



PRESIDING

Lion President Ken Harker presided and offered the invocation.



GUESTS

We were honored by the visitation of Lion Rudy Pedagat, a member of the South San Francisco Lions Club and active MERLO participant, who is on the Long Tail road. Lion Rudy, we love you - come back as often as you can!

Elizabeth Seton Walkathon Lion Jim McLaughlin reported on the walkathon that was held at Elizabeth Seton School on the weekend. Lions Jim and Joan were on hand to watch the class that we sponsored strut their stuff and help raise funds for their school. You can learn more at <http://seton.ca.campusgrid.net/home>.



MERLO

The Peninsula MERLO team met this week to work on the establishment of a new club in Belmont. They arranged the third organizational meeting for the Belmont Lions Club at Twin Pines Lodge on the evening of November 16th. At present, it looks like we have a core of seven members.



BIRTHDAYS

We rose our voices on high to celebrate the annual elevation of Lions Erv Austin and Mary Lou Robson. Sometimes the loss of auditory discrimination is a mercy.



The Palo Alto Lions Charities Board adopted the following budget in its meeting of November 3rd: Sight \$12,000; Hearing \$8,500; Youth \$8,000; Diabetes \$2,000; Seniors \$6,000; Civic \$6,800; Rehabilitation \$6,500; Contingency \$1,000; Stanford Scholarship Fund \$15,000; Grand total \$65,800. Of this total, \$60,000 is the profit from the 2005 Palo Alto Concours d'Elegance, and \$5,800 are funds rolled over from last years budget and various unspent contingency funds.



There will be a special meeting of the Boards at the Concours office on the evening of Tuesday, November 8th, to consider the budget for the 2006 Concours. All those interested are invited to attend.



The Door Prize, the dreaded mug, was donated by the Club and won by Joan Peterson. Future door prizes: Nov. 8 - Jim Steiner; Nov. 15 - Gil Gilfix; Nov. 22 - Jess Glidewell; Nov. 29 - NO MEETING.



Meetings

Nov 15 4C3/4C4 joint meeting University Club in Palo Alto



From Our Sister Clubs in Dresden



Lions Klaus and Ruth are back in Dresden and we are preparing to Twin with their Lions Clubs. Right, Lion Ruth presents Lion Robert Bey, President of the Dresden Waldschloesschen Li-



ons Club, with our club banner. Left, Lion Klaus does likewise to Lion President Detlef Müller-Greven of the Dresden Agenda 21 Lions Club. Lion Klaus, we can tell that California has had a great effect on you because you are the most casually dressed person in this picture. Of course, the Concours shirt could be considered a kind of uniform, and thus formal attire. If other members of your club have the secret wish to be less formal, perhaps we could help them with the California look.



Progress with Spinal Muscular Atrophy



Lion Bobbi Harold introduced Marge Shively, an expert in exercise therapy and a spokesperson for Families with SMA, a genetic disease that is the leading cause of death of children under the age of two. It is commonly caused by a recessive gene that one in 40 people carry here in America. Random recombination means that SMA is expressed in about one of every 1600 pregnancies. Only 30 years ago, virtually nothing could be done to help babies with SMA and they typically died at a very young age. More recently, our increasing understanding of genetics and the function of proteins in the nervous system has made it possible to develop medical interventions that prolong and better the lives of those with SMA.



Today, stem cell research and biochemical interventions in nerve cells hold the promise of long term therapies and a potential cure for SMA. You can learn more at <http://www.fsma.org>.



- Nov 8 - Lou Young, Youth Project with Model Airplanes
- Nov 8 - Concours Budget Board meeting at 7:30 pm
- Nov 15 - Big Game Madness Meeting - a Joint 4C4/4C3 Palo Alto/Berkeley Lions clubs meeting
- Nov 22 - Jim Bennett, Public Information Officer, Mt. View
- Nov 29 - 5th Tues. No Meeting



Remember to bring Fresh Fruit for Elizabeth Seton School.