



March 8, 2005

District 4-C4

PRESIDING Lion Al Thomas was the master of ceremonies and Ray Purper the guest of honor.



Lions Jim Anderson and Chaz Nelson loaded up the glasses we've been collecting and took them up to Daily City. We weighed in at 163 lbs; the top take was well over 300 lbs collected with the help of the Scouts, a result that we might find worthwhile to ponder. We also brought up a box full of eye glass cases that will be going for distribution in the Philippines.

163 Lbs of Glasses for Lions In Sight



The March meeting of the Concours Working Group was, as per usual, quite busy. We are getting ready for our next pre-Concours event, the car show that opens the California Mille. The cars are limited to pre-1960 vintage autos of the sort that would then have delivered folks to the Fairmont Hotel, with a special exhibit of pre-WWII cars in the park. Trophies will be awarded for the first time, so the show is becoming, well, showier. Also, we will participating socially in more of the pre-Mille activities at the Fairmont. And, we will actually make some money for charity this year.

This is the stage of preparing for the Concours where we are busy shaking down the field layout and assessing our operational needs. Meanwhile the sponsorships and participating vendors are rolling in, and there is a long line forming to enter cars. Planning for the Drive, being organized by Maurice Liang this year, is in approaching completion.

With the development of the San Francisco Classic Car Show and the California Mille Car Show, in February and April, respectively, we have positioned ourselves to expand our charitable fund raising projects by building on the expertise we have developed as the Concours has grown. If our new endeavors grow as the Concours grew over the years, just think of where we will be in, say, twenty years. Think about it. This is why our high level of participation and hard work in the two San Francisco events is every bit as important as our work in the Concours.

DOOR PRIZE

The Door Prize was on vacation this week.
 Future door prizes: Mar 15 - Joan Peterson; Mar 22 - Tom Sutton; Apr 5 - Roy Minor; Apr 12 - Nick Marinaro.



Meetings

Mar 28 - Peninsula Council of Lions at Lucti's Resterant in San Mateo
 April 24 - California Mille, San Francisco



The Lions Bollmann

Our colleague, Lion Frank Bollmann, writes from Amsterdam that all is going well. The littlest Bollmann, now one year old, is growing like a weed. However, Lion Frank's work schedule conflicts with the meeting time of the



local Lions, so he is considering maintaining his membership with our club so that he can maintain the privileges of membership. Perhaps we should make him our ambassador at large.



PROGRAM

Our annual meeting at the Candy Store was, as usually, a lot of fun. The food and the company were excellent, and the cars were superb. On hand to represent the Athletics Department at Stanford, Ray Purper accepted our contribution of \$19,000 to the Concours Scholarship fund.



Lion Gil Gilfix, Director of the Concours, reviewed the history of the fund which, as many things Concours, goes back to Lion George Paddleford, who established fund. It was relatively small and remained unused until it was rediscovered several years later. It had grown to over \$16k. We renamed and began contributing to it on an annual basis, so it now contains more than \$140k.



The Concours Scholarship fund is used to support a scholar athlete - preferably one that comes from one of our local high schools. In recent years, it has been used to support a member of the swimming team.

Also on hand was Martin Swig, the driving force behind the California Mille. The Mille is our next big event, coming up on April 24th. We will be supplying and organizing the classic car show around the Fairmont and managing the registration of the autos participating in this year's Mille.

More on the Candy Store at: <http://www.paconcours.com/Candy/indexCandy.html> . More on the California Mille at: <http://www.paconcours.com/Mille/indexMille.html> .

- Mar 15 - Don Brown, a 49er Sports Staff Writer
- Mar 22 - Patricia Jones Kenny, Clinical Nurse Specialist, El Camino
- Mar 29 - Fifth Tuesday - no meeting this day



Remember to bring fruit for Elizabeth Seton School.

