



**PRESIDING** Lion President Charles Nelson presided and Lion Roy Minor offered the invocation.

**GUESTS** We were most pleased to welcome back the man who outlived his chicken, Lion Bruce Whitson, who has survived another birthday, though others, we understand, may not have. Lion Bruce has returned full of chocolate and itching to twist some tails, so keep your tufts out of harms way! We were also very happy to have with us again Joyce McLaughlin and Cindy Baron - the one who has the eyes of Athena and the other, her smile.

**HEAR YE!** Lion Bill Downey reminds us that he and Elia will be hosting the Presidents BBQ will be held at their house, 14330 DeBell Drive, Los Altos Hills, at 2pm on Sunday, September 26th. There will be a \$10 charge to cover expenses. The fishermen will bring the salmon, the firemen the beans, and we will bring salads (last names A-M) and deserts (N-Z). Ummm ... I'm getting hungry already.



Lions Gil Gilfix and Jim Steiner, the Director and Financial Manager of the Concours, reported the preliminary results for this year's Concours d'Elegance. With a few bills and invoices still outstanding, we have a projected net income of \$72,500 ± \$2,000. The gate was down by \$10k, but expenses were down by \$3k and sponsorships were up by \$5k. Trophy sponsorships and commercial exhibitors were up significantly. Other areas broke even or saw small increases in revenue. We also introduced a much wider array of souvenirs without incurring a loss and restructured the Drive so that it was profitable - and hence laid the basis for future growth.



Find out more by coming the first Concours Working Group meeting, 7pm, at the Mitchell Park Community Center, 3800 Middlefield Road at East Meadow, on Wednesday, Oct. 13th.

**DOOR PRIZE**



The Door Prize, a fine bottle of wine, was donated by Dean Johnson. Future door prizes: Sept. 14 - Pearl Director; Sept. 21 - David Buchanan; Sept. 28 - David Chappell; Oct. 5 - Carole Martin; Oct. 12 - Steve Barber; Oct. 19 - Steve Pedon.



**Meetings**

- Sept 16 - Board Meeting Concours Office
- Aug 18 - Training session for officers at Foster City Rec Center.

**Lions that Melt in Your Mouth**

The Lion you see here, wearing a chef's hat of white chocolate and a button nose of bakers chocolate, is in reality a wonderful confection made of old-fashioned ribbon candy, which is poured out or extruded in a molten state and pressed into shape as it cools. This is a dying art, but there are still a few candy makers in Europe who create these whimsical, mouth-watering



pieces of evanescent beauty

**PROGRAM**



IPP Lion Jim McLaughlin, our speaker chair for September, introduced Audrey Rust, Director of the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST), the chief NGO focused on the preservation of open space on the San Francisco Peninsula and in the adjacent coast range. Audrey was on hand to review POST's accomplishments and recent projects.



POST, with an annual budget of around \$20 million, concentrates on the acquisition of properties adjacent to existing open spaces in order to extend protected habitat and make it more viable. They have completed over 60 projects and currently own some 30 properties and 12 conservation easements. The goal is to make undeveloped habitat available for public use in ways that do not damage the ecosystem. In this, they have been one of the most successful movements in any urban area in North America. Objectives, projects, much interesting detail and maps can be found at: <http://www.openspacetrust.org>.

Over the next three to five centuries the earth is likely to loose more than 90% of its current biodiversity, more than 60% of the species in the mid and upper levels of the food web, and a large portion of the species in the lower portion of the food web. Humankind must make up for these deficits by creating a New Ecology of planetary complexity or it will descend into a new, planet-wide Dark Age. At the present, the movement for The New Ecology is just beginning to emerge at the technological level, but is not yet organized as a social or political movement. The forces of The Old Ecology, including POST, are well organized and fighting to preserve The Old Ecology by preserving habitat and the biodiversity that it supports. This is extremely important, because it buys crucial time for the formation of the New Ecology movement. The longer the decline of The Old Ecology takes, the more likely The New Ecology is to succeed.

- Sept 14 - Leonard Williams on National Fire Prevention Week
- Sept 21 - Sister Janet - needs & accomplishments of Seton School
- Sept 28 - Peter Fortenbaugh, Director, Boys & Girls Club of the Peninsula on current programs for youth



**Remember - save postage stamps from your mail!  
Bring them to the first meeting of the month.**

**Remember to bring fruit for Elizabeth Seton School.**