



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

BIRTHDAYS We raised our voices on high to celebrate the birthday of Lion Nell Richmond. We were in our usual form despite the best efforts of Lion Dan. Astonishingly, our guest speaker managed to retain his composure during this symphonic assault.

HEAR YE!



Lion Al Thomas is still looking for more contestants for the speakers contest. If you have ANY contacts at local schools, please let him know ASAP. The contest is scheduled for January 25th and we would like one or two additional speakers.

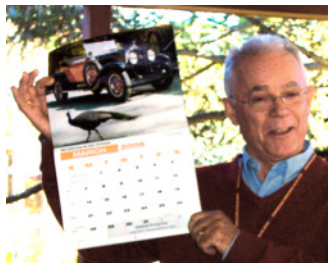
With Puck the Cluck still recovering from his ordeal (though some suspect that he's just sulking), Tail Twister Lion Bruce Whitson introduced a new fearsome fowl, Terrible Tom the Phantom Bantom who specializes in sneak attacks. Here you can see Double T, as Terrible Tom is some-

times called, preparing to administer a sneak beak tweak to an unsuspecting Lion Al.

The next MERLO open house for the East Palo Alto Lions Club will be at 6:00 pm on January 12th at the Ravenswood School District headquarters, 2120 Euclid Ave., East Palo Alto. Membership for the new club now stands at 12. Silver tongue Lions are needed to help get this number up to at least 20. See Lion Chaz for more information.



Lion Dave Buchanan's Pinup



Lion Dave Buchanan, as you can see here from his happy countenance, is the proud "father" of a celebrity auto - a classic car that has been selected for commemoration in a car calendar. By the way, do you know why Lions and classic cars are easily confused at a distance? That's right. They both roar when motivated. Oh, my. Did I just write what I think I wrote.

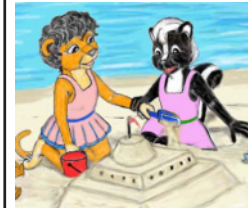
DOOR PRIZE

The Door Prize, Concours key chain, was donated by by Gil Gilfix and won by Joan Peterson. Future door prizes; Jan. 4 - Al Thomas; Jan. 11 - Dan Armistead; Jan. 18 - Bruce Whitson.



Meetings

- Jan 12 - MERLO/East Palo Alto Lions Club
- Jan 24 - Peninsula Council, Doubletree Hotel, Burlingame



THE SKUNK CLUB

The Skunk Club began what seems like a long time ago when two very young ladies not far from the sea thought they might make a club for their friends, so they did. It was only a small club, but



very flexible, growing to meet their every need. As time passed, they found it more and more difficult to select members for their club. Fortunately, they met the White Elephant, expert at selecting both the wise and the foolish, and now send him forth once a year in search of new members. This year the White Elephant came back with Lion Wayne Saylor, who was inducted, *ad elephantus*, at the December festivities given over to this purpose.



Others were not so lucky. Not Slitherin ... Please not Slitherin! The White Stripe Society would be nice.... You mean the Skunk Club, don't you? Well, I'm afraid you'll have to see the White Elephant about that, my boy. The best I can do for you is Hufflepuf. A pity, really



PROGRAM

Lion Dave Buchanan, speaker chair for December, introduced Joe Hustein, Director of the Board (and a Lion in waiting), and Eric Kujawsky, founder and Music Director, of the Redwood Symphony.



Joe and Eric gave us a rundown on the history of the Symphony, which was founded in 1985 and boasts among its repertory all of Mahler's symphonies, no small undertaking for even the greatest of orchestras. More impressive still is the fact that they have been able to grow such as program in such close proximity to other great orchestral institutions, most especially San Francisco.

This season you can still catch works by Handel, Prokofiev, Stravinsky, Strauss, Gershwin, Del Aguila and many more. Found out more at: <http://www.redwoodsymphony.org/>

- Jan 4 - Lion Bob Rose on the beginning of the Lions eyeglass collection program
- Jan 11 - Connie Corrales on Project HICAP & the Council on Aging
- Jan 18 - Terry Brooks, Director of Development, Ear of the Lion



Remember to bring your Stamps for Easter Seals.

Remember to bring fruit for Elizabeth Seton School.

