



April 12, 2005

District 4-C4

# PRESIDING

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

# GUESTS

We were pleased to welcome back Sue Lubais, the guest of Lion Dave Buchanan. Sue, a web developer, was a Leo when young and care-free, and is interested in becoming a Lion. Welcome Sue!



## Bumper Crop of New Members

On Tuesday evening we held orientation for five new or very recent members: Lions Sue Lubais, George Combes, Joe Hustien, Jesse Glidewell and Dave Stoner. George (Tractors), Dave (Marketing) and Joe (provides meeting facilities) are already involved in the

Concours, and Sue is taking on the task of forming a Leo Club here in Palo Alto. Our presenters for the orientation were Lions IPP Jim McLaughlin and Al Thomas. Lions Ken Harker, Jim Anderson, Dave Buchanan, Nina Steiner, Jim Steiner and Chaz Nelson were also present as Sponsors and Hecklers (except me; I was a Jeckler).



## Meetings

- April 20-24 - District Convention
- April 24 - California Mille, San Francisco
- May 1 - May Fete



## Imprisoned Lions In Zebra Rebellion

Yes, my fellow Lions, it's a sad, sad fact that some of our brother and sister Lions still languish in the WaZoo Penitentiary for Impenitent Predators. But they have a plan! They are gradually developing cage camouflage - stripes to match their bars. In a proof of concept bar-



none test, a couple of Lions managed to make it from the exercise pen into the Zebra holding area, where they promptly adopted a patently pantheric impenitent predatory pose replete with post-petulant belches. And so it was that, for a time, they dreamed of perfect predatory patterns ... but later awoke with an uncomfortable thought lurking at the edge of consciousness: Have we become Them, or have They become our selves?

## A Thank-You from the Kids at Jackson.

The mail bag brought us a big thank-you from Samuel, Susy, Noam, Ellaine, Yash and Amanda, all students from the Jackson Hearing Center. We contributed \$1,500 this year to help support the continued development of the technology that underpins their classroom teaching.



## PROGRAM

Lion Nick Marinaro, our program chair for April, introduced Dan Firth, the Palo Alto Fire Marshal in charge of managing hazardous materials in our community. Dan was on hand to give us an update on the innovative computerized tracking system that Palo Alto has been developing in conjunction with other state and local jurisdictions. This system keeps track of all the hazardous materials that local businesses use, including amounts and where they are stored and used. It even provides maps and pictures of the storage and work spaces that can be accessed by fire fighters when they must respond to emergency situations. It is perhaps the most developed system of its kind in the country.



## BIRTHDAYS

We sang, in our growly Lion voices, happy birthdays to Lions Hinda Minor, Marion Moreno and Don Douglas. Lions - may you grow ever more long of tooth, curvéd of claw and tufted of tail!

## May Fete Volunteers Still Needed

Volunteers are still needed for the May Fete on Sunday, May 1st, to be block captains. After all, they know we're Lions and must, therefore, be good at herding cats and children. IPP Lion Jim McLaughlin is the coordinator. See him to sign up for this annual rite of spring passage.

## DOOR PRIZE

The Door Prize, a complete repast, was provided by Nick Marinaro and won by Bruce Whitson, who promptly shared out the chocolate part of the repast. Future door prizes:  
April 19 - Bill Downey; April 26 - Clarence Rinne;  
May 3 - Nell Richmond.



- April 19 - Klaus Janschek on the Agenda 21 Lions Club in Dresden
- April 26 - Glenn Roberts, Palo Alto Works Director on dem drains
- May 3 - Brian Tramontana, Instructor in Fine Arts at West Valley College, on the best sites to photograph in the Bay Area



**Remember to bring fruit for Elizabeth Seton School.**