

The Castro Lion ROAR

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The President's Column

Lions, friends,

We are fortunate people. We've been given gifts & opportunities to not only help ourselves but to help others. When I look around at the difference forty people can make I feel humbled to be able to count myself as one among you. With our courage, generosity, & compassion we are building a better world!

We have, as Lions, excelled in the last several weeks. Over \$10,000 raised in three different events! This was accomplished through a combination of planning, hard work, & fun! Particular kudos to Lions Dennis Hale, David Strickland & David Gin for their tremendous efforts at Pride, Lion Tom Rodgers & the Alexander Hamilton Post for the Leather auction & Lion Brit Zane for an amazing performance at the Drag-a-thon.

No less praise-worthy are Lions Mark Hankins, Luis Collazo, Betsy Kraft, Logan De La Noche, David Strickland Dave Gin & Steven Sams for their efforts in AIDS Walk SF – these 7 Lions alone raised more than \$40,000 for Bay Area HIV/AIDS Agencies!

Procedurally I'm happy to say Lion Sams is introducing the new calendar option at the end of this newsletter. Please make use of it – hang it on your fridge – feed new items to the editor – we think this will be a great new way to keep the club's business 'at hand' & on your radar.

Finally I would also like everyone to know that no one person can lead an organization, no one person make an event a success, no one person can right the world – so while certain folks will be singled out from time to time for special acknowledgment – it is each of us giving what we're capable of, steadfast in supporting our community, that makes me honored to say "THANK YOU!" to each & every member of the Castro Lions! And YES there is a meeting 9/5.

Lion Tommy Rudder
President, CASTRO LIONS CLUB



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:

Calendar items now on running calendar at end of the newsletter

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)

Pride Beverage booth nets approximately \$3500 plus \$888 in tips. Many thanks to those who worked so very hard to make this event happen. It was a long and hard day and you all deserve a HUGE round of applause.

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 Maxine Frazier
LionMaxCat@yahoo.com

VDG: Lion Emil Kantola
ekantola@sbcglobal.net

Region 1 Chair: Lion Robert Ramos
ramos@alamedanet.net

R1 Zone 2 chair: Lion Kay Dawson
kdawson@yahoo.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

Club Member Birthdays will now appear on the calendar pages at the back of this newsletter.

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

First Wednesday's:

5 pm – 9 pm – The MIX 15% bar tab to Lyon-Martin

www.SFMIXBAR.COM

The Endowment T-Bill matures this week – we'll be adding some \$4700 more dollars to the charities account!



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:
 There's still time to donate to a club member for AIDS Walk SF

Club members 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 Paul Larson: lionpaul@chapelofthehighlands.com



BITS & Pieces:

Treasurer's report: (approx values)

Community Service Trust:	\$40,152 +/-
Vision Fund	\$1200.00 +/-
Hearing Fund	\$5000.00 +/-
Charities Account:	\$12,000.00 +/-
Administration:	\$1900.00 +/-
de Steiguer Endowment Fund:	\$117,580.00 +/-

DUES ARE DUE ! \$125/annual and the Admin fund needs it FAST.

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.

The Members and Board approved a District Directory AD – and Halcyon Hotel, Litz and Carroll Fears (Bohnam & Butterfields) all took out ads as well. The club agreed to try and fill a table for Lion Maxine's Installation Dinner as well. Individual ticketorders should go through Lion David Gin.

We received additional LEVI Foundation donations via employee giving campaign for the eye care fund totaling approximately \$77.

Lion Dennis Hale's Jail 'n' Bail effort for MDA raised more than \$275 from club members

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

Note from Lion Carroll Fears:

Further information on our Anniversary Dinner:
I was remiss in failing to make an announcement at the dinner. Lion Steven Sams was unable to attend but he made a \$600 donation to the UCSF AIDS Health Project in the Club/Tommy Rudder's honor as a gift for his installation as President. Thanks Lion Steven and my apologies.

Thanks also to Lion Randy Ortega for coordinating the dinner with the Crown Plaza Hotel. Excellent location. For those that were not able to attend, a new tradition was started. The Lion of the Year David Gin was presented with a perpetual trophy. It will be passed on year to year to the Lion of the Year. The name of each awardee will be engraved on the trophy each year.

Awards will be presented to those Lions unable to attend the dinner at the next General Meeting on July 18th. The event cleared approximately \$500 after expenses.

**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; Marlens; 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.standagainstdv.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>

Drag-a-Thon Update:

Lions Brit Zane & David Strickland inform me that the Father's Day event at Marlens brought in \$1300 from all venues. Well done folks – and thanks for your support!



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

We received a very 'warm' thank you letter for our donation to the BURT Children's Center

From Lion Tom Rodgers:

The Castro Lions hosted their 20th Annual Leather & Whatever Auction on Sunday, July 8, 2007, at the SF Eagle Tavern. The Alexander Hamilton Post assisted with the food. We distributed the \$37,500 balance of our \$40,000 2006-2007 commitment to our various charitable beneficiaries. Between raffles, auction, tips, beverage sales we made about \$4400 for our charities account.

Thanks to everyone who worked the house and for all those who made donations, wrked the 'cleaning/tagging day' and especially those who BOUGHT BOUGHT BOUGHT!

PLEASE MEMBERS – Let Lion Tommy know if you'd care to be on one of this year's committees – he'd like to get things rolling quickly.

Lion Dennis Hale – 2nd VP also wishes everyone to know that all of the charities from last year will receive an RFP – but if you have additional 501 c 3's – lease provide hime a contact name/address – he'll get them an application.

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: Lion Carl Tebell

Finance & Budget: Lion David Gin

Fundraising & Events: Lion Brit Zane

Holiday Party & Annual Dinner:

Membership: Lion Luis Collazo

Nominations Committee:

Visitations: Lion Dennis Hae

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

International Dues Have Been Paid for the 1st half of the year – 39 members, 1 Life member. \$760.50. So Please Please – get your payments in to Lion Treasurer David ASAP – our Admin account is very low.

THANKS!

We received a very sincere and kind letter of thanks for our contribution to Tenderloin Health (formerly TARC) during the auction.

We received a letter of thanks noting the 'profound impact' our contribution will have on the clients of PAWS.

Alexander Hamilton Post acknowledged our gift in their last edition of the American Legion Intelligencer.

We mailed almost 10 pounds of stamps to Palo Alto Lions Club for their on-going Easter Seals campaign.

Governor's Visitation:

Lion District Governor Maxine Frazier, her district coordinator Rosie Jones, VDG Emil Kantola, Region Chair Robert Ramos his wife Sandra and a guest, and Zone chair Kay Dawson visited the Castro Club on Wednesday 8/18. With a huge turn-out of club members and their guests – the night was a long one – but a great time. Lion Maxine assures us this will NOT be the last time we see her or the cabinet – and in fact guarantees they'll attend at least one of our events this year en-masse.

The first Cabinet meeting is Saturday August 25th at Mercy HS – details to follow – but anyone desiring officer training who missed the first offering should plan on attending. The continental breakfast/opening will be at 8:30 am.

By the way Lion President Tommy out bid all comers for the bull ring (at \$50) and the fines were flying as Tail Twister Lion Carl was really on his game.

Special welcome to Felix, Mark and Everett – three guests of Lions Logan, Tommy & Dennis – and potential new members.

Finally, Lion Brit is working on a Castro Club led-District wide fund-raiser with Zone Chair Kay Dawson – hopefully for the October/November time frame.

Speaking of new members – Lion Brit was awarded his 'two new members' key for his cubs, Lion David Strickland and Litz Plummer. Congrats Lion Brit!

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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

Governor's Installation Dinner was attended by Lion Mary Sager, Lion Frank Bence, Lion Michelle Jester, Lion Carroll Fears, Lion Dennis Hale and friend of the club and Lion Dennis Everett. A grand time was had by all.

MACY'S PASSPORT 2007

25 years and \$25 million to the community in support of HIV/AIDS work!

Lion Steven Sams is heading up the Macy's Passport fund raiser and has in store sales discount tickets available for purchase or for members to sell on behalf of the club. They are \$10/tix and can be used at Macy's Union Square, Corte Madera, Valley Fair, Walnut Creek, Pleasanton and Stanford Shopping Centers. In store sale is 9/21 & 9/22. He needs 5-9 volunteers for the Sat. event please contact him if you are open for a shift.

The discount tickets get you 10% off reg. sale and clearance kitchen & personal care electrics, tech items, furniture, mattresses, area rugs. 15% off reg, sale & clearance prices on fine bridge & fashion jewelry, bed & bath, housewares, frames, luggage, chine & crystal. 20% reg, sale and clearance apparel for the whole family.

Plus each ticket gives you a drawing chance for a \$1000 shopping spree – and best of all 100% of the ticket proceeds, a % of the in-store sales and if you're ticket s drawn, a special extra 3% donation all funds the Castro Lions Charities. Expectations are the club can raise from \$4-6,000 from this event alone for our beneficiaries!

Tickets can be ordered by mail: send check made out to Castro Lions Club and mailed to 584 Castro PMB 200, SF, Ca 94114. Tickets will be returned in US Mail. Request received after 9/14 will be returned.



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.](#)