



January 18, 2004

District 4-C4

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

BIRTHDAYS We sang in our usual rough and ready manner for Lions Bill Downey and Nick Marinaro, and for Stephanie, Lion Bills Daughter and one of our guests today.



We were pleased and honored to have with us the scions of Clan Downey, Neville and Stephanie, the son and daughter of Lion Bill Downey. N&S you're always welcome to come and visit. Better yet, we would love it if you would apply for membership.

GUESTS



HEAR YE! Lion President Chaz reported that the Menlo Park Live Oak Lions was sponsoring a multi-club meeting at 7 pm on January 26th at Ten Fu Restaurant, 1352 El Camino Real in Menlo Park. The Menlo Park and Atherton clubs will be attending and we are also invited. The cost is \$17 and the food is really excellent.

The 3rd Cabinet Meeting will be held at the Foster City Rec Center on Shell Blvd at 8:30 AM on Saturday, January 29th. The cost, including a continental breakfast and lunch, is \$15 per person. See Lion Chaz for details.

Lion Al Thomas brought us up to date of the Speakers Contest.

Our Clothing Drive will begin on February 4th. You can bring your contributions to our luncheon meetings or directly to our new Concours office on San Antonio. At the end of February, the donations will go to Cititeam Family Services in San Jose. They take both used and new clothing. Coats are especially needed.



PRESENTATION Lion Bruce Whitson, Chair of the Hearing Committee, presented the Lions Hearing Foundation of California and Nevada with a check for \$3,500. Ron Skidmore, President of the Foundation, was on hand to accept our contribution and describe how it would help in pursuit of their programs.

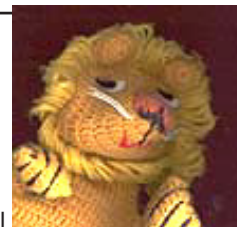
DOOR PRIZE

The Door Prize, al almond cake, was donated by Bruce Whitson and won by Bill Downey, who passed it on our speake. Future door prizes:
Jan 25 - Erv Austin; Feb 1 - Hal Moreno; Feb 8 - Ken Harker; Feb 15 - Jim Anderson.



Meetings

Jan 26 - Menlo/Ather-ton Joint Meeting
Ten Fu Menlo Park
Jan 29 - 3rd Cabinet Meeting
Foster City Rec Center on Shell



NO ULTIMATE LION! PLEASE!

- by the Puppet Who Is No Puppet



Increasingly, physicists believe that everything in the universe can be reduced to bits of information. From this it follows

that The Answer to Everything is the End of Everything. When information evolves to its Ultimate end point, the Universe will simply stop, ceasing to exist altogether. Signs of its advanced aging abound. In 1950, less than 1% of our information system was in its Ultimate state. Today, judging from advertising alone, 18% has matured into its ultimate form, including everything from cars to salad dressing, diamonds to comets. The maturation of information appears inversely proportional to the extinction of biological species, which, having evolved to their Ultimate state, simple cease to exist. At the present rate, it is estimated that the Earth will reach its Ultimate information state in 3,812 ± 73 years, at which point the plenum defined by its gravitational well will cease to exist, destabilizing our region of space-time, leading to hyperstabilization of our galaxy and its subsequent collapse.



Fear not. We Lions can save the world by refusing to evolve into our Ultimate state. As long as we hold out, our corner of the Universe will be safe!



PROGRAM Lion Ken Harker, our Speaker Chair for January, introduced Terry Brooks, Director for Development for the Lions Hearing Foundation of California and Nevada, who was on hand to review new developments in the Lions hearing programs.

Chief among these is a program sponsored by Lions Clubs International Foundation. This program is designed to provide program-mable analog (hybrid) hearing aids to Lions Clubs for distribution to the needy and to club members. These hearing aids, with the battery pack that goes over the back of the ear, are manufactured inexpensively in India and purchased for redistribution by LCIF. Although an excellent deal compared with the open market, the cost per patient is still greater than that which we incur through our Hearing Foundation and the product is not suitable for everyone with hearing loss. Details of the program are still being worked out so it remains to be seen how helpful it will be to us.



General information about the hearing programs supported by Lions International can be found at http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_hear.shtml .



Jan 25 - Speakers Contest organized by Llion Al Thomas
Jan 26 - Moving date for the Concours Office
Feb 1 - Barb Stone from the Santa Clara Valley Diabetes Society
Feb 8 - Maurice LeBlanc on upper body prosthetics



Remember to bring fruit for Elizabeth Seton School.