

The Castro Lion ROAR

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The President's Column

Lions, friends: What can I do to help?

We as Lions find ourselves asking this question everyday. Hopefully, everyday, each of us finds some way, whether small or big, to step up & take action(s) to answer that question. As Lions, we create opportunities to help. The garage sales, the beer busts, the toy drives, even the general meetings are the means through which we identify unmet needs in our community & then work to end the sufferings & alleviate those hardships we can. The strength of a club is in that the individual can identify & bring a need or opportunity to the group's attention & then employ the powers of the group to make a bigger difference than the individual can alone. I'm seeing that in our new members. I'm seeing the drive, determination, & enthusiasm all we Lions effervesce with as we're educated about new challenges & then jump right in to help!

As we're reading through this month's newsletter & subsequent issues I would ask each of us to look for those upcoming opportunities to help. Most fundraising requires work & as the garage sale & PRIDE this year emphasized they require having enough bodies at the right moment. Sometimes that moment appears inconvenient to some of us leaving a few diehards with tasks that are simple with ten being much harder with their two or three. It's a noble suffering for those two or three working hard at the end of the day but an unnecessary one.

As we Lions help our community, right wrongs, & alleviate hardships & sufferings let's bear in mind the help we give to one another. The rewards of friendship, of helping one another bear the heavy loads, of stepping in to give one another a hand, these are not idle rewards. Often, these seemingly inconsequential generosity are the most valuable to us as individual members. The desire to help comes from the heart. Which is why the rewards are so joyful. What can I do to help?

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)

We received a letter of 'Statement of Candidacy' for International Director from Lion Bob Smith who is from Wilton California – the Board will consider his candidacy at it's next meeting.

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

Kdawson41@yahoo.com

<http://www.lions4c4.org/>

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 2006-Jun 2007

July	Lion Litz Plummer
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	
January	
February	
March	
April	
May	
June	

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!

We received a request from the Ear of the Lion to sponsor a client for their services and the membership agreed to the sponsorship. Lion Secretary Sams is responding. For these 'club' sponsorships – there is no cost to the club.

We received a very nice thank you letter from Lyon-Martin for the \$5,000 we presented them to support their client services.

We received a very warm letter of thanks from Steve Russell at Tenderloin Tessie's Holiday Dinners – for the \$500 donation we made to them recently.

Lion Brain Carbo is fast becoming my hero! The web age is being updated almost daily and he has many plans to revitalize it. Check it out – it's actually starting to be useful.

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

We served 15 new clients through Mission Neighborhood Health Center with vision care and referred 2 others to Lion Kathleen Kennedy for services.

Lion Sams was featured in the SF Benefits Magazine Jul/Aug as A.E.F. Patron.



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.

See the Castro Lions Club – on PINK Saturday – story about the triangle event:

<http://www.castrocourier.com/>

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:	\$40,989+/-
Vision Fund	\$2200.00 +/-
Hearing Fund	\$5000.00 +/-
Charities Account:	\$31,300.00 +/-
Administration:	\$7193.00 +/-
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 40 members in good standing in the Castro Lions Club. As of 4/30 2007 there are 1,312,016 members internationally in 45,053 clubs & 757 Districts in 200 countries & geographical areas. There were 256,922 Melvin Jones Fellows including 45,901 Progressive Fellowships

STOP AIDS Benefit:

www.stopaids.org/baraids

August 23rd – 2007
Participating BARS:

- The MIX
- Harvey's
- 440 Castro
- Flytrap Restaurant
- Twin Peaks
- Tony Nik's café
- The SF Eagle Tavern
- Powerhouse
- Midnight Sun
- Metro City Bar
- Marlena's
- Jan N Bee Club
- Hobson's Choise
- Gravity Room

Visit the web site for updated list and what % each is donating back.

Lion Secretary Sams is applying to the Horizon's Foundation on behalf of the club for a grant to support our vision and hearing fund for those with HIV/AIDS. Application is due 8/31. Grants are from \$2-10,000 if approved.

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.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/>
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

CASTRO Lions: benefits from your **Community Thrift Store**

donations.
Our Account # is 67. CTS will make arrangements for pick up of larger items, or you can drop them off during normal store hours.

PLEASE
be sure to complete a donation receipt so we may thank you for your generosity, & track the contributions.

Deliveries are at the dock in Sycamore Alley Street between Mission & Valencia.

Community Thrift Store
623 Valencia Street
10 am to 6:30 pm Open every day
(415) 861-4910.

Proceeds from your CTS donations benefit our Castro Lions Hector Caceres Eye-Glass Fund.
www.communitythrift.bravehost.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; Marlens; The Edge; Cole Hardware <http://colehardware.com/> Community Thrift Store: www.communitythrift.bravehost.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/>

Tranquillium Center/New Connections <http://newconnections.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.

**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 Bennett
Director 1 year	Lion Tom Rodgers

Charities: Lion Dennis Hale

Communications/VM/Scrapbook:
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 Hale

Web Page: Lion Brian Carbo

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.

Ear of the Lion and the Castro Club partnered in the sponsorship of hearing care for one client during the month.



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.

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

Governor’s Visitation:

Lion District Governor Maxine Frazier, her district coordinator Rosie Jones, VDG Emil Kantola, Region Chair Robert Ramos his wife Sandra & a guest, & Zone chair Kay Dawson visited the Castro Club on Wednesday 8/18. With a huge turn-

out of club members & 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 – & 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) & the fines were flying as Tail Twister Lion Carl was really on his game.

Special welcome to Felix, Mark & Everett – three guests of Lions Logan, Tommy & Dennis – & 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 & Litz Plummer. Congrats Lion Brit!

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General Membership Meeting 8/15

- The Club decided to send a contingent to the SF Marina North Beach Lions Club Anniversary & Installation, send representatives to the District 1st Cabinet Meeting both on 8/25.
- We received notice from SF Public Library that we have been posted to their VOLUNTEERS/Services web page.
- Jeff Ward Dev. Director at Maitri AIDS Hospice spoke to the club about the opportunities of service & assistance we as Castro Lions could offer. Within 24 hours – more than 50 pounds of personal care items had been collected & delivered to the agency. Lion Dennis Hale is working on a continual supply from the Halcyon Hotel while Lion Sams continues his collection at at&t facilities.
- The club acknowledged and welcomed our first new club of the year sponsored by Lion Hale, WELCOME Cub Everett Clifford Davis! Besides being the Concierge at The SF

Exploratorium, Lion Everett volunteers for the Bay View Mission with whom we have worked on annual holiday parties/toy drives. We've invited Gov. Maxine to come induct him.

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. Sams has 7 volunteers – double the requirement. Nearly 200 Tickets have now been sold! An additional 100 will be ordered. Lion Logan also got the Sales flier sent to all LGBT employees in at&t Bay Area – boosting sales. This means with more than a month to the event – we've already raised \$2000 for our Charities!

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.



NEXT BOARD MEETING 9/12 – Mission Police Station 7pm – Community Room – PO LUCK

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.](#)