



January 3, 2006

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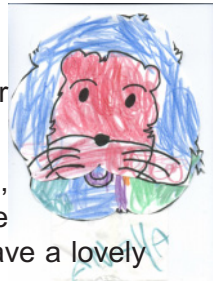
# PRESIDING

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



# GUESTS

We were delighted to welcome Marilyn Roseman, the friend and neighbor of Lion David Knight. Marilyn, please come and visit some more, so more of us can get to know you. You have a lovely smile and we'd like to see it again.



The Board met on January 5th. It considered the "Model Club Candidacy" for the SightFirst II LCIF campaign and decided that this program was simply too expensive for our participation since it would require a minimum contribution of over \$16k. Lion Clarence Rinne reported that he had received a request for glasses for 17 children in the Palo Alto Schools, at a cost of just over \$2,000. The board allocated an additional \$500 to the site budget in anticipation of more requests.



The Board also accepted the resignations of Jess Glidewell and Mike Humpheries whose business commitments have made it impossible to be active members of the club. Mike will continue to volunteer with the Concours as time permits. Lion President Ken Harker announced that the selection of new officers for 2006/2007 had to be complete by the Ides of March. The nomination committee will be appointed shortly.

## SCOTCH AUCTION ON FEBRUARY 7TH!

Don't miss our private auction of 50 to 65 year old scotch at our Luncheon meeting on February 7th. There are several varieties adding up to some 10 cases, but we will be offering it by the bottle until the club is sated. The scotch is a gift to the benefit of our charity budget. It is rumored that there may be a proof-of-product tasting sometime prior to the auction. Don't know where or when, but if anyone is likely to find out, it's Lion Gil, so you might have him followed if he won't fess up to you.



The Door Prize, \$10 in cold hard cash, was donated by the club and won by Don Douglas. Future door prizes: Jan 10 - Hal Moreno; Jan 17 - Ken Harker; Jan 24 - Wayne Saylor; Jan 31- No meeting; Feb 1 - Roger Stroud; Feb 8 Joan Peterson; Feb 15 - Tom Sutton; Feb 22 - Roy Minor.



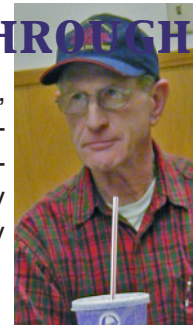
## Meetings

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

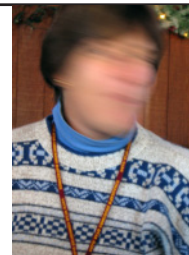


## NEWSLETTER BREAKTHROUGH

In a tour d'esprit of imaginative composition, Lion Wayne created an alphabet-length message in compressed Bobbi Minimalese so compact that Lion Bobbi, herself, had difficulty translating. Congratulations, Lion Wayne! By



this mighty feat, you have demonstrated that you have the Ability and the time to be our next Newsletter Editor!



Fear not! Others have volunteered to help you. Lion Roy will provide graphics and Lion Joan has offered to provide photographs on the understanding that some of them will be a little blurry. Don't worry, Lion Joan, I have the same problem from time to time. The secret is - take lots of pictures and in one of them the guest is bound to be clear and good looking.



Lion Al Thomas introduced Brian Higgins, who works for our local VA hospital as a specialist in the rehabilitation of the blind at the Western Blind Rehabilitation Center (WBRC). Blinded vets come from all over the western US and are taught the skills to adapt and be productive in their communities. He also works with the Northern California chapter of the Blinded Veterans Association, which often meets at the VA. We met Brian last October when he was helping out with a Palo Alto walk to meet the mayor and needed tee shirts for his BVA troops.



Brian is also an inventor who is particularly interested in robotic assistance for the blind, especially widgets that allow blind people to move efficiently from place to place. He rides to work on his bicycle to test some of these devices. We'll know that things are getting serious when we see him careening about wearing a blindfold.

You can learn more about our local VA's Western Blind Rehabilitation Center at <http://www.palo-alto.med.va.gov/show.asp?durki=1285>.

You can learn more about the Blinded Veterans Association at <http://www.bva.org/index.html>.



- Jan 10 - Mark Morris for Help One Child, which is in its 14th year placing children in foster homes.
- Jan 17 - The Governor visits
- Jan 24 - ILan Wurman of the Partisan Review
- Jan 31 - No Meeting

**Remember to bring Fresh Fruit for Elizabeth Seton School**

