

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

January 11, 2006 Board Meeting

January 15, 2006 – Admin Brunch – contact Lion Tebell

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

February 1, 2006 General membership Meeting

Sat Feb 4, 2006 – Lone Star Beer Bust/BBQ

February 8, 2006 Board Meeting

February 12, 2006 Mr Heart Throb
SF Eagle Tavern 3pm

February 15, 2006 General membership Meeting

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

Castro Lion Club Birthdays:

February born Club members

Lion Rich Bennett	February 2
Lion Dennis O'Brien	February 28

Happy BD's to you all.



**Credit the Club for your
Cole Hardware purchases!**

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

<http://colehardware.com/>

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 9/30/2005 there are 1,317,456 members internationally in 45,252 clubs & 753 Districts in 194 countries & geographical areas.

We recently received a Levi Straus Foundation United Way check and employee donation for the eye care fund totaling \$150. Thank you Lion Jeff Harlowe!



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://www.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

LensCrafters SF Homeless Connect Vision project:

[SF Homeless Connect](#)

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

Castro Lions assist LensCrafters on San Francisco Project Homeless Connect

If you are able to make the connections – take a moment to watch this very amazing video of the LensCrafters and Castro Lions SF Project Homeless Connect project

on December 8, 2005. Eye exams and glasses were provided to more than 175 individuals at this event. <http://photoshow.comcast.net/watch/dy8yU2ei>

For more information on the project – please visit: [SF Homeless Connect](#)

My deepest thanks to Michael Snider and his team at LensCrafters and special thanks to Lions Dennis Hale, Brit Zane and Beverly Lee for their involvement and tireless service.

Lion Steven



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 Gary Nathan
January	Lion
February	Lion
March	Lion
April	Lion
May	Lion
June	Lion



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.apowellness.org/home.html>

Castro Lions Club Officers & Board

President	Lion Steven Sams
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

2005-6 Y&C Tickets have arrived!

We have sold all but 20 of the books we reserved for this year's Y&C sales – Congratulations Lion John Klimek! Way to go!

Now – we can avoid street sales days by selling off these last 20 books – so please consider taking another 1 or 2 and doing so. See Lion John to receive yours. Drawing is next April & we have until mid-March to sell 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. 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 next dinner meeting. Thanking you in advance for another successful sales year. Yours in Lionism Lion John"

(PS: for the newer members: LY&CA stands for Lions Youth and Community Activities). This is the 58th 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 tax 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.

1st Prize 2006 Ford Focus

2	\$4000
3	\$1000
4	\$500
5-14	\$100/each
15-50	\$50/each

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.)

SAVE THE DATES:

March 31 – Lyon Martin 25th Anniversary Party service event.

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 Apr 24th – 29th 2006.

Castro Street Fair Check Arrives!

Hold on to your seats boys and girls – this was a terrific fund raising effort and we did far better than we had imagined. The total from our share of the Castro Street fair beverage booth sales was \$3560.65!

Added to the tips from the day – (if memory serves correctly) we did nearly \$4600 from the event. WOW!

Constitution & By Laws Committee

Lion 3rd VP Dennis Hale chairs this committee – he is back 'in the saddle' and has a very specific By Laws change in addition to the adoption of those items we need to incorporate from 4C4 and MD4 and LCI – it regards the 'length in office' limitations for specific officer positions. Lion Dennis, assisted by Lion John Klimek will be communicating with the club soon regarding this change in the By Laws.

Administration Lunch Bunch –Does it again!

On Saturday 12/17 Lion Carl Tebell once again hosted our Administration Brunch event in support of the convention scholarship fund. Some 10-12 people attended making this yet another \$200+ fund raiser. Thanks to Lion Carl for hosting and all who attended.

The next BRUNCH is 1/15 – please RSVP to Lion Gary Nathan – 415-2559760. All are welcome – theme this month is Mexican Riviera!

On a side note – Lion Brit will start the process of 'our performance planning/routine' for Convention soon. Look for announcements by email and in up-coming issues of the newsletter. With the fund for travel/lodging growing so well – we ought to have the chance to take all who are interested in attending.

Did you know....

We have received thank you letters, Holiday Greetings from the following: AEF/BCEF, SF-GLSEN-EB, Canine Companions, 1-by-1 & the SFFD Toy Program for our recent work with them, their speaking opportunities etc.. We're listed on the SF City Government page of residential neighborhood referrals to service organizations? www.ci.sf.ca.us, with Different Spokes at: www.dssf.org At Queer Resources Directory Guide: <http://www.qrd.org/qrd/> These are just a few of the many sites now referring the web surfer to us. "It's all Good!"

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.

Nominations Committee: Co Chairs Lions Luis Collazo & Mark Hankins, Mentor/Advisor: Lion John Klimek

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

NOTE: Nominations Committee has been formed for 2006-7 officers. I am pleased to announce that Lions Mark Hankins and Luis Collazo have agreed to co-chair the nominations committee for 2006-7 slate of candidates & Lion John Klimek has agreed to be their mentor and advisor in this most important of jobs. Thank you all for 'stepping up' - & to the rest of you – Please – Let these Lions know as soon as possible what position you'd care to run for in the coming term. – Lion Steven

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.

Holiday Party – Smash Success!

Major Kudos to all the committee members who made the annual Holiday Party such a tremendous success. Special thanks to Lions David Gin and Gary Nathan for opening their beautiful home to us and our guests and for such a marvelous bounty of eats and drinks. A terrific evening was had by all – and what entertainment! Litz sang, Mark 'pianoed' and well – we were all just FESTIVE!

In addition to the fun we all shared and memories we made, was the terrific collection of toys that the club, its guests and a number of 'friends of the club helped to make possible for the various Fire Department toy drive efforts. Lion Carl Heimann and life partner Jerry couldn't attend the party itself, but did their own toy drive in Richmond and delivered a 'bag-o-toys' to the Richmond FD, Scott Paeth from the InterClub Fund & his partner, Steve Kajikawa, SF Leather Daddies Boy III who made a special collection delivery to the 18th Street SFFD in our names AND – after the party more than 6 barrels of toys were picked up by the SFFD folks. SFFD members Rhab and Keith – two of the candidates for our nomination for the Police/Fire Awards by the way – were in attendance all night – and what gentlemen they were! (Not bad on the eyes either!)

Thanks also to Lion Kathleen Kennedy who had a special 'collection box' for our toy drive in her business location (552A Castro) lobby – which brought in a bundle of toys too! We were also please to have Luca and Ron, friends of Lion Dennis Hale in attendance to help 'decorate, serve as bartenders, food servers and all around festive elves.'

This is the way the party should be – and I am so very happy we've recaptured the historic fun and festivities and the camaraderie of this annual event.



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
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Zone 2 Chair:	Lion Gail Wood Liongailw@aol.com 510-329-3508
IPDG:	Lion Ray Rosenthal rosieinc@comcast.net



President's Column – Lion Steven Sams



Fellow Lions & friends,

Hello all! Where do I begin to thank you all for the most terrific 2005 & the promise of an even grander 2006? We are already beyond the wildest dream-level of fund raising I had hoped to have by the end of term – & we have some of our major money makers yet to come. We have been OUT & ABOUT in the community doing good works nearly weekly for the last 6 months – & – again – have many events yet to come. We have supported those agencies like AEF & Tenderloin Tessie's Holiday Meal Programs at their most critical time – & raised more than \$2000 worth of Toys for Tots at our own Holiday Party. We've provided eye care to dozens who would not have been able to get it with out us – & now thanks to this most generous gift from the SBC/ATT Foundation – we have started our own Hearing Care Fund. From Street Fairs to Bake Sales; from beer booths to visitations – the Castro club has made itself a very visible part of the community once more & has taken the lead in even after event for a better community. Our partnerships with the SFLGBT Band, Rainbow Koi Dragon Boat team, Lyon-Martin, Nexus, Magnet, the area bars & other businesses has made the infrastructure of our club sound. Your hard work, good hearted efforts & our partnerships with many other area Lions clubs has broken new ground. I am so very proud of you all, honored to be President of such a compassionate & caring club & so moved by the promises of what 2006 appears to have in store. My deepest thanks and appreciation – Happy New Year!

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.

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'."

A continuing Story – a growing partnership...

By now most readers of the Castro Lion Roar know that there are multiple things going on at a local corporation in support of the Castro Lions programs & our 'friends' at local Non-Profit agencies we support. But I'm also pretty sure the whole picture has never been told all at the same time. First off – this company in a life & name 4 times removed from that it has today – was the first corporate citizen to step up & help the Castro Lions out in a major way – making annual contributions to the club by both cash & in-kind, like sponsoring our annual dinner & printing of membership brochures and recruitment materials. From their first days with the club – they operated over 100 collection jars at various company locations in support of the AIDS Emergency Fund, they collect used eye glasses and hearing aids for us at over 10 northern California offices. They make it possible for employees to make direct contributions to the eye care fund & to the club charities fund directly by-passing United Way administration fees. They collect used stamps for Lion Walter's cooperative effort with the Easter Seals – and work with Lyon-Martin, AEF/BCEF, PRC & other HIV/AIDS non-profits to reduce monthly bill payment admin costs for them – as well as making special rates/services available to their clients.

Yes – I am talking about Pacific Telephone, Pacific Bell, SBC West, & now, the new AT&T.



Most recently, in addition to their generous gift of \$5000 in support of our hearing fund, the SBC operation known as STAR ([SBC Telecommunications Accessibility Resources](#)) which works with the visually and hearing impaired to make available TDDY phones etc. began adding their assistance in stamp collecting & have enlisted the Universal Lifeline Telephone Services Office (ULTS) group to help them. Lion Walter is about to receive **BOXES** of stamps for this Easter Seal Project – These added to the stamps we've been getting from the SBC Bill payment center have already added up to literally tens of thousands of stamps.

Other relationships via their employee base also exist and serve the Castro Club and our work well. Did you know that Steven Gaynes – our friend from Castro Street Fair Beverage Booth selection process works with Lion Mark & Luis! That Scott Paeth, our friend at InterClub Fund – works out in San Ramon with Lion President Steven & Scot?

Many of our 'extra volunteers' over this year have also been SBC employees, Lion Membership Director Randy – this is good hunting ground! Let's get a recruitment going what say? (smile)

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.)

BITS & Pieces:

Treasurer's report: (approx values)	
Community Service Trust:	\$38,381.00
Eye Glass Fund:	\$2599.54
Hearing Care Fund	\$5000.00
Charities Account:	\$31,000.00 +
Administration:	\$5329.75
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) – 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 – 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.

SF Coordinating Council of Lions, 2005-06 – Events

- 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.

LONE STAR Dates:

Lion 1st VP Brit has established the following dates for the club at the Lone Star for 2006. These are some of our better beer bust fund raisers – so please – add them to your calendar now so you can help us raise those bucks!

Sat Feb 4, 2006	4-8 pm
Sat Nov 11, 2006	4-8 pm
Sat Dec 2, 2006	4-8 pm

SF Eagle Tavern Comes through again!

Sunday Feb 12, 2006 for Mr. Heart Throb (3-6pm)
Sunday Jul 9 – Leather & Whatever Auction (3-6 pm)
Saturday Oct 28 Castro Lions Halloween Costume Contest and Bust (9-midnight)

PLEASE Mark your calendars NOW for these all important events.

Ms Heart Throb Event – 2006

will be a separate special fund raiser - Lion Brit is working on this in collaboration with Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. They will be supplying volunteers to assist us & 'staff the event'. In addition to this, Lion Brit is also arranging for a second event hopefully at the SF Eagle – also in direct support of Lyon-Martin featuring the Fat Bottom Girls. Details to follow.

Coming soon! Nikkei Crab/ Spaghetti Fest
Sat. Jan 21. Buddhist Church in Japantown –
1881 Pine @ Octavia. Tickets available; please call Bev Lee at 415 828-0555 or email:

beverlyklee@yahoo.com

5-9 pm \$25 adult, \$12.50 children

DUES – DUES – DUES

Now that we've moved into 2006 – for those of you who choose to pay your dues at 6 month intervals – its time to cough it up again. Please help Lion Membership Director Randy Ortega and get your membership dues in to him as soon as possible. Reminder letters will go out soon – but – help us save the postage – and the extra effort – send in your checks now.

General Membership meeting January 4, 2006

Guest Speaker Sister Kitty stood in for the NEXUS doctor (Dr Richard Loftus) who was going to present their story to us at the January 4, 2006 General Membership meeting as the poor Doc succumbed to the flu – caught most likely on his many field trips for NEXUS Collective/OUCH.

OUCH stands for

Organizing Up Communities against Hepatitis and is the major community outreach 'in the streets' program run in collaboration with MAGNET. Many of the club have participated at one time or another in one of the clinics NEXUS manages – in fact nearly half the club has volunteered at one time or another to assist in making these free Hip-screening/vaccination clinics a success.

We hope Doctor Loftus is back with us and well soon – and for those who wish to discover more about this most vital work – please visit:

http://www.isparksf.com/partner_nexus.html

LION OF THE MONTH – December 2005

It is with heartfelt appreciation and deep gratitude that I announce Lion Gary Nathan as Lion of the Month for December 2005. (Lion David I know you deserve a big thank you and round of applause as well) but in this simple, simply divine effort of our annual Holiday Party, Lion Gary has restored the fun and family feeling that used to be the hallmark of the club's event – regardless of them being meetings, fund raisers, services events or whatever.

Lion Gary – you have brought us back to the 'hearth' as it were – and the extraordinary effort you placed on making this year's Holiday Party a smashing success, a great Toy drive and just plain fun almost (ha-ha) makes me speechless!

Congratulations LOM Lion Gary!



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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 – January 11, 2006
SFPD – Mission Station
7 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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