

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



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

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

December 14, 2005 – Board Meeting

December 16, 2005 – Marlena's Christmas Village Event - HOSTED BY MR. & MISS GOLDEN GATE CARLOS MEDAL & DEANA DAWN - CO-HOSTS MR. & MISS GAY SAN FRANCISCO MICHAEL DUMONT & PATRICE

December 21, 2005 – Holiday Party in lieu of General Membership Meeting – Home of Lions David & Gary
Details to follow.

New Year's EVE Party – SF Hispanic Club

January 4, 2006 – General Membership – guest speakers from NEXUS

January 11, 2006 Board Meeting

January 18, 2006 – General Membership – Guest Speaker Jim McBride from ALRP.

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

Castro Lion Club Birthdays:

January born Club members

Lion Don Gallup	January 3
Lion Brad Sprinkle	January 12
Lion John Klimek	January 27
Lion Carl Tebell	January 30
Lion Mark Paskvan	January 30

Happy BD's to you all.



Credit the Club for your
Cole Hardware purchases!

We are also a standing beneficiary of your purchases at the Cole Hardware Stores (Cole Street & the other SF locations of Fox Ace Hardware). Our club receives 'purchase' credits for your mentioning us when you make your purchases. The Club's account number at Cole is # *2584. (I'm told the '*' is essential.)

<http://colehardware.com/>

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

FOR THE RECORD:

There are 40 members in good standing in the Castro Lions Club. As of 7/30/2005 there are 1,319,364 members internationally in 45,376 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.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

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

Positive Resource Center www.positiveresource.org

SAVE THE DATE!

THE GOLDEN GATES & THE GAYS INVITE YOU TO:

A BLUE LIGHT CHRISTMAS!

A BLUE PARTY & FUNDRAISER FOR THE MONARCH'S CHARITY FUND

HOSTED BY MR. & MISS GOLDEN GATE CARLOS MEDAL & DEANA DAWN CO-HOSTS MR. & MISS GAY SAN FRANCISCO MICHAEL DUMONT & PATRICE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

10PM @ MARLENA'S CHRISTMAS VILLAGE

We'll have a blue Christmas without you!

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 <http://www.sbc.com/catalog>, **SF Toyota, Wells Fargo, Lone Star; Marlena's; The Edge; Cole Hardware** <http://colehardware.com/> **Community Thrift Store** www.commthrift.com; **Castro & Market Chevron; TRAX** www.TRAX.com ; **SF Eagle Tavern** <http://www.sfeagle.com>; **Moby Dick** www.mobydicksf.com ; **Daddy's** www.daddysbar.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.apiwellness.org/home.html>

Wonderful News

– Lion Dennis Hale on the MEND!
Lion Dennis was released, after a series of some 4 surgeries from UCSF after his by-pass operation & complications. He was allowed to return home on November 16th and is recuperating nicely. Lion Dennis – we hope to see you back among us soon – we have missed your energy and passion a great deal. Don't rush – but know we're here if/when you need us! Special thanks to Lion Nathan for 'enduring SF General Pharma counter!'



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
- Rainbow Co-Op market 13th & Folsom
<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 Tommy Rudder
December	Lion
January	Lion
February	Lion
March	Lion
April	Lion
May	Lion
June	Lion

Castro Lions Club Officers & Board

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 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

**Lion David Gin
secures new Eye Glass Donation Site:**

Starting immediately – we have an additional eye glass drop off place for our used eye glass collections. Lion David Gin successfully secured a place for us at Rainbow Co-Op Groceries on Folsom at 13th. Thank you Lion David!

In related news – Lion President Kevin Clay from San Carlos Lions also called recently & has a huge delivery of eye glass cases to make to us. Added to the more than 400 cases SF Coordinating Council President Bill Stipovitch brought to us – we'll have Community Thrift stocked with cases for months!

One more tid-bit of related news – The Telephone Pioneers at SBC (soon to be seen everywhere as the new ATT has made a large donation of paperback books to us, which we are also delivering to Community Thrift for sale.

Continuing this thread – the SBC's employee association for LGBT employees, known as SPECTRUM is assisting us in our toy drive this year. They are collecting toys, gift certificates, cash donations for us to donate at our Holiday Party to the SF Fire Department. And there's even more news from SBC –

The External Affairs manager that Lions Sams & Fears met at the Project Inform gala & told them he was submitting a request for \$2500 to assist us in establishing our HEARING Care Fund – has upped that request to \$5000. It will be a few more weeks before we know if it's been approved & when to expect the check – but WOW – what a year of partnering with SBC & its employees. (Did I mention that for 2006, we have at least 5 SBC employee United Way donations coming?)

Congratulations to everyone on the tremendous success of the Lone Star BBQ/Beer Bust jointly held by the Castro Lions & California Dragon Boat Club chapter the Rainbow Koi. First off - this was the largest single turn out of volunteers for one of these events other than our annual leather auction ever - Second - we sold every scrap of food - & people were begging for more - Third - as a joint event - we'll get to count it in the community partnership contests (I think). Fourth - Thanks to the generosity of a couple of Lions - all the costs were underwritten for the event - so all proceeds will be split 50/50 between the Castro Lions & The Rainbow Koi Dragon Boat team - who by the way - may be asking me to 'row' with them soon. - that story for later.... Anyway - special thanks to Lion Jenny 'Spike' Lee - for bringing out such a great group of folks:

Sorry - I don't have everyone's last name but they were - Drew Stephenson & his partner Mano

Stephens - what a 50-50 team they made! Steve Danielson - a delight to sit with at the door, Renee Ross, Dorothy, Jennifer & Lisa who did a fantastic job on the grill. Thanks to Lions Denni Harp, Brit Zane & his partner Martin who were cheer leaders, 50-50 sellers, ticket sales and dogs-bodies all day.

The total sum for Bust, BBQ & our half of the 50-50 was \$522 one of the best Sundays we've ever had at the Lone Star & on a Holiday too - damn - if we'd only had more burgers/dogs.... See you all soon, thanks to everyone for your help. - Lion Steven

2005-6 Y&C Tickets have arrived!

First off –OUR THANKS TO YOU Lion John Klimek for once again heading the committee for Y&C Sales. As most of the club knows, in order to participate, the club has a minimum number of books it must purchase. These are assessed at \$2.50/book to the club & then after those any additional ones we wish to purchase are at \$1/book. Lion John has already seen the sale of some 80+ books with the help of other club members & so we're well on our way to another successful year. Proceeds from the sale of the Y&C tickets go direct to our bottom line in the charities account – & each member is asked to sell as many as possible. See Lion John to receive yours. Drawing is next April & we have until mid-March to sell them. Details on Street Sales Dates to follow soon (IF we even need them.)

Lion John passes on this note regarding the tickets/sales: JRAK127@webtv.net

"I am asking everyone to take 10 books of tickets to sell. Please let me know if you will take 10. I want everyone to know that you can take less or more. All sales are appreciated. If we sell the tickets early we can always get more. We may not even have to do street sales if we all do our best. You can e-mail me at the above e-mail address, or leave a message for me at my home phone - (415) 933-6827. For those who do not have e-mail I am sending a [US MAIL] copy of this e-mail. You can call me or write me: Lion John R. Klimek 577 3rd Avenue Apartment B San Francisco, CA 94118-3901. Please let me know if you want the tickets mailed to you or if you want me to bring them to you at the December 7th dinner meeting. Thanking you in advance for another successful sales year. Yours in Lionism Lion John"

Hats off to you Lion John! Seems to me it's a success already wow – 80+ books sold – goodness – my mind wanders at the thought of how many we might actually sell – GO TEAM GO!

(PS: for the newer members: LY&CA stands for Lions Youth and Community Activities). This is something like the 50th year of sales, & the local FORD dealers have been very generous in making the first prize available most of those years.

We pay for the tix out of Admin, all the money therefore we raise from the sale of the tickets – goes to our charity account & since we're a 501 c 3 ourselves – you can tell your friends by buying them from us – they can deduct the contribution. (They should write checks to

Castro Lions Charities Inc., & memo it as Y&C. Prize list will be posted in the newsletter & the tickets announced, available off the web page soon too – right Lion Denni? (smile). But the car is a 2006 Ford Focus as #1 Prize.

Any person reading this article who wishes to purchase a ticket in support of the effort can send their check to the club address with a note that you'd like x-number of tickets, provide us a check made payable to Castro Lions Charities, Inc., for 1/ticket – with a return (SASE) self-addressed-stamped-envelope, and we'll happily mail them to you – NEED NOT be present to win. Winner is responsible for all taxes associated with the prize. (Official rules, directions on alternate entry will be provided upon request – sent to club address.)

DINE AROUND – Benefits AEF/BCEF:

With SF Hispanic Club, Foster City Lions and members of Rainbow Koi Dragon Boat team, Castro Lions club members Lions Denni Harp, Moira Wilmes, Randy Ortega, Steve Kech, Gary Nathan, David Gin, Frank Bence, Walter Bowen, Jen 'Spike' Lee, Mark Hankins, Luis Collazo, Carroll Fears & Steven Sams dined, hosted & served as Ambassadors at various restaurants on 11/16 for the annual DINE Around event for AEF/BCEF. We were partnered with the sisters of Perpetual Indulgence.

Lions Sams & Fears had 10 guests at Tangerine and the place was packed – they think the total tab for the night was around \$2500! And the 'extra donations' for AEF/BCEF totaled more than \$600 at least. Lion Walter Bowen was at Capri - Lion Carolyn Cox Foster City Lions club President assisted & brought with her a table of 8 including the PDG Ray & his wife.

SF Hispanic also hosted a table and served as Ambassadors at Bocca – they had a party of 10!

Results will be coming soon – but by all accounts it was a very FUNd-raising nite! Last year, this event raised in excess of some \$20,000 for the clients of AEF/BCEF – we're hoping to break that total this time out. We do know that there was some \$5000 collected the night of the event from various places as extra donations – that's a BIG plus! Thank you all!

Castro Visits Foster City, PDG Ray 'looses' Lion Frank's Check book

– has to dumpster dive to retrieve it...

11/22 Lions Hankins, Collazo, Bence & Sams visited the Foster City Lions Club. Joined by San Mateo and SSF clubs – it was a huge attendance; we had a grand time, won most of their raffle prizes, & were treated to the Foster City Community Chorus presentation of Holiday Carols.

Just as we were hearing the last of the Hallelujah Chorus, Lions Collazo & Sams made their attempt – but were scuttled at the last second on snagging the bell, Lion Carolyn held the darn thing all night – this was the only 2 minutes all evening she'd set it down, A very attentive Lion Tamer caught us in the act & our diversion failed...so no bell – but darn close.

During the clean up (FC Club does a round robin prep by members for dinner) Lion PDG Ray Rosenthal, dressed in shorts by the way – was clearing table cloths, trashing them. In his haste he snagged Lion Frank's checkbook, claimed he'd given it to me – everyone thought he & I were just playing Frank...well – after tearing the place apart – PDG Ray dove through the barrels & low and behold there was the checkbook. Lion Frank, much relieved – was less than amused however at the 'compilation of Caesar salad bits' now decorating his checkbook.

Thanks Lion Carolyn, all the other members of FC Club – San Mateo & SSF clubs for the very warm reception & terrific time you showed us. BTW –FC's annual Abalone feed in support of LEF is 12/3 at the rec center \$100/person – all proceeds go to LEF.

Invite from THE BAND:

"My name is Richard Gibson & I am the Community Liaison for the San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band's upcoming production, the Dance-Along Nutcracker. Each year, the SFLGFB selects ten Bay Area community organizations & offers each up to ten free tickets to one of our DAN matinee shows. Organizations typically use these tickets to thank their staff & volunteers or to give their clients some additional holiday cheer. This year, the Castro Lions Club is one of the organizations that are being invited.

"... if you think your organization would be interested in some tickets to one of our shows. (paper work has been sent to Lion Sams – see him or Lion Moira for details)

In case you haven't heard of our Dance-Along Nutcracker before, here is a quick description:

"Lights! Camera! Action! Mr. DeMille is ready for your close-up. The cameras are rolling & your fans await your big debut in the Opening Night Gala of the Dance-Along Nutcracker © 2005: the Movies!, the San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band's celebrated holiday bash. This year's 20th anniversary production sets you & your tutu up on the silver screen. When you hit your marks on the dance floor, you may find yourself pirouetting past alien clones; dodging bullets in a Wild West shootout or plucking the Maltese falcon from the mitts of a hard-boiled detective before musicians costumed like keystone cops. As always, you & your supporting cast audience are the stars of this holiday thriller, as central to the story's plot as your imagination allows.

"While the San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band plays Nutcracker favorites like Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy & Waltz of the Flowers, sugar plum wannabes of all ages leap & pirouette about the dance floor. Tutu rentals & fairy wands are available for those with nothing special to

wear. And if you don't want to get down, don't worry - even wallflowers will have fun!

"This year's highlights include:

* San Francisco Opera Ballet & San Francisco Ballet veteran Carolyn Carvajal choreographs the feature dance numbers, including a tribute to silent film.

* Corinne Levy, who danced with Dance Through Time for 12 years & is a veteran of Beach Blanket Babylon, returns to the Dance-Along Nutcracker for her fifth production.

* Juan Croveto, dance instructor, snake dancer & drag performer from Café Du Nord, returns to join the Dance-Along Nutcracker's supporting cast.

* A sing-along number features the audience cast singing Judy Garland's *The Trolley Song*."

"The matinee shows this year are Saturday December 10th at 2:30, & Sunday, December 11th at 11:00 & 3:00. If you'd like more information about the show, feel free to visit our website at <http://www.sflqfb.org/> There are even video clips of past performances available there.

Richard Gibson, Community Liaison
San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band"

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 21, 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.

VISITATIONS -

We have thus far been visited by SF China Town, Ocean Ingleside, New Century, SF Hispanic & Foster City clubs. We have made visits to SF China Town, Nikkei, SF Hispanic & 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. Lion Denni has the visitation form you need to take and have signed as do Lion Randy Ortega & Lion Steven Sams.

Administration Lunch Bunch -Does it again!

On Sunday 11/20 Lion Frank Bence hosted the monthly Administrative Fund fund-raiser Brunch Bunch. 12 members & guests attended and a total of \$260 was raised for the Convention Travel assistance fund. Rough calculations make it now more than \$1000 we've raised from these various brunches to assist members in paying for attendance at Convention. Way to go! With this war chest & more still to come, we should be able to take quite a few with us to Convention. Thank you Lion Frank for a wonderful day and terrific fare!

The next event will beTBA

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



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

A 97-year-old man goes into his doctor's office and says, "Doc, I want my sex drive lowered." "Sir, replied the doctor, you're 97. Don't you think your sex drive is all in your head?" "You-re damned right it is" replied the old man. "That's why I want it lowered.

DUSTY UNDERWEAR

One morning a husband took a pair of underwear out of the drawer. "What the ! ? ? ?," he said to himself as a little "dust" cloud appeared when he shook them out.

"April," he hollered into the bathroom, "why did you put talcum powder in my underwear?"

She shot back: "It's not talcum powder. It's 'Miracle Grow'."

District 4C4 – 2005-6 Officers

District Governor: Lion Eugene Chan
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Zone 2 Chair: Lion Gail Wood
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IPDG: Lion Ray Rosenthal
rosieinc@comcast.net



President's Column – Lion Steven Sams



Fellow Lions & friends,

Hello all! Well, for the club 'officially' in the month of November we didn't have a very full calendar – but boy did we take advantage of it! Visitations to SF Hispanic, Foster City, Nikkei, SF Coordinating Council. Toy Drive & Holiday Party planning, Lone Star Beer Bust, Dine Around for AEF/BCEF (Again with Rainbow Koi, SF Hispanic & Foster City clubs) eye glass collecting, Community thrift deliveries, 2005-6 Grant Applications sent & received

(PS: Charity Committee meets at Lion Denni's 12/6 – that's 1007 Bosworth – 7pm sharp! To start the selection process). Y&C preparations – gosh – how can we be so busy and only have 2 dates on a calendar? !

All I can say friends is I am so very proud of you all – do you realize we already at some \$28,000 raised for our beneficiaries – & we have nearly 7 months left to go – FANTASTIC! My 'pledge' or hope or day dream at installation night was three fold – raising more money in my term as president than we'd ever done before was one of those 'promises/hopes' – with your tireless efforts – we're going to make it – No, I don't really know what the highest ever was – but I believe somewhere around \$33-35,000. Maybe Lion Treasurer David can enlighten us at the next General membership meeting – so we'll have the goal in mind – but bottom line is – it's all down to you – your hours, your work, your commitment. I am so very thankful for your membership, your passion, the commitment to our work you display every time we're out & in so many ways behind the scenes!

Speaking of behind the scenes, we have a quiet member among us – who is tirelessly working angles for us at SF Eagle, and throughout the community – and often times though unknown by most – pays for things from his own pocket to make an event successful, fun, a benefit to the charities account. For these reasons and so much more – I name our brother Lion Tommy Rudder as Lion of the Month for November 2005. Lion Tommy – you are such a model of Lionism I wish we could publish the recipe and maybe make you into a self-help tape so others could learn from your dedication, spirit, humble, honest and warm/giving heart. You inspire me my friend.

Plans for the Holiday Party seem to be shaping up –Lions David Gin, Gary Nathan, Carroll Fears, Randy Ortega & Denni Harp are developing the plans – all members will be free, guests \$20 – so invite folks – but let the committee know how many you have coming with you – & remember – GET THOSE toys – we have a special SF Fire Department toy drive underway for collection that night – already have a barrel full!

- 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 & Club Constitution to bring us in line with recent adoptions made by various parent groups (District 4C4, Multiple District AKA MD4 & Lions International).

Although these are actions which are routine in nature on an annual basis & which are covered in the current constitution & 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 & 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.)

We were featured no less than 8 times in AEF and other non-profits printings/publications during the month of November for our service to the community!

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 +/-

2005-6 Grant Applications Under review.

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.

30 applications have been sent out to:
We have received responses/applications from about 24 of them.

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) - CUAU (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 - Harvey Milk City Hall Memorial Committee, The SFLGBT Center, One Family, NEXUS.

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.

More United Way/Employee Giving funds arrive.

We've received another quarterly check from SBC UW/EGC for the eye care fund, adding an additional \$180 to the fund.

SF Coordinating Council of Lions, 2005-06 - Events

December 11, 2005, Nikkei Lion's Annual Christmas Dinner at the Richmond Country Club

December 1, 2005, 12 Noon, SF Chinatown Lions Club Christmas Gifts for Children Event, Chinese Education Center, SF Unified School District

December 16, Nikkei Lion's Kids Christmas Party at Nihonmachi Little Friends

December 18, 2005, SF Chinatown Lions Club, Annual Christmas Party, Patio Espanol

January 21, 2006, Nikkei Lion's 15th Annual Crab and Spaghetti Feed at SF Buddhist Church

February 3-5, 2006, MD4 Convention, Riverside, CA

February 25, 2006, 3rd District 4C4 Cabinet Meeting, Foster City, CA

March 20, 2006, Peace Officers and Firefighters Awards Dinner, Place: TBA

April 1, 2006, YCA Drawing
District 4C4 Scrapbooks Due

April 2, 2006, Lion Members World-wide Induction Day

April 15, 2006, SF Chinatown Lions Club Miss Teen Scholarship & Charity Fundraiser, Hyatt SF Airport

April 24-29 RFB&D Recording Studios – Palo Alto
TIME: Various shifts: Contact Lynne Van Tilburg:
lvantilburg@rfd.org 650-493-3717 ext.16.
Visit their website at: <http://www.rfd.org>

May 3-7, 2006, District 4C4 Convention, Red Lion Inn, Sacramento, CA

June 2006, SF Coordinating Council of Lions' Community Service Scholarship Award Event, Location: TBA

July 10-17, 2006, International Convention, Boston, USA

(Partial List) Please forward your updated club activities list to Lion Council Secretary Margaret K. Lee, margaretklee@gmail.com .)

AIDS Emergency Fund – Every Penny Counts Collection Drive – World AIDS Day 2005

At the Wells Fargo Museum on the cold, raining and windy morning of December 1, AEF was for the first time an 'in doors' event with only representatives from the various Bay Area schools dropping off their collections. The school kids raised more than \$38,500, Wells Fargo kicked in \$15,000, SBC Employees another \$5000, Levi Straus and other bay area companies approximately another \$10,000. Individuals and the Castro Lions together raised another \$5000. So though a smaller than average total, in fact at about \$63,500 – half of a normal year – Wells Fargo has decided to place collection jars in all SF Branch offices for the month of December and try to close that gap somewhat.

The event was also the first ever presentation of the David Slocombe Memorial Volunteer recognition award. David, who passed away on October 29, was the co-founder of the penny project and its constant source of drive and courage. Even unto his 72 year and in frail health, David devoted every Thursday to collecting, sorting & counting the coins delivered year round. The award for this inaugural year went to David posthumously and to his long time side-kick and co-change queen, Jeannie Engleheart. Jeannie – now 83 -continues David's efforts & is 'in the office sorting every Thursday – and could certainly use some help – interested in volunteering with her or for AEF in general – contact Jeff at 415-558-9999 x4.

SF Gay Men's Chorus will present its 16th annual Holiday concerts at the Castro Theater on Thursday, December 15 & on Christmas Eve! There's one performance on the 15th, at 7pm. That show will be a typical holiday concert, with lots of wonderful tunes, a bit of shtick (who, us?) & a good time for all! Under the direction of Dr. Kathleen McGuire, the program will run the gamut from traditional to parody. The concert will include your old favorites, our old favorites, & some new stuff. Tickets are \$20, general admission.

On Christmas Eve, December 24, as our tradition has it, there are 3 performances, at 5pm, 7pm, & 9pm. The concert is the same for each show, but the audience is different every time. The 5pm audience is family-oriented, with lots of parents & children. The 7pm audience has often had a beverage or two by the time they enter, & the 9pm audience has probably not bothered with dinner!

Christmas Eve tickets are \$15, general admission. Many of you know the procedure that it is best to come in a group. That way, one person holds places in the line (that will snake all the way around the block toward 18th & Hartford) while the others welcome the holiday with their favorite libations at neighboring watering holes. This concert is the first in our subscription season, so consider buying the whole season! You get priority entrance to the holiday concert!
More detailed information on the website at www.sfgmc.org !

GGBA Invite: Martinis & Jazz

Martinis & Jazz, featuring music by the phenomenal Spencer Day (www.spencerday.com), which benefits our HIV Services Programs. This 20th anniversary celebration will support the HIV Services Division of Catholic Charities CYO which operates the largest residential, medical-care facilities for those with disabling HIV/AIDS in SF. Since 1907, CCCYO has been committed to serving all people in need, regardless of race, creed, or sexual orientation. CCCYO, the social service agency of the Archdiocese of SF, operates as an independent, non-profit organization. All funds contributed to CCCYO support their programs and do not support the operation of the Archdiocese. Sponsorships for "Martinis & Jazz" are available from \$500 - \$25,000 and include exceptional marketing benefits. Please RSVP by December 16th to be listed in the invitation. On January 9, individual tickets, which cost \$100, will go on sale and the online auction will be launched at www.cccyo.org. For information about our event and programs please visit http://www.cccyo.org/docs/MandJ_sponsor_info.pdf. If you are unable to access this link, please visit our website at www.cccyo.org and click on the events link on the right side of the page. Thank you for your consideration in participating in such an exciting event for a great cause. Please contact me if you have any questions at 415-972-1239.



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.)



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 - December 14, 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.

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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