



December 27, 2005

District 4-C4

PRESIDING

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

LION CHAZ VISITS BELLINGHAM CENTRAL LIONS CLUB

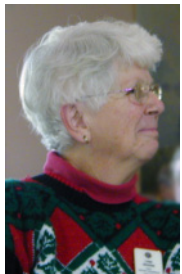


As you know, Lion Chaz plans to move north in a month or two. While visiting with his sister's family over Christmas, he had the good fortune to be introduced to the Bellingham Central Lions Club by Lion Hal Vaughn, PDG of District 19-H, and his charming wife, Lion Lynn Vaughn, a member of another club in Bellingham and also PDG of 19-H. They have a membership in excess of 140 and over 50 were attending the meeting when Lion Chaz was introduced.



For our cruising Lions, Bellingham Central runs a unique Christmas Cruise that visits tiny islands in the Inland Passage, bringing with them Santa, presents and good cheer to folks who would otherwise do without - including isolated

hospitals along the way. You can find more about Bellingham Central Lions at <http://www.home.comcast.net/~bhamlions/>.



PDG Lion Lynn is also a trustee of the Northwest Lions Foundation for Sight and Hearing, based in Seattle, and has been active in promoting their new program, the Audient Alliance for Accessible Hearing Care. Audient uses US made, behind-the-ear, Oticon hearing aids that are supplied through EPIC. PDG Lion Lynn will be in California in April to see how the Audient program might be used to supplement the efforts of our own Hearing Foundation and other programs in parts of southern California.

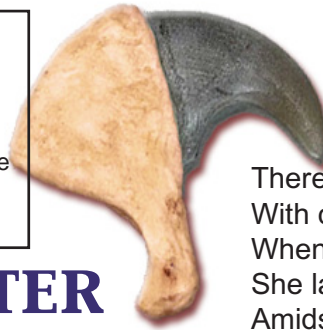
You can find out more about Audient at <http://audientalliance.org>.



The Door Prize has been going around incognito for the last couple of weeks. Future door prizes: Jan. 3 - Erv Austin; Jan 10 - Hal Moreno; Jan 17 - Ken Harker.

Meetings

- Jan 11 - Concours Working Group
- Jan 23 - Peninsula Council - Doubletree at SFO 835 Airport



TWISTER

For Patty Allan, tall and fair,
Who dwells within a Lions' Den,
A place of mighty manéd men,
Unruly louts who huff and glare:

There once was a Twister of Tails
With claws that were tougher than nails.
When her Lions were rash,
She lashed them a lash
Amidst roars and groans and wails.



On December 13th, Lion Bill Downey introduced Christine Nichols from RotaCare, a collaboration between Rotary, hospitals, clinics, and community and service organizations. It relies primarily on volunteer physicians, nurses, pharmacists, translators and clinic workers to provide free medical care to the needy. Clinics are held two evenings a week, serving up to 40 patients a session. Each clinic is overseen by an administrative council and operated by 10 to 20 volunteers. Patients are primarily women and children. You can learn more and become a volunteer at: <http://www.rotacarebayarea.org/>.



On December 20th, Lion Bill Downey introduced Bill Fisher, a board member of the Alzheimer's Association of Northern California and Nevada. Bill was on hand to tell us about the programs and services provided by the Association. These include support and training for family caregivers, patients in the early stages of Alzheimer's and healthcare professionals; a helpline and referral service; a monthly newsletter; a family education program focused on memory loss, maximizing memory and brain health; a safe return program for lost patients; a family support program; and special local services such as the Asian and Pacific Islander dementia care network. These are delivered through community outreach, workshops, conferences, special events, and printed and videotaped educational materials. Learn more at: <http://www.alznorcal.org/index.asp>.



- Jan 3 - Lion Big Al has something hidded up his Mane
- Jan 10 - Mark Morris for Help One Child, which is in its 14th year placing children in foster homes.
- Jan 17 - The Governor visits

Remember to bring Fresh Fruit for Elizabeth Seton School and Stamps for Easter Seals

