



January 4, 2004

District 4-C4

PRESIDING

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

GUESTS

We are pleased to welcome back Lion Steve Pedone, who has just returned from a grand tour and many adventures. Welcome back, Lion Steve.



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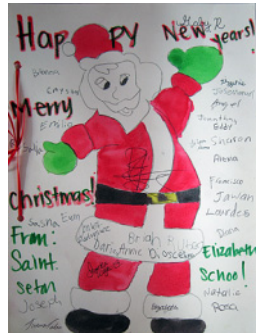
Lion Al Thomas is STILL looking for more contestants for the speakers contest. If you have ANY contacts at local schools, please let him know ASAP. The contest is scheduled for January 25th and we would like one or two additional speakers.

Lion Al also passed out bills for the Holiday Party in December; current dues bills will soon follow.

Lion Jim Anderson expressed our deep sympathy to Lion Bruce Whitson and the recent loss of the Cal Bears who are, with Lion Bruce, languishing in post season defeat



The Board met on January 6th to tweak the Charity budget. Current status: Sight \$12,000; Hearing \$8,700; Seniors \$6,000; Youth \$8250; Civic \$6,800; Rehabilitation \$5,950; Diabetes \$3,000; Emergency Relief Funds \$1,100; Contingency \$1,000; Stanford Scholarship Fund \$19,074; Funds not yet committed \$4,022. The total is \$76,296.



Emergency Relief Funds include \$100 for the Beslen Relief and \$1,000 for Tsunami Relief, both LCIF projects. Lion Jim McLaughlin notified the Board that he have to take back our office space by next September. Lion Bill Downey has some great space at a good price. More anon.

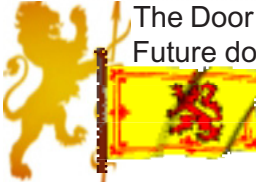
A Thank-You from Elizabeth Seton

We have received two giant Thank-You cards from the students at St. Elizabeth Seton School - for the weekly fruit, for our diabetes clinic, and for our support of their athletic program.



DOOR PRIZE

The Door Prize was donated by Al Thomas and won by NickMarinaro. Future door prizes; Jan. 11 - Dan Armistead; Jan. 18 - Bruce Whitson; Jan 25 - Bruce Whitson; Feb 1- Erv Austin; Feb 8 - Hal Moreno; Feb 15 - Ken Harker; Feb 22 - Jim Anderson.

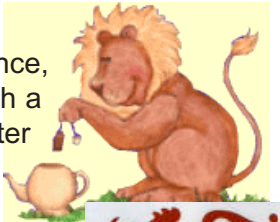


Meetings

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

THE MANE THING ABOUT LIONS

Lions come with Golden Manes or Black Manes. Once, naturalists thought that some Lions simply went through a melanistic phase, and more recently that it was all a matter of sexual selection. Well, Nonsense says I, and as a Lion, I should know, you know.



Long ago, lady Lions introduced their Prides to the drinking of Tea - just to even things out a bit and provide a touch of charm and civilization. Then some impetuous fellow went off to the Land of Panthers and returned with Coffee. Whiskers twitched, tails flicked, and manes turned coffee black. Suddenly, Lions were wearing silly hats and driving sports cars. Just look around, I'm sure you understand.



PROGRAM

Lion Ken Harker, our Speaker Chair for January, introduced Lion Bob Rose, a Life Member of the Redwood City Lions Club, to describe the very beginnings of what has since become Lions In Sight, Lions' international program to recycle and distribute eye glasses to the needy.



Lion Bob told us that, indirectly, the program developed out of the Lions Student Exchange Program. This program brought Lion Bob and his family into contact with the Orient and it was on a trip to the Orient in the early 1960s that they learned eye clinics in the Philippines were in great need of prescription eye glasses. So Lion Bob got busy, gathered many thousands of glasses and managed to get the Navy to transport them for free out to the Philippines. Then he helped to grow and institutionalize the program. They raised money by melting down gold frames and selling the metal, allowing them to send glasses and clinics to places there was no access to free transportation. Now, more than 40 years on, Lions has an international program for the redistribution of glasses. On the west coast, this program is centered on Lions In Site of California and Nevada, with the central distribution center in Vallejo. Learn more at: <http://www.sbachman.com/htws/lion.htm>.



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.

