

# The Castro Lion ROAR

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## President's Column – Lion Steve Kech



Hello Fellow Lions:

Thinking about giving away lots of money can give you a headache. If you just used conventional wisdom, it seems that with nearly \$40,000 to provide grants to community charities, selections should be a snap. After all, we've been through this before. We support many excellent charities. We've been there for many of them for a long, long time. It's been suggested that we could just add some more cash to the treasuries of those we've already supported. But that would not be fair. It would leave out organizations that we've not been able to support previously. Or get behind a new effort from a long-time beneficiary. And there are always new organizations to support other needs.

Wisely, our Charity Committee, under the leadership of 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Mark Hankins, has asked every organization we've previously helped to reapply, and added to the list suggestions from our members. Plus, Lion Mark has requested that every applicant list just what they plan to do with the money. It's important for many reasons, but chiefly that we be sure that all of the grants we give go to programs and direct services, not to administrative overhead. The Castro Lions Club has a proud history of helping the neediest among all of the organizations that look out for our community. The Charity Committee will be making its recommendations soon, with distribution of our largesse to be accomplished as part of our Annual Dinner in June. Every member has participated in one or more of the many fund raising activities the Castro Lions Club sponsors throughout the year. Some events are very successful. Others are more modest. But all of them make us proud to be Lions who care about our community. Thank you for being there for our community – in raising funds, in raising awareness and in raising your hands to help those who need it most.

Sincerely,

Steve Kech, President



General Membership Meetings:  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:

- 2/21 - General membership Meeting
- 3/7 - General Membership Meeting
- 3/14 - Board Meeting
- 3/21 - General Membership Meeting  
final vote on Charities
- 3/30-2007 SF Peninsula Police & Fire Awards

4/4 - General Membership  
election of 2007-8 officers & Board

April 12 Ms. Heart Throb – SF Eagle

April 16-21 Record-a-thon – RFBF

Our shift 10-noon 4/21

April 26 – Dine Out for Life – VLS benefit

510-282-0623 for details or visit

[www.VitalCalifornia.org](http://www.VitalCalifornia.org)

May 4 – PAWS – PETCHITECTURE 12 Westin St.

Francis 7-11 pm 415-979-9550 [www.pawsf.org](http://www.pawsf.org)

May 12 – Ron Wilmot AIDS Ride

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

R.E.A.F. Community Calendar:

[www.richmondermet.org/reaaf10.1/calendar.htm](http://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>

### 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](mailto:chaz@chaz.org)

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](http://www.ein94-3206719.org). 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)

### 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](http://www.commthrift.com)

### Castro Lion Club Birthdays:

#### January & February born Club members

Lion Walter Bowen	3/11
Lion Denni Harp	3/17
Lion Chuck Roth	3/22

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 2006 – June 2007

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	
February	
March	
April	
May	
June	




**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.

District 4C4 – 2006-7 Officers  
District Governor: Lion Al Russell  
[arussell@cbtnorcal.com](mailto:arussell@cbtnorcal.com)  
VDG: Lion Maxine Frazier  
[LionMaxCat@yahoo.com](mailto:LionMaxCat@yahoo.com)  
Region 1 Chair: Lion Thelma Ajero  
[ccajero@rcn.com](mailto:ccajero@rcn.com)  
R1 Zone 2 chair: Lion Dick Kishimoto  
[Rkaraokeman63@aol.com](mailto:Rkaraokeman63@aol.com)  
<http://www.lions4c4.org/>



**Brothers for Sisters:**

**A Campaign of Caring Lyon-Martin**

First Monday's

15% of dinner bill goes direct to Lyon-Martin

[www.TangerineSF.com](http://www.TangerineSF.com) ; [www.octavialounge.com](http://www.octavialounge.com)

First Wednesday's:

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

[www.SFMIXBAR.COM](http://www.SFMIXBAR.COM)

**Academy of Friends:**

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

Lyon-Martin is a beneficiary. Please consider supporting these events, and naming Lyon-Martin as your choice when you do.



**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.

**NOTICE:**

2007-2008 Officers and Board members are still needed – contact Lion Carl Tebell if you are interested in a position. In order to meet our own By Laws requirements of having the new slate elected by April 15 annually – the first General Membership meeting in April is the last opportunity we have of so electing the officers.

**2006-7 Castro Lions Club Officers & Board**

President	Lion Stephen Kech
IPP	Lion Steven Sams
Secretary	Lion Tommy Rudder
1 <sup>st</sup> VP	Lion Randy Ortega
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	Lion Mark Hankins
3 <sup>rd</sup> VP	Lion Dennis Hale
Treasurer	Lion David Gin
Lion Tamer	Vacant
Tail Twister	Lion Carl Tebell
Membership Director	Lion Luis Collazo
Director 2 year	Rich Bennett
Director 2 year	Lion Carroll Fears
Director 1 year	Lion Jen 'Spike' Lee
Director 1 year	Lion Frank Bence



**COMMUNITY THRIFT PROCEEDS:**

We received a check for \$213.43 from Community Thrift for our eye care fund for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2006, receipts for this period recorded contributions by 'the club' (garage sale extras, Lion Luis Collazo, Lion Steven Sams, and Lion Michelle Jester – thanks you all!

We received a 'United Way' check from Community Health Services (Lion David Gin) for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2006 pledge in the amount of \$115.70 – also to support our eye care fund.

We received a thank you letter from THE BAND for the check we gave them relative to the sale of Scion Tickets in the amount of \$305.00.

At the February 7<sup>th</sup> general Membership meeting Sally Cassaza and Keith from SFFD Toy program were guests speakers and presented Lion Logan De La Noche with a special thank you gift for his extraordinary leadership on the 2006 campaign drive.

Lions Maxine Frazier and Emil Kantola, candidates for District Gov and VDG respectively joined us for the evening.

We have over \$1000 at present in the Convention (Tail Twister) fund.

We have over \$1000 in the Holiday Party (General Meeting raffle) fund.

We have \$209 in the marble fund (50%) to winner.

At the Board meeting 2/14 Lion David Gin announced that after expenses (thank you Alexander Hamilton Post for the food prep/help) the Mr. Heart Throb event raised some \$1100 for our charities account.

The new Mr. Heart Throb 2007 is also a good friend of Mr. Heart Throb 2006, Troy Brunett. Mr. Heart Throb 2007 is Fred Rodriguez. He had quite a few stickers, over 350, runner up in this 'Leather title with no duties' (other than the fun we Lions have raising \$ in the

community for non-profits) had about half of Fred's total. 285 people paid into the beer bust and there were five prior winners there, four with their patches on. Mr. Heart Throb 2005, John Caldera, was recently appointed to a four-year term on the Veteran's Affairs Board. Mr. Heart Throb 2006, Troy, actively promoted the title during his year. Carlos Medina, Mr. Heart Throb 2004 was also in attendance. We also sold close to 50 books of Y&C raffle tickets!

The event was held on February 12, 2007, which was nearly the 20th anniversary of the Castro Lions first-ever event at the Eagle, the First Annual Leather Auction, which was held on February 14, 1988. Lion Carl Tebell was the only Lion to join Lion MC Tom Rodgers at both the 1988 and the 2007 events. The first Mr. Heart Throb event was in 1997.

Leather & Whatever Auction is tentatively scheduled for Sunday July 8 at the SF Eagle Tavern – PLEASE start now soliciting auction items – think outside the box a bit too – perhaps get gift certificates to restaurants, theaters, local businesses – Lion Tom Rodgers is coordinating.

Final Charities Committee recommendations will be made to the board on 3/14. General membership vote shall be at meeting on 3/21.

Lion Tommy has placed the order for new VESTS – if you need one – see him.

The Board voted at its meeting 3/14 to approve the membership application of Betsy Kraft – sponsored by Lion Luis Collazo – my goodness I have another grand-cub! Welcome Lion Betsy!

We received a letter of thanks from TNDC (Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation) for having them address the club in January and the stipend presented.

We received an invitation from STARBUCKS Coffee Company to join them in World Water Day 3/24 at the Marina Green (Marina Blvd at Buchanan) 9am. <http://www.worldwaterday.org/>

The international observance of World Water Day is an initiative that grew out of the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) in Rio de Janeiro. Email Lisa Jorge da Silva at [ljorgeda@starbucks.com](mailto:ljorgeda@starbucks.com) for details.

Lions Clubs International District 4C4 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary – 3/11 at San Mateo Elks Lodge to support Lions Eye Foundation and Campaign Sight First II. Contact Lion Emil Kantola at 650-355-3526 for details/tickets. \$50/person.

Dining Out for Life - Thursday, April 26th  
Dine out on Thursday, April 26th and 25% (or more) of your bill will be donated to Vital Life Services. Our list of [participating restaurants](#) is updated weekly and will be complete by March 15th.

Please help us spread the word....invite friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers to dine out on April 26th! [www.VitalCalifornia.org](http://www.VitalCalifornia.org)

Horizons Foundation:

May – House party for women

July – Pre-gala Gathering for everyone

August – Summertime bocce ball event

Annual Gala – October 6, 2007

[www.horizonsfoundation.org](http://www.horizonsfoundation.org)

or 415-398-2333 x115 Stacey Keegan for details.



### 2005-6 Castro Lions Beneficiaries:

The Charities Committee of the Castro Lions proudly announces the beneficiaries for 2005-2006 fund raising efforts.

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

Hector Caceres Eyeglass Fund

Castro Lions Hearing Fund

SFLGBT Marching Band [www.sflgfb.org](http://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.rfbid.org](http://www.rfbid.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>

One-by-One [www.1-by-1.org](http://www.1-by-1.org)

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services

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

Positive Resource Center [www.positiveresource.org](http://www.positiveresource.org)

Harvey Milk City Hall Memorial Committee

CUAV (Community United Against Violence)

[www.cuav.org](http://www.cuav.org)

AIDS Legal Referral Panel (ALRP)

<http://www.alrp.org>

GLSEN [www.glsen-sfeb.org](http://www.glsen-sfeb.org)

NEXUS [http://www.isparksf.com/partner\\_nexus.html](http://www.isparksf.com/partner_nexus.html)

Our Family Coalition

<http://ourfamily.org>

SF LGBT Center

LPCCI – Canine Companions [WWW.LPCCI.COM](http://WWW.LPCCI.COM)

### BITS & Pieces:

Treasurer's report: (approx values)

Community Service Trust:	\$40,152 +/-
Vision Fund	\$2500.00 +/-
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.

**Membership Director's Report:  
Lion Luis Collazo...**

I would like to welcome our newest member just voted in at the last board Meeting, Betsy Kraft. Betsy is a good friend. She is an employee of ATT yellow pages, and a board member at IBEW Local 1269. Please welcome her and make her feel the love!

ALSO: - Please mail in your membership dues now for the 1st part of the year a.s.a.p.  
Thanks – Lion Luis



**Guest Column: Tenderloin Health  
(Formerly Continuum & TARC)**

Aside from the need to address cuts in funding and the subsequent burdens placed on health and human services organizations centered around HIV/AIDS, the recent merger of the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center (TARC) and Continuum HIV Day Services is a critical step at addressing the burdens wrought on the City of San Francisco's model of care.

Both agencies were merely a block away from each other in their 15-year histories of providing much needed services to the compact 60-city block Tenderloin neighborhood, which is where the epicenter of the AIDS epidemic is in San Francisco.

Given the relatively small area of land San Francisco spans—49 square miles—the City funds a great multitude of agencies, many of which target similar populations and share similar missions.

As such, San Francisco Mayor, Gavin Newsom has stated, referring to the number of service centers in the City, "There is redundancy. We need to focus on where the dollars are going so it is not funneled through as many agencies. It needs to be directed to services."

Tenderloin Health represents an exciting collaboration that will provide more comprehensive services to more clients, while providing administrative efficiencies that will create a financially stable organization. The agency's mission is to optimize the health of the Tenderloin's homeless, poor and most vulnerable residents.

It serves those who are living with and at the greatest risk of acquiring HIV/AIDS, who have difficulty obtaining services elsewhere, especially due to

substance use, mental illness, sexual orientation, gender identity, race and ethnicity and other social barriers.

As we are all aware, San Francisco is disproportionately affected by homelessness and AIDS—while it is the 13<sup>th</sup> largest city in the United States, it has the third largest population of homeless people and the third largest number of residents diagnosed with AIDS, behind the much larger cities of New York and Los Angeles.

While every San Francisco community has been impacted by HIV/AIDS and homelessness, in the City's Tenderloin district, the dual impact of these two public health crises is unparalleled. It contains just 10.4% of the City's population, it has the highest concentration of homeless persons in the City, has the highest proportion of residents living in poverty, and it is the only neighborhood where AIDS is the leading cause of premature death.

Tenderloin Health serves over 15,000 people annually by providing basic needs services through its neighborhood resource center where folks can book into one of the City's shelters for the night or just to get a juice or coffee and use the bathroom to clean up. This provides an excellent opportunity for Health Educators at the Center to chat with folks and find out what their health needs are and hopefully engage them into longer-term care, get them HIV, Hepatitis C and/or TB tested or get them an appointment with one of the on-site clinic doctors, social workers or therapists to meet an immediate need. Tenderloin Health is also the location for an HIV specialty pharmacy where folks can fill their prescriptions on-site or have them home-delivered. The agency also provides 236 units of transitional and permanent supportive housing at a number of sites throughout the neighborhood, 20 of which are dedicated for HIV Emergency Housing. In order to prevent people from being institutionalized, they provide in-home supportive housing services and medical care through the Nursing Case Management program and community re-entry services for folks being released from prison who are affected by HIV.

The most apparent benefit of the merger is the agency's capacity and ability to take on new programs and provide additional services. A recent 5-year grant to begin providing dental care for people living with HIV will be an enormously beneficial service in a neighborhood where there are very few dentists and equally beneficial is the agency's new Community At Work program, an intensive employment training program that trains peers to become community health care workers.

If you have any questions or would like to find out more about Tenderloin Health, please feel free to call Colm Hegarty, Director of Resource Development & Public Relations at (415) 923-6986 or you can visit Tenderloin Health's website at [www.tlhealth.org](http://www.tlhealth.org)

**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/> , SF Toyota, Wells Fargo, Lone Star; Marlens; The Edge; Cole Hardware <http://colehardware.com/> Community Thrift Store [www.commthrift.com](http://www.commthrift.com); Castro & Market Chevron; TRAX [www.TRAX.com](http://www.TRAX.com) ; SF Eagle Tavern <http://www.sfeagle.com>; Moby Dick [www.mobydicksf.com](http://www.mobydicksf.com) ; Daddy's [www.daddysbar.com](http://www.daddysbar.com); Alexander Hamilton American Legion Post 448 <http://www.post448.org/welcome.html> ; The Halcyon Hotel [www.halcynsf.com](http://www.halcynsf.com) :

**Other useful Links:**

Under One Roof: [www.underoneroof.org](http://www.underoneroof.org)  
Lions Wilderness Camp [www.lionswildcamp.org](http://www.lionswildcamp.org)  
LYRIC: [www.lyric.org](http://www.lyric.org)  
(Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center)  
Project Inform: <http://www.projectinform.org>  
GGBA (Golden Gate Business Association) [www.GGBA.com](http://www.GGBA.com)  
Bay Positives: [www.baypositives.org](http://www.baypositives.org)  
Guide Dogs of the Desert [www.guidedogsofthedesert.org](http://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](http://www.DSCS.org)  
STAND! Against Domestic Violence <http://www.standagainstdv.org/>  
  
Other Websites you may find of use:  
Lions of 4C1: [www.4c1lions.org](http://www.4c1lions.org)  
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society: [www.LLS.org](http://www.LLS.org)  
Rainbow Koi's: <http://www.rainbowkoi.org>  
API Wellness Center: <http://www.apowellness.org/home.html>

**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. 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](mailto:Sams9258@yahoo.com)



707-648-2306 – Warehouse

[PIDDRBILLIANN@aol.com](mailto: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 – 5<sup>th</sup> floor
- Rainbow Co-Op market 13<sup>th</sup> & Folsom
- Dr. Jones at 4110 24<sup>th</sup> (at Castro)

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

POA – SF Police Officers Association

**Castro Lions Club - Committees 2006-2007**

First person named is chair

**Charities:**

Lions Mark Hankins, Brian Carbo, Randy Ortega, David Gin, Logan De La Noche, Luis Collazo

**Communications:**

Lions Steve Kech, Steven Sams, Randy Ortega

**Constitution and By-Laws:**

Lions Dennis Hale and Steve Kech

**Convention:**

Lions Carl Tebell, Dennis Hale and Brit Zane

**Finance & Budget:**

Lions David Gin, Carroll Fears and Frank Bence

**Fundraising & Events:**

Lions Randy Ortega, Tommy Rudder, Spike Lee and Mark Hankins

**Holiday Party & Annual Dinner:**

Lions Carroll Fears and Randy Ortega

**Membership:**

Lions Luis Collazo, Mark Hankins and Steven Sams

**Nominations Committee:**

Lions Dennis Hale, Frank Bence and Carl Tebell

**Visitations:**

Lions Dennis Hale, Steve Kech and Carl Tebell

**Web Page:** Lion Denni Harp

**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.

**Project Inform – Ron Wilmot AIDS Bike-a-thon:**

We will once again do a service event for Project Inform during their annual Ron Wilmot AIDS Bike-a-thon. Details as to time, place and the number of bodies we need will be published soon – but the event is generally early May.

## **Lions Youth & Community Tickets are available**

Lions Dennis Hale, David Gin and Jenny 'SPIKE' Lee have Y&C ticket books available (see flier).

Tickets may be purchased by mail: send a check made payable to Lions Y&C to club address in the amount of \$10/book desired. The stubs will be filled out for you and 'claim' checks returned in US Mail.

Should check arrive too late for drawing deadlines, they shall be returned.

**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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **The End of the ROAR!**



**Board Meeting – March 14, 2007  
SFPD – community room Valencia between  
17th & 18<sup>th</sup> – 7 pm**

**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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