



January 11, 2004

District 4-C4

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



We sang in celebration for the birthday of Lion Wayne Saylor. Our great singer, Lion Dan Armistead, did not so much lead us in song as he soared above our cacophony.

BIRTHDAYS



Lion Marion Moreno introduced Jess Glidewell, a perspective member who has found us through the internet and was on hand to give us a looksee. Welcome Jess.

GUESTS

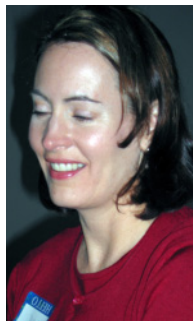
HEAR YE! Lion Nina Steiner, Chair of the Membership Committee, reports that there are five perspective members on the horizon, so our membership prospects are looking up. Lion Chaz reports that we were contacted by an optometrist in Redwood City wanting to

donate glasses and, resisting the blandishments of the eyeglass devil, handed this plum on to the Redwood Lions Club.

MERLO in East Palo Alto



MERLO held another meeting for the formation of the East Palo Alto Lions Club at the Ravenswood School District Board Room. Our new San Bruno Lions Club was on hand to describe their first year on the ground - a really interesting presentation.



The next meeting - an Organizational Meeting for the East Palo Alto Lions - will be held at 6 pm on Wednesday, January 26th, at the Ravenswood School District Board Room, 2120 Euclid Ave, East Palo Alto. Plenty of safe parking.



At the monthly meeting of the Concours Working Group, the Fishermens Wharf Classic Car Show (nee the Crab Festival Car Show) was at the top of the agenda. Setup will begin on Thursday, Feb. 17, and the show will run through Sunday afternoon. We have an entire wharf this time - room for some 200 cars - so the show will be twice the size it was last year.



DOOR PRIZE

The Door Prize, a pair of books tied up with dental floss, second only to duct tape in its many uses, was donated by Dan Armistead. Future door prizes; Jan. 18 - Bruce Whitsn; Jan 25 - Erv Austin; Feb 1 - Hal Moreno; Feb 8 - Ken Harker; Feb 15 - Jim Anderson.



Meetings

Jan 24 - Peninsula Council, Doubletree Hotel, Burlingame
Jan 26 - East Palo Organizational Meeting @ School Dist.



PLUCK'S MESSAGE BOARD

In a miraculous stroke of luck, Tail Twister Lion Bruce Whitson won an unusual second door prize drawing, consisting of the right renowned Roosters' Rostrum. Pluck the Cluck is reported to be overruffled by this news and has been heard clucking pensively over his memoirs which he is planning "feather by feather" as the old preener expression has it.



Lion Ken Harker, our Speaker Chair for January, introduced Connie Corrales, who was on hand to tell us about Project HICAP and the Council on Aging. The Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) is national in scope. In California, the state outsources the program to local providers, county by county. In Santa Clara County that provider is the Council on Aging of Silicon Valley, a 501.3.c that also provides a variety of other services, including services to other service providers.



Connie focused on HICAP and the role the Council on Aging plays in counseling folks about long term care, how to get it and how to pay for it. Unlike the folks who are always trying to sell us long term care insurance policies that are both extremely costly and contain a lot of fine print, Connie laid out the statistics and then took us through a couple of typical case scenarios. Her conclusion was that many people pay far too much for long term care policies. In some cases, one is better off being self insured and in other cases it is prudent to purchase a policy for coverage of limited duration rather than an open ended policy. Whatever one does, it should always be done carefully after consultation with both your family and an impartial expert in the field. This is where the Council on Aging comes in handy. They provide a wide array of useful information and help find the expertise that you need.

You can learn more about the Network of Care to which the Council of Aging belongs by going to <http://santaclara.networkofcare.org/aging/home/index.cfm>, the Silicon Valley Council on Aging at <http://www.careaccess.org/>, and about the HICAP program from the State at <http://www.aging.state.ca.us/html/programs/hicap.html>.



Jan 18 - Terry Brooks, Director of Development, Ear of the Lion
Jan 25 -
Jan 26 - Mooving date for the Concours Office



Remember to bring fruit for Elizabeth Seton School.