

The Castro Lion ROAR

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The Castro Lions
Present

Story Time
with
The OPERA LADY
Photo By Stephanie Zettl

Opera! Comedy! Tragedy! Door Prizes!
The Roxie New College Film Center
3117 16th Street, San Francisco, CA

Thursday, July 19th, 2007, 8:00 pm
Tickets: \$25.00 each
Available from any Castro Lion, www.roxie.com, or at the door.
All proceeds go to Castro Lions Charities.

Join Lion Litz Plummer, San Francisco's own Opera Lady, in an evening filled with story and song! Discover the wacky world of opera with this delightful romp through the twisted plots of favorite operas, then let The Opera Lady enchant you with her golden voice! The program will be at San Francisco's historic Roxie Theater on Thursday, July 17th, 2007 at 8 p.m. It is a benefit concert to raise money for the Castro Lions Charities Fund. Tickets are \$25.00 each and are available from Litz, any Castro Lion, online at www.roxie.com, or at the door. If you have any questions, please visit Lion Litz's website at www.theoperaladysf.com and contact her directly. We look forward to seeing you there!

President's Column

No IPP or Incoming President's columns were provided.



General Membership Meetings:
1st & 3rd Wednesdays

We meet twice monthly at 6:30 pm at [The Sausage Factory](#) located at 517 Castro Street (between 18th and 19th). Visitors are always welcome at these open meetings which consist of brief business reports, a featured speaker from a local charity, raffles, and spirited camaraderie.

Please call in advance to (415) 90-LIONS, and then join us for one of these dinner gatherings (optional - \$25/person). Casual attire is the rule.

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

- June 20 – General Membership
- June 24 – Pride – Booth B4
- July 4 – General Membership
- July 8th – Leather & Whatever Auction
- July 11 – Board Meeting – new Board
- July 15 – AIDS Walk SF
- July 18 – General Membership
- July 19 – Night at the Roxie – Lion Litz's Fund raiser

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

R.E.A.F. Community Calendar:

www.richmondermet.org/reaaf10.1/calendar.htm

Volunteer Center of SF:

<http://www.thevolunteercenter.net/news.php>

Castro Online Calendar:

<http://www.castroonline.com/cgi-bin/calendar/calendar.pl>

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 ATT, employees can use ID# 002944)

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.

Lion Stamps for Easter Seals:

Please bring your stamps with you to the monthly meetings or give them to Lion Steven Sams or mail them with a NOTE 'From Castro Lions' in a "stamped envelope" to...

Charles Nelson
c/o Palo Alto Lions Club
800 San Antonio rd. suite 6
Palo Alto, Ca 94303
650-960-0577 email: chaz@chaz.org

District 4C4 – 2006-7 Officers

District Governor: Lion Al Russell
arussell@cashin.com
VDG: Lion Maxine Frazier
LionMaxCat@yahoo.com
Region 1 Chair: Lion Thelma Ajero
ccajero@rcn.com
R1 Zone 2 chair: Lion Dick Kishimoto
Rkaraokeman63@aol.com
<http://www.lions4c4.org/>

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 Memorial Eye-Glass Fund. www.commthrift.com

June/July Castro Lion Club Birthdays:

Lion Scot Riffe	June 1
Lion Carroll Fears	June 9
Lion Litz Plummer	June 29
Lion Mary Saeger	July 11
Lion Jeff Harlowe	July 13
Lion Michael La Orange	July 23

Please update your current mailing info Birthdate telephone numbers with the Membership Director Lion Luis Collazo as he wishes to produce a new, up to date roster.

LIONS of the MONTH: July 6 – June 07

July	Lion Carroll Fears
August	Lion Tommy Rudder
September	Lion Tom Rodgers
October	Lion Steven Sams
November	Lion Dennis Hale
December	Lion Carl Tebell
January	Lion Logan De La Noche
February	Lion Mark Hankins
March	Lion Luis Collazo
April	Lion Randy Ortega
May	not provided
June	not provided

Brothers for Sisters:

A Campaign of Caring Lyon-Martin

First Monday's
15% of dinner bill goes direct to Lyon-Martin
www.TangerineSF.com ; www.octavialounge.com
STRAITS-SF Centre <http://straitsrestaurants.com/>
First Wednesday's:
5 pm – 9 pm – The MIX 15% bar tab to Lyon-Martin
www.SFMIXBAR.COM
Eureka Restaurant Lounge – 15% of your total bill to Lyon-Martin
<http://eurekarestaurant.com/index.html>



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.

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.

Castro Lions, friends of the club and readers:

AT&T Team AIDS Walk SF invites you to join their efforts in this the 21st year of the walk. Go to <http://www.aidswalk.net/sanfran/index.html> click on REGISTER NOW, Join a Team – and select AT&T – 0411. Then simply follow the prompts to complete creating your web page.

Club members already registered: (If reading electronically – just click and donate.)

De La Noche	Logan	Logan's Donation Page
Gin	David	David's Donation Page
Kraft	Betsy	Betsy's Donation Page
Hankins	Mark	Mark's Donation Page
Collazo	Luis	Luis's Donation Page
Strickland	David	David's Donation Page
Sams	Steven	Steven's Donation Page

District 4C4 Newsletter Now online:
www.lions4c4.org

To submit: send email to Newsletter editor Lion John Muniz at: jfmflash@flash.net



Wells Fargo Foundation Grant:
Acknowledging the Hearing Fund Grant from Wells Fargo Foundation – we heartily thank Joanne Schultz SVP, Region President, San Francisco Region



BITS & Pieces:

Treasurer's report: (approx values)

Community Service Trust:	\$40,152 +/-
Vision Fund	\$4200.00 +/-
Hearing Fund	\$5000.00 +/-
Charities Account:	\$29,405.00 +/-
Administration:	\$2500.00 +/-
de Steiguer Endowment Fund:	\$112,880.00 +/-

FUNDS NEEDED - HCMECF

The Hector Caceres Memorial Eye Care Fund is being tapped at a very busy pace. The funds are getting low – the Board is requesting additional resources and a more active management of the referrals and use of Lens Crafters connection to reduce costs and better serve the community requests.

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.

FOR THE RECORD:

There are currently 39 members in good standing in the Castro Lions Club. As of 6/30, 2006 there are 1,301,455 members internationally in 45,045 clubs & 757 Districts in 199 countries & geographical areas.

We received a very nice letter of thanks from Lyon-Martin for producing Ms. Heart Throb on their behalf. Congrats again Lion Brit!

2006-7 Castro Lions Beneficiaries:

The Charities Committee of the Castro Lions proudly announces the beneficiaries for 2006-2007 fund raising efforts.

AEF/BCEF <http://www.aidsemergencyfund.org>
Hector Caceres Eyeglass Fund
Castro Lions Hearing Fund
SFLGBT Marching Band www.sflgfb.org
LCIF Melvin Jones/Lion of the Year
Lions Ear of the Lion (Membership)
Lions Eye Foundation (Membership)
Lions Eye Foundation (LEF) building Fund
Lions-In-Sight Membership
<http://www.lionsinsight.org>
PAWS <http://www.pawssf.org>
Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic www.rfbd.org
Tenderloin Health (formerly TARC/Continuum):
<http://www.tenderloinhealth.org>
Tenderloin T's Dinners
Vital Life Services (formerly The Center for AIDS Services) <http://www.vitalcalifornia.org/>
Tranquillium Center/New Connections
<http://newconnections.org>
Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services
<http://www.lyon-martin.org>
Positive Resource Center www.positiveresource.org
CUAV (Community United Against Violence)
www.cuav.org
Burt's Children Center
Alexander Hamilton AL Post 448
<http://www.post448.org/welcome.html>
LPCCI – Canine Companions [WWW.LPCCI.COM](http://www.LPCCI.COM)

NEW FUND RAISER APPROVED BY BOARD:

A Night at The Roxie Theater planned for July 19th. This shall be a night of musical delights as presented by our newest Lion Cub Litz 'The Opera Lady' Plummer and her accompanist. Tickets shall be \$25 and after expenses we hope to raise in excess of \$2600 for the club charities. Thank you Lion Cub Litz – what a great start to a life of LION SERVICE!

Leather & Whatever Auction July 8th

Lion Tom reminds us to start collecting those items: Leather and Whatever – gift certificates, dine-out cards, whatever.

PS: Lion Kathleen Kennedy for example is donating a \$100 gift certificate – so get creative...CHARITY Account is counting on you!

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. Make check payable to Castro Lions Newsletter & mail to Castro Lions ROAR Editor; 584 Castro PMB 200 SF, Ca 94114. EMAIL versions of the newsletter are free – & anyone requesting to be added to the distribution list will be added. Send request to Sams9258@yahoo.com

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.

ATT <http://www.consumer.att.com/> ; Wells Fargo, Lone Star; Marlina's; The Edge; Cole Hardware <http://colehardware.com/> ; Community Thrift Store www.commthrift.com; Castro & Market Chevron; SF Eagle Tavern <http://www.sfeagle.com>; Moby Dick www.mobydicksf.com ; Alexander Hamilton American Legion Post 448 <http://www.post448.org/welcome.html> ; The Halcyon Hotel www.halcyonsf.com ; Wells Fargo Foundation <https://www.wellsfargo.com/about/charitable/>

Other useful Links:

Under One Roof: www.underoneroof.org
Lions Wilderness Camp www.lionswildcamp.org
www.camprossrelles.com
LYRIC: www.lyric.org
(Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center)
Project Inform: <http://www.projectinform.org>

GGBA (Golden Gate Business Association) www.GGBA.com

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.standaagainstdv.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>





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: 3838 California #100
- Dr Lion Kathleen Kennedy 552 Castro
- SF-LGBT Center 1800 Market Street
- Site for Sore Eyes:
300 West Portal; 140 Battery & 901 Market
- Lions Eye Foundation CPMC
2340 Clay at Webster – 5th floor
- Rainbow Co-Op market 13th & Folsom
- Dr. Jones at 4110 24th (at Castro)

<http://www.lionsinsight.org/>

POA – SF Police Officers Association

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.

We have successfully obtained a Beverage Booth for Pride – Training sessions for ABC cards will be scheduled soon – YOU MUST HAVE ONE TO SERVE IN THE BOOTH (not pour, but serve) Lion randy is trying to determine if we can do a marching unit as well. Booth B4; Lion David Strickland is serving as booth captain, Lions Dennis Hale and David Gin event Chairs. ABC training 6/19 & 20.

We received a very nice thank you letter from the RFB&D folks for the gift we made toward their recording work.

From Lion Tom Rodgers:

The Castro Lions host their 20th Annual Leather & Whatever Auction on Sunday, July 8, 2007, at the SF Eagle Tavern located at 12th & Harrison Streets in SF. Cost is \$10 & includes a meal of gumbo, rice, corn bread & brownies (the original menu) plus beer or soda. The Alexander Hamilton Post will be assisting with the food. The beer bust goes from 3 to 6, though the auction will likely continue until almost 7. We will be distributing the \$37,500 balance of our \$40,000 2006-2007 commitment to our various charitable beneficiaries sometime after 4 in the afternoon as well. If anyone has leather or other items to donate, they may contact Lion Tom Rodgers at 415-861-0516 or by email at Tomfister@aol.com. Ideally, items should be gotten to Tom by no later than Thursday, July 5, so that they may be cleaned and inventoried prior to the auction. However, items may be brought to the auction as well.

Castro Lions Club - Committees 2007-2008
First person named is chair. President is exoficio on all committees

Charities: Lion Dennis Hale

Communications: Lion Steven Sams

Constitution and By-Laws: Lion Carroll Fears

Convention:

Finance & Budget: Lion David Gin

Fundraising & Events: Lion Brit Zane

Holiday Party & Annual Dinner:

Membership: Lion Luis Collazo

Nominations Committee:

Visitations:

Web Page: Lion Brian Carbo



All That Jazz - & Sushi:
Benefiting La Clinica de la Raza
Saturday September 29, 2007
Yoshi's Jack London Square, Oakland
510-535-2933 for details

www.laclinica.org

-Under One Roof – SprakleSF wine tasting & auction benefit November 9
6:30pm St Regis Hotel 125 3rd street
SF 415-503-2306

2007-8 Castro Lions Club Officers & Board

President	Lion Tommy Rudder
IPP	Lion Steve Kech
1 st VP	Lion Brit Zane
2 nd VP	Lion Dennis Hale
3 rd VP	Lion Carroll Fears
Treasurer	Lion David Gin
Secretary	Lion Steven Sams
Lion Tamer	Lion Mark Hankins
Tail Twister	Lion Carl Tebell
Membership Director	Lion Luis Collazo
Director 2 year	Lion Jenny Lee
Director 2 year	Lion Frank Bence
Director 1 year	Lion Rich Bennet
Director 1 year	Lion Tom Rodgers

Anniversary Dinner Notes – Lion Carroll Fears

We had 45 guests. The Governors were having a region meeting so could not attend. PID Lion Bill Innaconne and Cindy attended. PDG Ray Rosenthal inducted the new officers and gave a nice talk. PDG Lion Michelle Jester made a nice speech and presentation of the Peace Officer Award to SFPD Officer Lenny Broberg who gave a very interesting and nice acceptance speech.

Tommy Rudder accepted the Community Service Award for the Eagle Tavern. Checks were presented to Tenderloin Tessies, accepted by Jim Gliestner (Absolute Empress No. 16 of S. F. Pushy Phyllis) and Recording for the Blind and Dysflexic and Harvey Milk Academy Scholarship accepted by Mary Lazear. Donna Sachet was on the Queen Mary 2 but sent Gary Virginia and a woman from Under One Roof. Regrets were sent with donations from Lion Bob Marshall, DG Lion Al Russell and Lion Constance Bridgewater. We ended up with 18 raffle prizes including 2 - 2 night stay at Halcyon Hotel courtesy of Lion Dennis Hale, 2 - Dinner for 2 at Sausage Factory. The raffle made \$414. The location was terrific - the 30th floor of Crown Plaza - it was set up very nice with a separate bar/reception area and everyone loved the view. The dinner although limited to chicken was a hit with everyone, Caesar Salad, Chicken breast atop greens atop mashed potatoes, half a tomato with melted cheddar cheese, and tiramisu cake for dessert. Not typical hotel chicken, moist and tender.

Lion Litz performed a whimsical Irish song which was loved by everyone. Special awards by Steve and Tom were the exchange of pins (President and Past President) An award was given to me which isn't on the program. We actually ended up making some money for the evening.

Anniversary Awards:

Community Service – SF Eagle Tavern
Maurice Perstein – Lion Carl Tebell
Gardner Pond – Lion Logan De La Noche
Bill Rowe – Lion Randy Ortega
Richard E. Twining – Lion Steven Sams
Police Officer – Lenny Broberg
Lion of the Year – Lion David Gin
Melvin Jones – Lion David Gin

Special Kudos and thanks to Lions Brit, David Strickland, Dennis Hale, Frank Bence, Moira Wilmes, Mark Hankins, Luis Collazo, Steven Sams and all the performers and friends for the extraordinary effort at the 4th annual Drag-a-Thon at Marlena's.

Once Lion Brit has recuperated he'll be doing a formal article and hopefully have some snaps to share along with stories and other embarrassing things.....stayed tuned.

Many thanks Marlena for yet again allowing us the use and hospitality of your space!



The End of the ROAR!



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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WE SERVE!

Mission Statement: "To create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation. "
The Castro Lions is a Federal and State recognized 501 (c) (3) organization. Your contributions to our work in the community are fully tax deductible as allowed by law. [EIN# 94-3206719.](#)