



# PRESIDING HEAR YE!

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

Lion Al reported on the Cabinet Meeting down in Carmel. What's new? There will be a technical change in bylaws of the District designed to make the budget process at the District level go a bit more smoothly.



## Interdistrict Big Game Event.

Well, the Big Game, interdistrict luncheon meeting, held on November 18th in Berkeley, was considerably more fun than the Big Game, itself, at least for Stanford fans -- and it's hard to imagine how such a one-sided victory can truly be relished for long by the winning side. A close match, well fought on both sides, always yields up a far more satisfying outcome.



The luncheon was attended by more than 60, including the governors and vice governors of both districts, the Berkeley Lions Club, the Palo Alto Lions Club, and a smattering of Lion fans from clubs scattered on both sides of the Bay.



Lion Gary Wong was our MC and Jim Rutter, co-founder of The Bootleg, served as a most entertaining speaker (seen together at the upper left). The venue was the Berkeley City Club, a baronial edifice about two blocks from the stadium. The food was both excellent and abundant - and the company very agreeable, indeed.



We look forward to hosting the next Big Game Luncheon on November 15, 2005, here at the University Club in Palo Alto, so put your hijinks helmets on and start plotting!



## DOOR PRIZE

The Door Prize, a great little widget, was donated by Ben director and won by Dolores Chappell. Future door prizes; Nov. 23 - Jerry Rood; Dec. 5 - Mary Lou Robson; Dec. 12 - Jim Steiner.



### Meetings

- Nov 22 - Peninsula Council of Lions
- Dec 19 - Holiday party at the University Club



## THE LION IN WINTER

The Lion does surprisingly well in Winter, standing there beneath a bunting of starry white and forest green, looking out over glades of silver light, reflected in the mirror of a billion glinting crystals, dry beneath an ancient autumn blanket, warm in his mane of ten thousand tangled memories, content in the visions of Spring that envelop the Winter night.



## PROGRAM

Lion Roy Minor introduced Pamala Simpson, new Director of the Palo Alto Library System, who was on hand to relate the latest adventures of the *Saga ex Lebris*, as she guides it through the Straits of Economic Necessity to the Sea of Tranquillity that, legends tell us, lies somewhere beyond.

The tale is an old one and a happy ending is as unlikely as ever. The five branches are too expensive to maintain in the current fiscal climate. They lower the general quality of library service throughout the system and tie up resources that the city needs elsewhere. They serve a minority of neighborhoods in the city, but those neighborhoods are passionately attached to their libraries and politically quite effective at moves to centralize the library system. There is no "right" site in this debate, only dwindling resources and the altar of economic necessity. Learn more at: <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/library/>.



## Simplified Dues Structure Adopted



The board held a quick after lunch meeting to approve the recommendations of the Finance Committee on a new, simplified dues structure of the club. The annual dues will be \$180 per year paid semi annually. This figure includes Lions International dues, Multiple District MD-4 dues, District 4-C4 Dues, and club expenses, such as speakers' meals, guests' meals, gifts for speakers, club paraphernalia, the newsletter, club awards, the web site and special events. Meals are pay-as-you-go and are currently \$18.



- Nov 23 - Meighan Haider, Div. Chief, NASA Research Park
- Dec 19 - Holiday party at the University Club
- Dec 28 - No meeting



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

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

