

The Castro Lion ROAR

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General Membership Meetings:
1st & 3rd Wednesdays



Octavia Lounge - 415-863-3516

1772 Market Street - San Francisco, CA
6:00 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

November 2, 2005 – General Membership
Guest Speaker – DSCS (Dolores Street Community Services) Board member - Donald Howerton

November 9, 2005 – Board Meeting

November 16, 2005 – AEF/BCEF Dine Around 94114
service event in lieu of General Membership meeting.

November 27, 2005 – Lone Star Beer bust

December 7, 2005 – General Membership Meeting
Guest Speaker – Julie – SF-GLSEN-EB (Tentative)

December 21, 2005 – Holiday Party in lieu of General Membership Meeting – Details to follow.

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

Castro Lion Club Birthdays: December born Club members

December 3	Lion Steven Sams
December 16	Lion Ed Emond
December 24	Lion Brad Sprinkle
December 26	Lion Stephen Sims

Happy BD's to you all.



COLE HARDWARE®

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 41 members in good standing in the Castro Lions Club. As of 6/30/2005 there are 1,323,279 members internationally in 45,358 clubs & 753 Districts in 194 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.

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.

2004-5 Castro Lions Beneficiaries

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

Hector Caceres Eyeglass Fund

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

SFLGBT Marching Band www.sflgfb.org

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.rfbid.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

<http://www.lyon-martin.org>

Positive Resource Center www.positiveresource.org

2005-2006 Application Process has begun, members are encouraged to send non-profit potential beneficiaries and their reason for considering them to the Club PO ox Attn: Charities Committee.

AIDS Emergency Fund/Breast Cancer Emergency Fund – DINE AROUND

Wednesday Nov. 16, 2005 MARK your calendars!

We cancelled Nov 16 Gen Mtg..

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.

SBC West, SF Toyota, Wells Fargo, Lone Star Cole Hardware <http://colehardware.com/>; Community Thrift Store www.commthrift.com; Marlena's; The Edge; Castro & Market Chevron; SF Eagle Tavern <http://www.sfeagle.com>; Daddy's www.daddysbar.com; TRAX www.TRAX.com ; Moby Dick www.mobydicksf.com ; Alexander Hamilton American Legion 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 (Golden Gate Business Association) www.GGBA.com
CUAV (Community United Against Violence) www.cuav.org
Bay Positives: www.baypositives.org
Guide Dogs of the Desert www.guidedogsofthedesert.org
Lighthouse for the Blind <http://lighthouse-sf.org/catalog/>
Horizons Foundation: <http://www.horizonsfoundation.org/>
Dolores Street Community Services www.DSCS.org
STAND! Against Domestic Violence <http://www.standagainstdv.org/>
ALRP (AIDS Legal Referral Panel) <http://www.alrp.org>
Our Family: <http://ourfamily.org>
Other Websites you may find of use:
Lions of 4C1: www.4c1lions.org
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society: www.LLS.org
Rainbow Koi's: <http://www.rainbowkoi.org>
API Wellness Center: <http://www.apowellness.org/home.html>

HORIZON'S FOUNDATION invites us to join Q-Giving: The Horizon's Foundation has for many years, been a major force in the LGBT Community & assisted many non-profits with special grants for capacity building. They have invited the Castro Club to consider using their Q-Giving links. The Board will be looking into this at the august meeting – but to check it out yourself go to <http://www.horizonsfoundation.org/> and page down to the Q-Giving section.



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/>

LIONS of the MONTH:

July 2005 – June 2006

July	Lions Dennis Hale & Tom Rodgers
August	Lion Jenny 'Spike' Lee
September	Lion Steve Kech & Randy Ortega
October	Lion David Gin
November	Lion
December	Lion
January	Lion
February	Lion
March	Lion
April	Lion
May	Lion
June	Lion

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

SBC West Grant: Lions Carroll Fears and Steven Sams met with External Affairs Area Manager Ken Mintz at SBC West on 10/25 at the Project Inform Gala. An SBC Grant of \$2500 is being made to the club in support of our Eye Care/Hearing care services. Thank you SBC!

Lion Stamps for Easter Seals:

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

SAVE THE DATES:

May 6, 2006

Ron Wilmot AIDS Ride for Project Inform.

The RECORD-a-THON with the Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic agency is set for the week of April 24th – 29th 2006.

Castro Lions Holiday Party – December 2005 – 3rd Wednesday – details To Be Announced... See Lions Gary, Randy or Carroll to help, or make suggestions – start buying those SFFD Toy Drive Gifts NOW.

**Castro Lions Charities Committee
2005-6 – Lion Brian Carbo 2nd VP**

Please send organization profiles/reasons you'd like to see a given non-profit to be considered for the fruits of our labors, & submit names & contact information for those organizations to Lion Brian or to Lion Secretary Denni (in person or) c/o Club PO Box. Applications have been mailed to all the usual organizations and all guest speakers to date. Charity Committee meetings TBD.

REMINDER - DUES, are OVERDUE – non payment may cause members to be dropped at the November Board meeting if arrangements with the Membership Director have not been made for payment. Dues were due July 1, 2005, due again January 1, 2006. Membership fees are due. The 6 month renewal is \$62.50, annually \$125. Remember – for the Active Member – who finds themselves faced with financial difficulty – we do have a membership assistance fund. If you are in this situation, are an active member and wish to maintain your membership status – contact Lion Randy Ortega for application information.

VISITATIONS –

We have thus far been visited by SF China Town, Ocean Ingleside, New Century, SF Hispanic and Foster City clubs. We have made visits to SF China Town, SF Hispanic and are planning several more during the upcoming months – but – any member may make a visitation to any club by utilizing the District Roster provided by Lion Gov Eugene when he visited us for the new member induction in September. Be sure to get a visitation form signed by the vested club's President for the M&A records.

Lion 3rd VP Dennis Hale chairs this committee – in his convalescence – please contact one of the other committee members if you'd like to host a group visitation.

2005-6 Castro Lions Club Committees

Finance & Budget: Lions David Gin, Denni Harp

Charities: Lions Brian Carbo, Randy Ortega, David Gin

Visitations: Lions Dennis Hale, Randy Ortega, David Gin

Fundraising & Events: Lions Brit Zane, Gary Nathan, Randy Ortega, Tommy Rudder, Spike Lee

Constitution & Bylaws: Lions Dennis Hale, David Gin, Randy Ortega.

Voice Mail: Lions David Gin, Denni Harp, Steven Sams

Public Relations: Lions Brit Zane, Gary Nathan, Steve Kech

Speakers: all members are encouraged to suggest speakers

Membership: Lions Randy Ortega, Dennis Hale, David Gin

Y&CA Raffle Tickets: Lions John Klimek, Tommy Rudder

Lions in Sight, Warehouse Days – Lion John Klimek

Exams & Eyeglasses: Lion Carl Tebell

Eyeglass Collections: Lions David Gin, Gary Nathan & Mary Sager

Holiday Party & Annual Dinner: Lions Carroll Fears, Gary Nathan, Randy Ortega

Board Meetings: Lions David Gin & Dennis Hale

Convention: Lions David Gin, Carroll Fears, Gary Nathan, Dennis Hale, Brit Zane, Carl Tebell

Web Page: Lion Denni Harp

Club Historian/Scrap book: Lions Steve Kech & Dennis Hale

Newsletter: Lion Steven Sams, all members are encouraged to submit articles, suggest guest columns.

**Any Member May Join & Assist any committee.
The President serves ex-officio on all**

We were visited on 10/19 by SF Hispanic Club, Foster City Lions and a special guest from Japan Lion Koichi Saito. WOW – 15 guests at a single meeting – the house was hoping that night!

SPECIAL Thanks to Lion Rich Bennet! Lion Rich made a special contribution to our Community Service Fund of \$500. This fund, for the newer member, is a special endowment fund started by corporate giving dollars several years back – which – once it hits a total of \$50,000 will allow us to use interest from it to add to the annual charities account giving totals. Lion Rich also contributed an additional \$150 to the Membership Assistance Fund – a special fund set up to assist the ACTIVE member in good standing with the payment of membership fees should they fall on financially difficult times. Many members over the years have taken advantage of this account, and generally speaking have re-deposited funds as they were able – so that it is always there as a safety net for others when they may need it.

SPEAKERS/CHARITIES:

Your suggestions for speakers are very welcomed. I'll make the schedule, contact & arrangements if you provide the name/contact info. We have generally tried to have a speaker at only the first meeting of the month - but we CAN have a speaker at the second, as long as the funds hold out.

They do need to be a non-profit, non-political in order for us to make the HONORARIUM donation. However - we can have other speakers - ALSO NON-PARTISAN - who are not non-profits - who are DOING social services type work in the community.

However, since the speakers are one (only one) of the ways we as a club use to 'interview' potential beneficiaries of the club charities, it behooves us to make best use of those speaker engagements to invite potential beneficiaries.

Each of the 'speakers' who is a non-profit - will be asked to complete an agency profile as well. These will feed into Lion Brian Carbo's Charities Committee tools/review packages.

From the World according to
Lion Wayne Shatswell

LONG IS SOMETIMES HARDER

The only English word ending in "mt" is DREAMT.
The symbol # is called an OCTOTHORPE.

The dot over the lower case i is called a TITTLE.

The only English word starting & ending in "und" is UNDERGROUND.

The four words that end in "dous" are:

STUPENDOUS HORRENDOUS
TREMENDOUS & HAZARDOUS

The word with the most definitions is SET.

FOR THE LEXIOPHILE MEMBERS

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like bananas.

Acupuncture is a jab well done.

Marathon runners with bad footwear suffer the agony of defeat.

The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.

When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.

TO: District 4-C4 Presidents / Secretaries,

The process of handling the hearing aids contest is shown in the following:

Send the hearing aid and the letter with your club name and hearing aid model serial number to the address:

The Hearing Foundation (Ear of the Lion)
1030 Gettysburg Ave., Suite 100-D
Clovis, CA 93612

Attn: Terry Brooks, Membership & Development Director

Terry Brooks' will send a letter of acknowledgement back showing receipt of the donation.

From: Nicky and Kam Wu

Co-Chair of Hearing Conservation & Collection

President's Column – Lion Steven Sams



Fellow Lions & friends,

Hello all! Congratulations on a remarkable October & a great start to November. Castro Street Fair proceeds update: Nearly \$900 in tips & after selling something like \$13k or more in beverages, depending on the overall costs for the fair & the success of other beverages booths – we may see more than \$2000 profit to the Charities account from this effort alone! Speaking of profits, the approximate additional proceeds from the Macy's Passport In-Store discount ticket sales are reported to be about another \$1335! That'll bring the total for that event to more than \$2300. Just fantastic for our first time out! I think we'll certainly be invited back as well since we had almost double the number of volunteers as any other organization for the event!

We also benefited from the United Way/Employee Giving programs at various businesses during October. We now have something like 7 members making direct contributions to the clubs' Hector Caceres Memorial Eye Care Fund! Total annual from these members looks to be about \$1000 or more. Thank you members for using the UWEGC as a source of renewable income for the eye care fund. Lion Carl Tebell has been very busy making use of it authorizing more than \$4000 worth of direct client support thus far this year – covering eye exams, glasses & other non-covered eye care work for people unable to otherwise afford it themselves.

We also had a grand time at the SF Eagle for our annual Halloween Costume contest and party. A small beer bust, game-booths, Balloons/darts, bobbing for dead babies & 'the Taro Card/fortune Teller' made it a fantastically fun evening. Thanks to everyone for making it a success: Lions Ortega, Kech, Gin, Nathan, Boote, Bence, Bowen, Hankins, Collazo, Rudder & Sams. Lions Tommy & Steven underwrote the costs so all proceeds, which were \$249, go to the charity account. In the larger scope of our events, not a fortune – but (borrowing from our friends at AEF/BCEF) Every Penny Counts!

By the way speaking of making pennies count – we presented Tenderloin Tessie's Holiday Meals Program with a check for \$1500 to assist them with their programs. Our partner in caring – SF Toyota played a major role in this contribution & we are very grateful for their generosity.

During November we'll also act as ambassadors, table hosts & greeters for the AEF/BCEF Dine Around event. This is (I believe) our 5th year of helping them out with this great fund raiser. I'll report back on its success in the next edition. Last year the event garnered some \$20,000 or more! The SF Hispanic Club and Foster City Club are both serving as Ambassadors/diners too so it's a 3-way club

activity! Gov Eugene and Zone Chair Thelma are doing District PR for us as well.

We are also moving forward with the Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic event for this coming spring. They are working on media packages to begin advertising the event District wide – as soon as those are available – I'll distribute.

I want to pay special thanks to Lion Membership Director Randy Ortega again this month for obtaining so many membership dues, & processing all the new paperwork along with Lion Secretary Denni Harp for the new members. If you've never done these jobs – it's a lot of work – & they are to be commended for the extraordinary efforts. The Board will be reviewing the club roster at the November meeting, all non-paid members, who have not made payment arrangements with the Membership Director will be placed before the board for a decision to keep/drop them from the roles. This is never an easy decision, but needs to be made – since we owe dues to the District, MD4, LCI and various other annual memberships based on our head count. Administratively – we need to clean house and the roster before it costs us for members who are inactive, non-paying.

WATCH FOR AN ANNOUNCEMENT SOON on Y&C tickets too. We were expecting them by late October, and Lion Gov Eugene told us during his visit he'd help make sure we were among the first to receive them. Lion John Klimek is again managing this effort – & we're starting off with an order for 250 books. We have to buy 4/member at a minimum at \$2.50 each, the extras are at \$1/each – so the better we sell, the more we make – literally.

I used my Presidential 'Charity' fund of \$500 to assist the AEF/BCEF Holiday Meal event where they serve, similarly to Tenderloin Tessie's, some 1100+ individuals annually. This event, run completely by volunteers through Winslow Events, but under the fiscal administration of AEF.

I want to personally thanks the many Foster City members who joined Lion President Carolyn Cox for our 10/19 dinner meeting – always a joy to visit with them and have their company & a special thanks to our visitors from SF Hispanic club, Lion President Robert Ramos & his wife Sandra – this was a first! I returned the visit the following Friday – & had a wonderful time. Finally – to our International guest Koichi Saito from Japan's Sochu Central Lions Club. What a delight you were % what an honor to have you visit us. We'll especially treasure your club's friendship banner.

NOW – for the moment I always LOVE!
Announcement of the LOM. This was an easy one – one way long overdue, it just never seems like the right moment though since this individual DOES IT ALL, does it when no one is looking, runs a myriad of stuff behind the scenes for the club & frankly – without him – we'd be in a great deal of hurt. From

making final arrangements for street fairs to balancing the books (& he's a penny pincher detailed geek in this respect!) Lion David Gin our club's Treasurer has done it all, continues to make new levels of service to which we should all aspire, & does it quietly, unassumingly and with far too little fan-fare. I am proud, delighted & honored to have him as the club's Chief Financial Officer & respect him more than a few lines in these pages can convey. Lion David you ARE Lion of the Month for October 2005 – & so very much more!

Yours in Lionism, Lion President Steven



CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS UPDATES:

The Constitution & By-laws Committee will be submitting to the membership certain updates to our By-Laws and Club Constitution to bring us in line with recent adoptions made by various parent groups (District 4C4, Multiple District AKA MD4 and Lions International).

Although these are actions which are routine in nature on an annual basis and which are covered in the current constitution and By-Laws for how we handle them, the Board thought it would be a good idea to share with the membership at large the specific portion of those documents which address changes to it/govern their adoption/inclusion into the document. Namely Article 16 - inserted herein:

NOTE - the committee may also propose additional changes at the same time so as to allow for a complete updating of the document in one pass. It may also propose the two 'sets' of updates as separate MOTIONS for consideration and vote, meaning you can vote YES on one or both motions, NO on one or both, or split your decision between them.

ARTICLE XVI - Amendments:

Section A. *This Constitution may be amended at any regular or special meeting of this Club, at which a quorum, as defined in Article XI, Section D of this Constitution, is present, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present in person and voting. The Board of Directors shall have previously considered the merits of any amendments before such a vote occurs.*

Section B. *Before an amendment shall be put to a vote, written notice thereof, and a statement of the proposed amendment, shall be mailed or delivered to each member of this Club. Such notice of a vote on an amendment to this Constitution shall be made at least two weeks prior to the meeting at which the vote is to be taken.*

Article XI section D:

Section D. *The presence in person of twenty-five percent of the members in good standing shall be necessary for a quorum at any meeting of this Club.*

The members of your Constitution & By-Laws Committee are: Lions Dennis Hale, David Gin, Randy Ortega & any other member who wishes to join them.

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.)

GGBA 'Yellow Pages' lists us in their directory of Non-Profits.

TARC featured us on the invitation to their GALA as one of their community partners/sponsors.

The Center for AIDS Services Oakland has been renamed to VITAL Life Services, & we are featured in their latest newsletter. Thanks Simona!

Guest Column:

Long time SF residents will recall the names of Lou Coloai and Gloria Sandoval. Lou was ED at Most Holy Redeemer, Gloria ED at Shanti. They are now running the programs of STAND! In the East Bay.

STAND! Against Domestic Violence Mission. STAND! Against Domestic Violence leads the community in ending violence & rebuilding lives. Although STAND! Against Domestic Violence primarily serves Contra Costa County, the organization has a history of serving Bay Area residents, including San Francisco. In 2004, STAND!'s crisis line fielded 131 calls from 53 residents of San Francisco. Callers had questions about safety planning, the signs of domestic violence, emergency shelter & transitional housing, legal services, & community resources. Almost half were referred by other domestic violence agencies. STAND! Against Domestic Violence is the sole provider agency of comprehensive, multi-services helping victims of domestic violence in Contra Costa County. Established in 1977 as a small, volunteer based organization, STAND! encompasses 27 years of experience & innovative leadership & has evolved into a multifaceted, nationally-renowned nonprofit agency serving over 11,000 clients impacted by domestic violence annually. Some of the critical lifesaving services provided include: 24-hour crisis line, emergency response team, emergency shelter, transitional housing, individual counseling, case management, transportation, food, clothing vouchers, & employment counseling. In addition, STAND! provides relationship violence prevention education & training to more than 12,000 students, parents, teachers, faith leaders, & service providers each year. STAND!, one of the largest domestic violence agencies in Northern California, has a distinguished history of designing, developing & implementing innovative & effective programs, & is the recipient of local, statewide & national recognition. STAND!, one of five organizations nationally to be funded by Maryland Crime Victims Resource Center, is in its third year of creating a collaborative response to victims of crime in Richmond that brings together

faith leaders, human service providers, & the local community in a commitment to helping restore the health & well-being of victims of crime by offering services that address the long-term consequences of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Major Programs. STAND!'s programs provide the family & community with a full spectrum of domestic violence intervention, prevention, & treatment services. 24-Hour Crisis Line. STAND!'s toll-free crisis line is a primary point of entry for clients, where qualified staff & volunteers offer immediate crisis counseling & linkages to a wide array of services. The crisis line is multilingual & staffed 24 hours a day. **Emergency Transportation.** STAND!'s Emergency Response Team provides immediate in-person assistance to battered women who call from a police station or medical facility needing transportation to a safe location.

Emergency Shelter. STAND!'s Emergency Shelter, located at the Rollie Mullen Center, houses up to 24 women & children & provides integrated, on-going case management, legal advocacy, employment help, linkages to medical attention, housing referrals, 24-hour access to phone & voice mail, transportation, domestic violence support groups, & sustained follow-up support with an after-care program. STAND!'s trained staff & volunteers help qualified clients apply for government aid, CalWorks, medical, & other government-subsidized programs. **Transitional Housing.** The Margaret Leshner Center & the Rollie Mullen Center provide transitional housing for a small percentage of their income to women who have exhausted all other options for housing & support upon leaving the person who has abused them. STAND! supports transitional housing program residents with such on-site services as peer counseling & comprehensive case management, children's programming & recreational activities for the whole family, domestic violence support groups, & ongoing workshops on the following topics: Parenting, Living Skills, Anger Management, Assertiveness Training, Budgeting & Finances, & Computer Skills.

Legal Advocacy. STAND! helps clients navigate the legal system in two important ways. (1) STAND! domestic violence caseworkers provide follow-up with the police & the District Attorney regarding the filing of charges & the progress of a case through the court system. (2) In collaboration with Bay Area Legal Aid, STAND! provides temporary restraining order clinics five days a week in all areas of the county. **Children's Counseling.** STAND!'s Child Assessment & Treatment Services (CATS) is a core program that addresses the emotional & psychological damage to children who have been abused or who have witnessed abuse.

Domestic Violence Treatment Program. STAND! leads a 52-week group treatment program for perpetrators. DVTP serves both men & women who abuse & provides groups for English & Spanish-speaking persons. **Youth Relationship Violence Prevention Program.** STAND!'s Youth Relationship Violence Prevention Program fosters healthy relationships through its award-winning curriculum, "You Can't Win With Violence," which promotes anti-violence in schools. **Community Outreach**

Programs. *Adelante Familia* is a community-based program that reaches out to the Latina/o communities in East & Central Contra Costa County with programs in Spanish & English that provide information about building healthy family relationships. The Collaborative Response to Victims of Crime focused on Richmond brings together faith leaders, human service providers, & the local community in a commitment to helping restore the health & well-being of victims of crime by offering services that address the long-term consequences of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Lou Coloia: louisc@StandAgainstDV.org
Nan Breedlove: nanb@StandAgainstDV.org
Website: <http://www.standaagainstdv.org>

LIONS DAY with the 49ers!

Lion Governor Eugene invited the Castro Club to join as a group or individuals with the other club members of 4C4 & watch the Arizona Cardinals get WHOPPED! Back to the SW by our beloved 49ers.
December 4, 2005
1:05 game start time.

END ZONE seats \$40.00 call Lion Cabinet Secretary Emil Kantola: 650-892-0685 for details, reservations.

BITS & Pieces:

Treasurer's report: (approx values)
Community Service Trust: \$37,985.00+
Eye Glass Fund: \$5139 +/-
Charities Account: \$25,510 +/-
Administration: \$4978.00
de Steiguer Endowment Fund: \$112,880 +/-

The St. Francis Memorial Hospital Foundation has sent us an application for a Grant request. We may be able to obtain some additional resources for our eye care fund. Review of the application is underway and determination being made as to if we should apply or not is being handled by the Finance Committee, Lion David Gin is chair.

District 4C4 – 2005-6 Officers
District Governor: Lion Eugene Chan
eugene-chan@webtv.net 415-929-7602
VDG: Lion Al Russell
arussell@cbnorcal.com 650-474-3680
Region 1 Chair: Lion Thelma Ajero
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Castro Lions Administration Fund Brunch:

Third Sunday in November: 11/20
Lion Frank Bence to host – details to follow.
Lions Admin brunch in October was hosted by Lions Gary Nathan and David Gin, we netted some \$180 toward the convention account. WELL DONE! Thanks to everyone who were able to attend!

2005-6 Grant Applications have been Mailed.

If an agency you wish the Charities Committee to consider is not on this list please submit the contact information including THE NAME of the Contact, The Agency and their US Postal Address – they must be a 501 c 3 organization to qualify.

As per the Board vote 10/12/2005 - the following non-profit organizations submitted by members, previous speakers, previous beneficiaries which have been sent 2005-6 application grant forms & asked to return them ASAP, hopefully by October 31 are:

26 applications have been sent out to:
TARC - SFGLSEN-EB - The Band – PRC - 1-by-1 Housing - The Center for AIDS Services (Oakland) now called Vital Life Services – AEF - BCEF (- it's its own 501 c 3 now) - RFB&D - New Connections/Tranquillium Center (Contra Costa County) – Maitri – PAWS - Rocket Dog Rescue - Bay Positives - Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services - Dolores Street Community Services (DSCS) – CUAV (Community United Against Violence) - STAND! Against Domestic Violence - Walden House – LYRIC - Project Inform - AIDS Legal Referral Panel (ALRP) – Our Family – Harvey Milk City Hall Memorial Committee – SFLGBT Center – Rainbow Koi Dragon Boat Team – API Wellness Center

If you have ones **NOT** on this list - please let Lion Secretary Denni &/or Lion 1st VP Brian know ASAP so they can be mailed an application package.

From The Desk of Mike Smith
– AIDS Emergency Fund Executive Director
RE: Grant for AEF Holiday Meal.

Steven,
Thank you so much for moving so quickly on this and for your generous support of the Holiday Dinner. I hope that you and other Lions can come by the Green Room on Dec 24 and see you dollars hard at work! Seatings are 11:30, 1:00 & 3:00

Lions Carroll Fears & Steven Sams were invited guests at the Project Inform 20th anniversary Gala 10/25 at SF City Club. A wonderful evening of food & entertainment plus major donors, celebrities and dignitaries from Amb. Hormel to locals were in attendance.



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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.

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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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The End of the ROAR!



Board Meeting - November 9, 2005
SFPD – Mission Station
7 pm - potluck

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



The ORIGINS of LIONISM:

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

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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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