

The Castro Lion ROAR

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Steven Sams Editor – submissions accepted in word format via email at ss2391@att.com

President's Column – Lion Steve Kech



Dear Fellow Castro Lions:

Although we have accomplished much this past year, I am disappointed that as a club we have not reached out to other Lions Clubs more. At the start of my term in July, I expressed the hope that we would visit a number of the clubs in our District 4C4, & reciprocally, entertain them at our semi-monthly gatherings. Sadly, this has not happened to the degree I wished. Our District Governor, Al Russell, made a point of including the Castro Lions Club as the first official visit of his term. Castro Lions 1st Vice President Randy Ortega, my partner, & I have worked to build a greater presence for the Castro Lions Club at District functions as well as those sponsored by the San Francisco Coordinating Council of Lions Clubs & the Peninsula Council of Lions Clubs. Some of you have joined us in these journeys. However, the lack of inter-club hospitality seems to pervade all of our San Francisco Lions Clubs. Recently, due to lack of interest from member clubs, the San Francisco Council had to postpone its Awards Dinner for recognizing outstanding police officers & firefighters.

We at the Castro Lions Club have a strong police awardee [ED note & SFFD awardee] & we will be honoring them at our Anniversary Dinner June 2 at Jillian's in the Metreon Center. Our Club is strong with 42 current members & there are several candidates whom we hope will become members soon. With this membership roster we will be able to send four delegates & four alternates to the District Convention in Sacramento in May. We have signed up for several of the contests, including Talent, Costume & Tail Twister. I hope that those attending the convention will take the opportunity to get to know as many fellow Lions as possible. This, I hope, will lead to increased visitations next year. Yours in Lionism

Steve Kech
President, Castro Lions Club

\Most Holy Redeemer AIDS Support Group
Casino Royal May 5, 2007 Ellard Hall – SF
415-863-1581 or www.mhr-asg.org



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:

April 16-21 Record-a-thon – RFBD
Our shift 10-noon 4/21

April 17 – Dining 4 Dollars – ARARAT

Lyon-Martin benefit: www.ararat-tapas.com

April 18 – General Membership

April 26 – Dine Out for Life

www.diningoutforlife.com

SF: - Stop AIDS Project benefit www.stopaids.org

East Bay: – VLS benefit

510-282-0623 for details or visit

www.VitalCalifornia.org

May 2 – General Membership

May 4 – PAWS – PETCHITECTURE 12 Westin St.
Francis 7-11 pm 415-979-9550 www.pawsf.org

May 6 – Maitri's BLISS www.maitrisf.org

May 12 – Ron Wilmot AIDS Ride

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

R.E.A.F. Community Calendar:

www.richmondermet.org/real10.1/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

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)

**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

May Castro Lion Club Birthdays:

Lion Frank Bence 5/4
Lion Tom Rodgers 5/8
Lion David Gin 5/22
Lion Moira Wilmes 5/25

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 Lion Logan De La Noche
February Lion Mark Hankins
March
April
May
June

District 4C4 – 2006-7 Officers

District Governor: Lion Al Russell
arussell@cbnorcal.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/>



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.

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>

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. Members already reagistered: Lions Collazo, Hankins, De La Noche, Kraft, Gin and Sams.

2006-7 Castro Lions Club Officers & Board

President	Lion Stephen Kech
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Secretary	Lion Tommy Rudder
1 st VP	Lion Randy Ortega
2 nd VP	Lion Mark Hankins
3 rd 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 Correspondence:

We received letters of thanks from the following for having been selected as beneficiaries of the club's work in 2006-7:

AEF/BCEF; Lyon-Martin; PRC, The Band, RFB&D and CUAV.



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.

Anniversary Dinner Update:

Lions Steve, Carroll, David (& partner Gary) had lunch at Jillian's on Wednesday. We have agreed to have our anniversary dinner there on June 2nd between 6pm-9pm. I will be getting the contract soon via email so if you could send out to save the date for our anniversary dinner.

There is plenty of parking at the 5th Street and Mission street garage. Jillian's is at the Metreon at 4th Street and Mission. The entrance is on the 4th Street side of the complex between Mission and Howard streets. The choice of entree will be Thai salmon, honey glazed chicken and a vegetarian pasta. This meal will come with soft drink, coffee, tea or iced tea and there will be one drink ticket included for a house wine or beer.

They have a full bar for those who want other beverages. Dessert will be double fudge brownie. Lion David Gin

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

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.

**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; Marlina'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 ; 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>



**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. The event is Saturday May 12 approx 9am in Golden Gate Park. Lions Kraft, Hale, De La Noche & Sams have already signed up. Lion Sams is hosting a BBQ afterwards at his house for the volunteers – THEN we'll go over to Marlena's at about 5:30 for a Lyon-Martin Mother's Day Bash al la Joan Crawford!



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



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



SPEAKING OF GRASSROOTS...

Mike Smith (AEF) and Leslie Ewing (Lyon-Martin) are both nominated for this year's Pride Parade Grand Marshall's – visit the Pride web site for voting instructions:\\ <http://www.sfpride.org/>

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.

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

District 4C4 Newsletter Now online:

www.lions4c4.org

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

<u>2007-8 Castro Lions Club Officers & Board</u>	
<u>ELECT</u>	
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Guest Column: Maitri Hospice

Since 1987, Maitri has been providing hospice & 24-hour care to men & women living with AIDS. "Maitri," pronounced "MY-tree," is a Sanskrit word that means "compassionate friendship." In this 15-bed facility, skilled professionals & dedicated volunteers offer nursing & personal care as well as emotional & spiritual resources to help meet the special needs associated with HIV-related illness. This non-profit program in San Francisco is focused especially on those who might otherwise be without adequate resources or care.

Our current home on Duboce Avenue opened in 1997 after ten years as a residential hospice on Hartford Street. Maitri is licensed as a RCFCI (Residential Care Facility for the Chronically Ill), & offers an innovative, multi-focal program designed to meet the changing needs of people living with AIDS in a dignified & caring manner.

Maitri serves people severely debilitated by HIV/AIDS who are in need of either end of life care or time-limited medical stabilization. Maitri's comprehensive program includes these main components:

Access to multi-disciplinary care professionals including nurses, attendants, social workers, physicians, & psychiatrists;

Single-occupancy room in a facility designed as a healing space, nurturing home, & functional dwelling; Spiritual & pastoral support; Emotional & practical support volunteers; Activities including art therapy, meditation, & body work; and Home-cooked meals by a stellar kitchen staff & individual dietary plans to meet specific needs Maitri's mission statement reads: "No one should have to suffer or die alone."

At Maitri, we strive to provide the type of care that each of us would like to receive at the end of our lives – care that is dignified, non-judgmental, & unconditional. We hold dear the principle that each resident has the right to determine the degree of choice & awareness with which to experience life & death.

Maitri came into existence in 1987, when the Zen teacher Issan Dorsey of the Hartford Street Zen Center took in a homeless student dying of AIDS. Located in the heart of San Francisco's Castro district, Maitri soon grew to become a model eight-bed hospice, a place of solace in a community ravaged by AIDS. As the dynamics of the pandemic changed – new drugs had helped reduce mortality but increased the number of patients living with severe debilitations – Maitri responded flexibly by doubling its capacity & extending care to non-hospice patients. This program expansion coincided with Maitri's relocation to a state-licensed, custom-designed facility in late 1997. Maitri's Board of Directors received the Citibank Community Stewardship Award for its vision, foresight & tenacity in seeing this project to completion.

Maitri collaborates with a wide spectrum of AIDS service providers to make sure that our residents are connected to all available services. Through these partnerships, we are able to meet a wide variety of needs, from case management to housing to hospice. For example, through work with another agency, the Maitri social worker was recently able to get free airfare for the family of an individual who was on hospice & getting ready to die at Maitri. This visit was healing for both our resident & his family, & helped everyone to honor the resident's life & impending death.

We are honored to share both in loss & recovery with our residents. Their dignity, humor, bravery, & spirituality have a profound impact on all of our lives. Maitri is gratified that our excellence in care has been nationally recognized, winning an honorable mention in the Circle of Life awards of 2005.

A gift to Maitri is an investment in an important community resource. All gifts to Maitri help support nursing & attendant care; comfortable accommodations; food & nutrition; social work case management; resident activities; & volunteer programs.

Maitri is the only AIDS-specific residential care facility in the Bay Area focusing on the underserved community of those dying of or severely debilitated by AIDS.

Fourteen of our 15 beds are reserved for HUD-defined low-income people & represent 50% of San Francisco's non-institutional hospice beds. Since opening in 1987, Maitri has been the final home for more than 650 people who lived with AIDS. We maintain a waiting list of between 6 to 10 people at any given time.

Maitri is a recognized leader in residential care for people living with AIDS. We serve as a model program. In the past few years, we have hosted health officials from India, The Netherlands, Denmark and The Republic of Togo where similar type facilities are in the planning stages.

There are a number of ways to give to Maitri. For more information, please contact Jeff Ward, Director of Development at (415) 558-3002 or visit Maitri's website at www.maitrisf.org



Maitri's Wish List:

FOR RESIDENTS:

SHAVING CREAM, TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSHES, SHAMPOO, HAIR CONDITIONER, HAIR COMBS, HAIR BRUSHES, DEODORANT,

FOR KITCHEN STAFF:

SAFEWAY GIFT CARDS, WILLIAMS SONOMA GIFT CARDS, SUR LA TABLE GIFT CARDS, 10" SAUTÉ PANS*, 12" SAUTÉ PANS*, 14" SAUTÉ PANS*, SAUCIER PANS 1 ½ TO 3 QUARTS**, WAFFLESTICK IRON, CHEF'S CHOICE ELECTRIC KNIFE, SHARPENER (MODELS 110,120 OR 130), 14-CUP CUISINART BOWL FOR DLC-7, FOOD PROCESSOR, WHISTLING TEAKETTLE

FOR FACILITIES MAINTENANCE:

DE WALT 18 VOLT XRP HEAVY-DUTY HAMMER DRILL KET

* Non-stick or stainless steel

** pots with rounded bottoms

Ms Heart Yhrob Contest A Major Success!

Thursday April 12 at the SF Eagle the Castro Lions hosted the Ms. Heart Throb Contest as a special fund raiser for Lyon-Martin. From the door, raffles, performers giving back a percent of their CD sales to the 'heart' sales and food we cleared more than \$1300 for the client services of Lyon-Martin. Major special kudo's to Lion Brit who masterfully arranged for the evening and to our cub Lion Litz for being such a terrific entertainer and generous Lion. To see some of the photos of the evening:

<http://www.bettyslist.com>

Record-a-Thon 2007 – a Service Event for Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic

On Saturday April 21, 2007 the Castro Lions will again be part of history. We shall again be participating in this 6 day long event recording reading materials for use by the clients of RFB&D. Lions 'cub' Betsy Kraft, Steve Kech, Logan De La Noche, Mark Hankins, Luis Collazo, David Strickland and Steven Sams have all signed up to read/prompt. Others are invited to join in or to schedule a separate time that's more convenient to their schedules by emailing Tara Simmons at tsymons@rfd.org.

For those attending the 4/21 event – it starts at 10am

http://www.rfd.org/Northern_California_Unit.htm for directions, contact info. We will be meeting at Lion Sams 3917 18th Street at 8:30 for car pooling. Our shift runs until noon and Lion Sams is treating everyone on the team to lunch afterwards. Last year we were joined by 100's of others volunteers from partner non-profits and employees at member's businesses as well as Lions from several other clubs.

The testimonials of thanks we received afterwards were heart-warming and awe inspiring – here's to another special effort and a record RECORDING!

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

NEW FUND RAISER APPROVED BY BOARD:

A Night at The Roxie Theater (time and date to be announced) is being planned for late May. 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!

Board Meeting report:

Received no response from Folsom, likely will not participate

Castro Street Fair may change to Beer Garden – if so, no booth decision coming

Pride application is in, pending.

SFPD/FD Council Awards April 14 Crown Plaza: Len Broberg SFPD, Brad Rey SFFD.

Hispanic Club Casino Trip endorsed

Memorial Svc for Lion Linda Lopez Woods Sunday at Foster City Rec Center 3/18

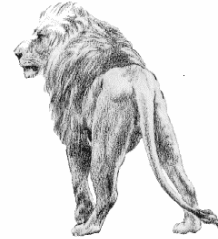
Charities Selected for 2006-7 see related story

Lion cub Litz 'The Opera Lady' Plummer to be inducted at 2nd General Meeting in April.

Ongoing discussion regarding date/place of club's Anniversary dinner – Lions Randy/Carroll managing.

Seed money approved for Ms. Heart Throb event.

The End of the ROAR!



Board Meeting – May 9, 2007
SFPD – community room Valencia between
17th & 18th – 7 pm

MEMBERS – Please be a little early so we
can start on time.

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.

**Castro Lions Club
584 Castro PMB 200
SF, Ca 94114
415-90-LIONS**

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.](#)