



July 19, 2005

District 4-C4

PRESIDING GUESTS

Lion VP Nick Marinaro presided and Lion Roy Minor offered the invocation.

We were pleased to have with us Barbara Riccetti, the lovely wife of Lion Roy Riccetti. Barbara, it's always fun to have you - come visit as often as you can.



East Palo Alto Lions.

The East Palo Alto Lions Clubs continues to plan for its Charter Night on August 28th. Among other things, it will feature an "American Auction" of some museum quality prints of Kenyan peoples created by Joy Adamson of Born Free Fame. In addition, there will be a special presentation in recognition of the heavy lifters on the Project Stay Clean renovation.



We celebrated the birthdays of Lions Pearl & Ben Director, Carol Martin and Ray Baron. The singing was astounding, as usual.

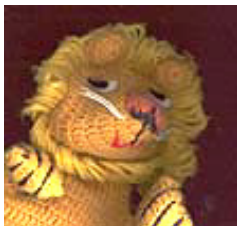
BIRTHDAYS PRESENTATION

Lion Gil Gilfix received his second award from Lions International in as many months for bringing new members into our Lions Club. Congratulations, Lion Gil! Lion Pearl - you're slipping.



The Cowboy Makes Contact.

Big Al flayed a sausage and spread blood red catsup on his shredded hash browns. He fixed his black coffee with a smoldering stare and it began to steam. "Big Al, please, it's just a simple misunderstanding." Big Al's eyes began to lift from the coffee as the styrofoam cup started to deform. "Please, don't look at me that way! The Cowboy has it, honest." The fog was even thicker when Big Al slipped out the back door. Half way across the asphalt he smelled the Crook's cheroot and heard the unmistakable clink of spurs. The Cowboy ambled up carrying a roll under one arm. "Here." "Thank you." "Don't mention it." Mission accomplished.



Meanwhile, high in the Los Altos Hills, the MC was cleaning her Kentucky Sliverstar just in case Big Al needed any help or encouragement. Yes, there are some things even more dangerous than Big Al.

DOOR PRIZE

The Door Prize was a super '05 Drive bag was donated by the Club. Future door prizes:

- July 26 - David Chappell;
- Aug 2 - Carole Martin;
- Aug 9 - Steve Padone;
- Aug 16 - Hinda Minor.



Meetings

- July 26 -Install Officers
- July 31 - District installation in SF
- Aug 28 - EPA Lions Charter Night at the University Club

Lion Project receives \$414,803 in community support!



Oshkosh, WI, raised this amount in 2004 by getting a large number of plastic lions - all alike - and then getting businesses to sponsor artists to decorate the Lions. Each Lion presents a theme - here the Paper Boy and Will Shakespeare. When completed, the Lions go on display outside the businesses that sponsor them. It's good for

the arts, good for the businesses, an excellent elevator of civic pride, and great for tourism, since the lions can be visited via walking and bus tours. This would be a super way for the Lions Clubs of San Francisco to raise funds, since the City has all the necessary elements for success. To see how Oshkosh did it and view a whole raft of artistic lions, go to this web page and follow the links: <http://www.uwosh.edu/pride/index.php>.



Lion Bobbi Harold introduced Shiloh Ballard, Director of Housing and Community Development for the Silicon Valley Leadership Group (SVLG), a public policy trade group founded in 1978. Shiloh works at the grassroots level to organize community support for sensible housing policies and housing development, and was on hand to review housing facts and issues in Silicon Valley



as they specifically relate to Palo Alto.

Shiloh began by outlining the severe imbalance between the distribution of housing and jobs in Palo Alto and the Silicon Valley region. Basically, business properties and jobs are highly concentrated in communities such as Palo Alto, where housing is scarce and the cost of housing therefore very high. This imbalance is extremely difficult to address because land available for the building of housing is very scarce and towns are not willing to rezone unused business land for housing because businesses produce more taxes and require fewer services than do residences.

SVLG (1) supports a variety of housing initiatives to expand affordable housing in Silicon Valley, (2) encourages the construction of compact developments in appropriate locations, (3) helps develop "funding streams" for the construction of housing, and (4) seeks to reduce obstacles and increase incentives to facilitate these goals. There is a very high level of economic and political inertia that must be overcome to achieve these objectives. Progress is much more likely when citizens become active in their communities in support of new, affordable housing.



You can learn more at the [Housing and Land Use Committee](#) of the SVLG.

- July 26 - Leslie Williams-Hurt of Project Hired
- July 26 - Installation of Officers
- Aug 2 - Don Stanaway of the Lions Eye Foundation
- Aug 9 - Beverly Fuchs on the art of mediation

NO fruit! Elizabeth Seton School is in recess.

