITS & Pieces:

Treasurer's report: (approx values)

Community Service Trust:	\$37,656.00
Eye Glass Fund:	\$5265.00 +/-
Charities Account:	\$22,708.00
Administration:	\$6310.00
de Steiguer Endowment Fund:	\$115,866.73

Attending the International Convention from the Castro Club will be 'honorary Lion Marlana', Lions PDG Michelle Jester, Mary Saeger, Carroll Fears, Steve Kech & Randy Ortega.

We have a booth in the Up Your Alley Street fair (Dore Alley) to take place on 7/31 11-6pm.

We received a total of \$225 from Levi Straus and Lion Jeff Harlowe recently for the eye care fund. Thank you Lion Jeff!

LIONS of the MONTH:

July 2004 – June 2005

July	Lion Carroll Fears
August	Lion Tommy Rudder
September	Lion Brit Zane
October	Lion Tommy Rudder
November	Lion Dennis Hale
December	Lions Mark Paskvan & Linda Lopez-Wood
January	Lion Steven Sams
February	Lion John Klimek
March	Lion Denni Harp
April	Lions Gary Nathan & David Gin
May	Lion Walter Bowen
June	Lion Brit Zane – Lion of the Year!

Castro Lions

Castro Lions Club Officers & Board elect:

President	Lion Steven Sams
IPP	Lion Gail Wood
1 st VP	Lion Brit Zane
2 nd VP	Lion Brian Carbo
3 rd VP	Lion Dennis Hale
Secretary	Lion Denni Harp
Treasurer	Lion David Gin
Lion Tamer	Lion John Klimek
Tail Twister	Lion Gary Nathan
Membership Director	Lion Randy Ortega
Director 2 year	Lion Steve Kech
Director 2 year	Lion Frank Bence
Director 1 year	Lion Jen 'Spike' Lee
Director 1 year	Lion Carl Tebell

Lion PDG Michelle Jester HAS the SF Toyota Raffle tickets in hand – please contact her direct for your share to sell.

lionjester4c4@hotmail.com

415-846-9257.

20th Anniversary Celebration Notes:

Lion Carroll Fears MC'd a most wonderful evening June 15, 2005 as we said a fond farewell to the Board and Officers of the 2004-5 term, inducted the new board and officers and handed out more awards, certificates of Merit and Appreciation than perhaps even the Oscars do. Of special note, not mentioned elsewhere – are the Community Service Awards for the Friends of the Castro Lions which retiring Lion Gail Wood presented. Assemblyman Mark Leno, Business Partners: Marlina's, Daddy's, Trax, Lone Star, SF Eagle, Moby Dick and The edge. A special Award of Merit was presented to the Lions in Sight Warehouse as was a 'special Lions Club Friends' Award to Chinatown Lions. Finally, Lion Gail presented what she dubbed 'The Best Friend Award – to retiring District Governor ray Rosenthal and Partner (literally in this case) of the year Award to Lion Linda Lopez-Wood. Every member of the retiring board and even your humble newsletter editor were presented with certificates of appreciation as well.

Join Lions David Gin & Steven Sams in AIDS Walk SF – 2005

note: there are underscores between their first & last names

Lion Sams Personal secured donation page:

http://aidswalksanfrancisco2005.kintera.org/Steven_Sams

Lion Gin's Personal secured Donation Page:

http://aidswalksanfrancisco2005.kintera.org/david_gin

Join the team by visiting:

<http://aidswalk.net/sanfran/index.html>

Then 'click register now' and 'JOIN A TEAM' our Team name is Team SBC Communications. (or see below). Team shirts and Ball-Park Lunch will be provided by Lion Sams.

Together they helped raise more than \$32,000 in the 2004 walk. Sign up or Donate – either way please support their efforts in the name of the Castro Lions. Complete the following information and mail it to: Lion Steven Sams c/o

The Castro Lions Club Charities, Inc.

584 Castro Street PMB 200

San Francisco, Ca 94114

(If you'd like to help pay for the shirt/food – please include a personal check for \$5 made payable to Lion Sams)

NAME: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone Number w/area code: _____

EMAIL: _____

A complete team information kit will be sent.

2004-5 Castro Lions Club Committees:

Finance & Budget - Lion David Gin

Visitations -Lion Dennis Hale

Fundraising & Events - Lion Tommy Rudder

Constitution & Bylaws - Lion Linda Lopez-Wood

Voice Mail – Lion David Gin

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

Newsletter – 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 Meetings -Lions David Gin & Dennis Hale

Charities - Lion Brian Carbo

Convention - Lions David Gin, Carroll Fears, Gary Nathan, Dennis Hale, Brit Zane, Carl Tebell, & Linda Lopez-Wood.

Any Member May Join & Assist any committee.

President's Column – Lion Steven Sams



Fellow Lions & friends,

As we start this new year – we all know that the ever ‘thinking about events’ Lion 1st VP Brit Zane will have us all as busy as he possibly can throughout the coming months. That said, we need to pace ourselves – between fund raising and FUN rising. Throw in a few service events and think smarter about the way we raise the dollars we give away, and how we make ourselves better known in the community. We probably should be looking at the investment in ‘staff hours’ a street fair takes compared to a regular beverage bust and really decide if all the work is worth it. With Lion Michelle’s SF Toyota connection this year, we have a great start on a HUGE pot for the beneficiaries we’ll choose. This is SMART fund-raising. I’d like to see us actively go after some grants and major donor gifts this year too. After all, the more we can get for the service we do – the more service time we’ll have. Coming up for July – we’re packed. My AIDS Walk beer bust at Moby Dick the bust at Daddy’s, the Leather & Whatever event, the AIDS Walk and the Governor’s Installation. August is somewhat quieter – but we have a double/overlapping event on the 14th – Lone Star and assisting the Alexander Hamilton Post with their anniversary event. We will really need to strategize about this one and make good on both. After all, ‘The Post’ has been there for us many times, we owe it to them, and we know the Lone Star events bring in a good deal of cash.

Speaking of ca\$h, Lion Brit was Fabu-licious leading a long line of performers throughout the day on Father’s Day at the 2nd annual Drag-a-Thon at Marlena’s. Special thanks to Lions John Klimek, Dennis Hale, Denni Harp, Moira Wilmes, Steve Kech Randy Ortega, Frank Bence, Michelle Jester, Mary Saeger, Walter Bowen and Todd Kepus for being there throughout parts of the day. As I totaled out – we’d sold more than 40 tickets for the Scion, and collected from door and the performer tip basket, nearly \$600. The dear sweet person she is, Marlena rounded that UP to \$1000! All I can say is – wow – what a show. Thanks again Lion Brit!

Over the next few months, we’ll know if we are approved for the Macy’s Passport. As usual, we count on Lion Tom Rodgers (details to follow shortly) for raising the majority of our annual budget at the July 10 Leather & Whatever auction. Please contact him direct and soon – if you have donations, or can work the few days before to clean and sort auction items. Alexander Hamilton Post 448 of the American Legion

will once again step up to do our food for us – so it promises to be a grand, fun, and lucrative day!

Look for some new an innovative Membership notions arriving soon from Lion Randy Ortega – he and his partner (in life and Lionism) Steve Kech are putting together what I consider to be a terrific package of enrollment, recruitment and club historical information. It’s going to knock your socks off!

In closing this month – I wish to once again thank Lion Carroll for such a marvelous evening at our 20th anniversary and installation, wish Lion Linda all the best in her new home with (I believe its) the san Mateo club, and thank Lion Gail for a year well done.

Yours in Lionism, - Lion President Steven

Did YOU KNOW?....

The Castro Lions are a member of the SF Public Library Community Service Organizational Listings? <http://sfpl.org> under Local Links, Community Organizations. (Certain corp. firewalls disallow you access so try from your personal account.)

The Lone Star Beer Bust on May 22 took in more than \$566. Lion Dennis Hale wasn’t able to be present, as the hotel had a fire and he had other more pressing duties, but at the door were Lions Linda & Gail, Lion Brit in full fledge ‘rah-rah’ mode, Lions Randy, Steve, Gary, David and Brad all taking turns at the grill while Lion Walter did the kneeling and ‘measuring’ for the 50-50 raffle and yours truly, if I missed a club member present – I apologize. By the way – we only spent about \$100 for the food – and there’s quite a bit left over – so we’re ahead of the next one financially – which if memory serves, will be on August 14 for the Lone Star – but in between we have several others at Daddy’s, the Leather Auction and Whatever at the FS Eagle, Gay Pride, & of course Marlena’s – Drag-a-thon on Father’s Day!

Drag-a-Thon is posted on Craigslist as is the car raffle. We also got featured on the Community Thrift Store’s Community event Bulletin Board.

PDG Rocky Lombardi recently suffered a stroke but is now in rehab and on the road to recovery.

Lion Tom Rodgers reports that he has received some 60 passes from Blow Buddies (who are promoting our event in their group emails) he plans on weaving into the auction items as bonus gifts at the “Leather & Whatever” event set for the SF Eagle Sunday July 10 along with the several boxes of new items he has received this year and what we didn’t sell from last year – plus has been promised items from Rick Booth’s estate and Troy Anicette (former Mr. SF Leather). As Lion Tom says, “we can always use more” so “beat the bushes for additional donations.” He wanted everyone to know too that he’ll be at the Pride booth by 1 pm.

NOTE – We will meet at Octavia Lounge – 1st meeting July 6th as usual. Details to follow about the change in ownership. Please call in by Monday to RSVP your dinner reservation: 415-90-LIONS.

PINK TRIANGLE set up (7-10 am Saturday June 25th) Help is being requested by Pat Carney. Historically, several club members have been able to fit this into their schedules and be at Twin Peaks to assist. If interested contact Pat at PatC@hellermanus.com or 415-247-100 x142. Commemoration Ceremony is at 10:30 am. Dignitaries will be at the commemoration, as well as the fabulous S.F. Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band. The Director of Exhibitions at the U.S. Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C. will be here to tell the History of the Pink Triangle. The removal will be Sunday June 26 from 4:30 – 7:30.

www.thepinktriangle.com

FRIENDS OF THE PINK TRIANGLE

The pink triangle was used by the Nazis in concentration camps to identify & shame homosexuals. This symbol, used as in an attempt to label & shame, has been embraced by the gay community as a symbol of pride. However, in the 1930's & 40's there was nothing to celebrate concerning the pink triangle. Gays were forced to wear the pink triangle on their pockets in the concentration camps to identify them as homosexual to set them apart from other prisoners. Triangles of various colors were used to identify each category of "undesirable": yellow for Jews, brown of Gypsies, red for political prisoners, green for criminals, black for anti-socials, purple for Jehovah's Witnesses, blue for immigrants & pink for homosexuals.

The pink triangles were slightly larger than the other colored triangles so that guards could identify them from a distance. It is said that those who wore the pink triangles were singled out by the guards to receive the harshest treatment, & when the guards were finished with them, some of the other inmates would harm them as well. At the end of the war when the concentration camps were finally liberated, virtually all of the prisoners were released except those who wore the pink triangle. Many of those with a pink triangle on their pocket were put back in prison and the nightmare continued. It is the same kind of senseless, irrational hatred that still haunts Gays, Jews, Blacks & other minorities today. The Taliban in Afghanistan required non-Muslims to wear identifying badges on their clothing, just as the NAZI's required their "undesirables" to wear identifying logos so long ago. History repeats itself. That is why the Twin Peaks display is so important. We must remind people of the hatred & prejudice of the past to help educate others and prevent it from happening again. What happened in the Holocaust must not be forgotten and must not be repeated.

NOTE: Be sure to let Lion Carroll know – no later than Sunday July 3 – if you attend/serve at the Pink Triangle ceremonies, and report your other Lion volunteer hours to him as well (except for club events, we do that for you.)

BOARD APPROVES:

We will participate in the 2005 Macy's Passport in Store event and sell the in-store sales discount tickets and volunteer for in-store 'day-of-event' duty. If our application is accepted by the Macy's review

committee, we will be responsible for selling 100 of the discount shopping passes at \$10 each – after the 'accounting process' we get all of those funds, plus for the in-store duty, we'll receive as much as an additional 3% of tickets sold on-site day of event, and as a bonus – a % of the income from the use of those tickets. If all goes as foreseen – we could actually net \$2-5,000 of this very easy task. Lion Sams is heading the committee.

The Board also approved a cooperative arrangement, to be led by Lion Michelle Jester at involving "The Band" in our sales of the SF Toyota drawing tickets. Lions Jester & Jenny 'Spike' Lee will investigate other arrangements with other non-profits as well.

Lion Sams to hold special Moby Dick fund raiser for he and Lion Gin in support of their AIDS Walk SF effort. July 2 4-8 pm. Beer bust, donation drawing prizes, 50-50 raffle. Volunteers are needed for all sorts of things during the event. Moby's softball team, members of the Team Bear AIDS Life Cycle group and AIDS Walk staff folks are all attending to show support. Please help spread the word.

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General Membership Meeting 6/1

Ellen Lord & Carrie Orvik from Light House for the Blind as Guest speakers. Founded in 1902, the agency provides a myriad of services from rehab to conversion services (written materials to Braille, large print books, audio services, art therapy etc). Light House is the largest provider of these services in Northern California and runs programs such as ADAPTATIONS from Eureka, Oakland, Marin/San Rafael/Napa & SF which help the visually impaired re-enter life with a more assured sense of self & self worth. They manage a series of summer camps for visually impaired children, adult, families & some joint sessions for both visually & hearing impaired. The Enchanted Hill Camp was purchased by Rose Resnik before her death as a special bequest to the center. The camp, staffed by similarly visual, hearing impaired people on stipend only, costs are annually about \$20k. Currently the camp is running approximate deficits of 50% - all ideas (& of course contributions) are welcomed. Light House also runs the Light House Industries which promotes the creation and sale of art work and other items. For further information: call 415-431-1481 or at <http://lighthouse-sf.org/catalog/>.

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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.)



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 20th day of the month which means copy must be submitted by the 17th 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. We will print RESULT stories after events too if you care to write/share them.



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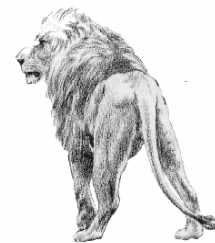
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The End of the ROAR!



Board Meeting - g July 13SPFD – Mission Station
6:30 pm - potluck

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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 46,000 clubs with a membership exceeding 1,334,000 in over 193 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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