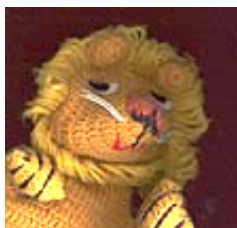


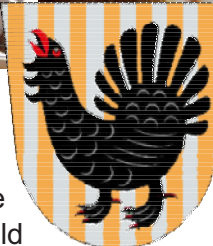
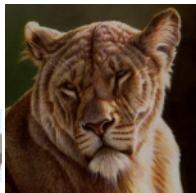


PRESIDING Lion President Ken Harker presided and Lion Roy Minor offered the invocation.

Puck the Cluck Revealed King of Erie!



You've probably heard the official line that Tail Twister Lion Bruce Whitson and his official Voice, Puck the Cluck, are currently on holiday in southern California. Not so, according to our undercover reporter, the Puppet who is no Puppet. In reality, they are traveling *inognito* on the Emerald Isle, where Puck the Cluck is challenging Puck the Goat, the current King of Old



Erie, for that title and all the royal perquisites to which it attaches. You see, more than 300 years gone, Oliver Crowell came a raiding in Ireland. There, at the foot of the McPuckypullett Reeks he set upon a great flock of pullets, but the Rooster, Puck the Red, flew off towards Cill Orglain (Killorglin) on the banks of the River Laune, where he raised the alarm and so saved the day. For this service, he was made King of Puck's Fair, and his royal line ruled in Erie until 1808, when the English Governor had a falling out with the master of the Fair, one Mr. Blennerhassett, who collected tolls from all who attended the fair on the basis that it was a "cattle fair" and so financed it. The Governor saw to it that toll fairs centered around cattle, sheep or horses, were henceforth banned. Mr. B. promptly got himself a wild goat, proclaimed the fair to be a Goat Toll Fair, named his Goat Puck and proclaimed him King of Puck's Fair, banishing Puck the Cluck's noble ancestor. Now we understand that Lion Bruce has accompanied Puck back to Kerry to reclaim his royal patrimony.

Lion Bill Downey announced that we would be having another day at the races on Sunday, September 11th, with lunch at the Turf Club and the usual activities and amenities. Cost is \$27. Lion Al Thomas reminds us that there is still time (until the 18th) to get our adverts into the District Directory and Yellow Pages. Everyone will get copies of the Directory, scheduled to be distributed at the First Cabinet Meeting on August 27th. Lion Nick Marinaro announced that the President's BBQ is scheduled for Sunday, October 2nd, at the Redwood Picnic Area in Mitchell Park. And Lion Jim McLaughlin read thank-you letters from Friends for Youth and from the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Peninsula for our donations of \$700 and \$500, respectively.

HEAR YE!



DOOR PRIZE

The Door Prize, a fine bottle of bubbles, was donated by Carole Martin and won by Jim McLaughlin. Future door prizes: Aug 16 - Steve Padone; Aug 23 - Hinda Minor; Aug 30 - No meeting; Sept. 6 - David Knight; Sept. 13 Marion Moreno; Sept. 20 - Roy Riccetti.



Meetings

Aug 21 - Peninsula Council of Lions
 Aug 28 - EPA Lions Charter Night at the University Club

BIRTHDAYS

We celebrated the birthday of Lion David Chappell. We had almost as many keys as singers. And our abundant flats and 11 tone scale would have confused even Alvin Berg. Nevertheless, there was a smile on every face and satisfaction in every heart.



Palo Alto Mediation Program

Lion Bobbi Harold introduced Beverly Fuchs and Alice Fishgrund, mediators with the Palo Alto Mediation Program. Beverly and Alice were on hand to explain how the program works.

The Mediation Program operates under the auspices of the City of Palo Alto Human Relations Commission. Together with a phone-based conciliation service, it is open to anyone who lives or works in Palo Alto. And all services are free and confidential. It is designed to help settle disputes between neighbors, tenants and landlords, and workers and employers, and it has an 80% success rate.

In a typical mediation, the individuals in conflict meet with one or two mediators. They begin by taking turns speaking to the mediator and, if things go well, eventually may talk to one another directly. The first stage (these are fuzzy stages) of the negotiation is simple venting, so that each party knows how the other feels. In the second stage, the important issues and objectives of each party are defined clearly so that everyone understands them. In the third stage, these are refined and prioritized. In the fourth stage, the parties suggest different ways in which they might work together to achieve their bottom-line objectives. Finally, they agree on a plan of action and a time table for its completion. Since the parties, themselves, are the architects of the agreement, and since the agreement is completely voluntary, it is not surprising that 97% of these agreements are carried through to completion. And, if the process fails at any point, the parties can be referred to other services.

Throughout the mediation, the mediators help to keep proceedings civil and on track, provide encouragement, answer technical questions, witness the agreement, and monitor its execution.

More can be learned at: <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/pamediation/index.html> .



Aug 16 - Elegant Grayhounds
 Aug 23 - Ruth Janscheck on Art Therapy
 Aug 30 - No meeting (5th Tuesday)
 Sept 6 - Klaus Janscheck on Lions in Germany
 Sept 13 - City Team on their program

