



April 19, 2005

District 4-C4

PRESIDING

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

HEAR YE!

Lion Hal Moreno, who has been a member of our club for 40 years, has done some research in the membership archives and finds that there are five of our number who are more senior than he - though none have more experience playing the piano than Lion Hal: Lions Bruce Whitson, Clarence Rinne, Jim McLaughlin, Erv Austin and Don Douglas. Wowsers!



The 2005 District 4-C4 Convention

The District Convention in Sacramento, usually held in May, was moved back to April this year, and so conflicted with the Mille. Only two of us, Lions Chaz and Ken, were in attendance. The good news is that it is moving back to May at a point beyond Mothers' Day in the future. There were not electoral surprises. Lion Eugene Chen is the new governor and Lion Al Russell the new Vice Governor. The good news reported at the Cabinet meeting is that the District has grown by 7.5 percent this year to date, so we are by no means the only Club to be adding new members. And, of course, there were all the usual hijinks - club parades including cross dressers (much remarked on by visiting district governors and international board members), the free food court (I had two ice cream sundaes!), much smoozing and consulting (official smoozing). And, oh, we won two of the perpetual trophies, of which, more anon.



DOOR PRIZE

The Door Prize, a fine bottle of Rex Goliath Wine, was donated by Bill Downey and ultimately won by Bruce Whitson in honor of Pluck the Cluck. Future door prizes: April 26 - Clarence Rinne; May 3 - Nell Richmond; May 10 - Chaz Nelson; May 17 - Don Douglas.



Meetings

- May 1 - May Fete
- May 18 - MultiClub dinner @ Tien Fu in Menlo Park
- May 23 - Peninsula Council in Milbrae



Pluck Roumored Rex Wreck

"Cast aside for a shilly goose -hluck- No more clucks -hluck- No more crows. What's that honker got 'cept a honk? -hluck- Shows -hluck- what 'appens when you trust a cruel carnivore -hluck- I'll show 'em. Little more Goliath and I'll be bigger then that goose! -hluck- Then I'll show 'em. -hluck- Yup, folks, there's trouble abrewein in the old roost at the back of Lion Bruce's barnyard."

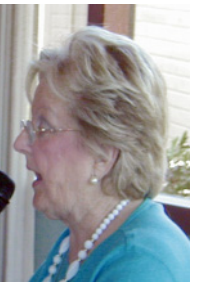


East Palo Alto Lions Club Exceeds Critical Mass

The East Palo Alto Lions Club now contains 21 members and is quickly moving towards being chartered. Our club will be providing their club banner and Lion Chaz will be serving, together with Lions Jim Bigalow and Al Russell, as one of their Guiding Lions. In addition we have offered to partner with them in the development of a Diabetes program. Their next meeting will be this Wednesday, April 27th, at 5:30 pm in the Ravenswood School District Headquarters meeting room on Euclid Ave in East Palo Alto.

PROGRAM

Lion Klaus Janschek was scheduled to tell us about Lions in Dresden, but we were unable to get an LED projector for his Power Point presentation. So Lion Pearl Director stepped into the breech and dazzled us with her professional legerdemain. As we already knew, Lion Pearl provides ESL and cultural sensitivity training to foreign executives. What we have newly learned is that Lion Pearl is a dynamite public speaker



- no notes, no preparation and no props; just Pearl the Communicator weaving her magic. As Lion Pearl learned early on, the secret to really effective teaching is affective teaching, in other words, being one with your student. This requires a one-on-on interactions and it is why teacher/student ratios are so important in teaching. Most teachers make whatever compromises they must in order to keep teaching - whatever the class size - but Lion Pearl would not compromise. She has created a new teaching paradigm (as we academics like to say) that is part linguistics, part psychology, part cultural anthropology, part (a very large part) highly focused communication, and part tailored content.

- 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
- May 10 - Steve Putz, a teacher of Lego Robotics
- May 17 - Jerry Rosenblum of Ye Old Towne Band



Remember to bring fruit for Elizabeth Seton School.