



Palo Alto Host Lions Club



MANE TOPICS

September 2, 2008



Regular luncheon meeting, University Club 12:00 noon
Arthur Lloyd, The railroad guru, will talk about "trains, trains, trains".
Hal Marino is in charge of the programs for September
Bobbie Harold, door prize.



Next Board Meeting: **September 2, 7:00 PM**, Concours office

September 7. Dr Weis Superintendent of Public Instruction, Santa Clara County.
We will meet in the small room, there is a large party in the main dining
room. Door prize: Dean Johnson

September 16, Evening meeting, 6:30 Palo Alto Golf Course Café
Door Prize, Becky Schuette

**President's Barbecue September 14
Palo Alto Café, Palo Alto Golf Course
4:00 PM, \$12.00**

**Hamburgers, hotdogs etc.
no host bar**

You are welcome to bring friends and prospective new members!!



Each Lion is on Membership Recruitment!!

Bring prospective members to a meeting and /or the Picnic.
One reason to have an evening meeting is to attract new members.
Prospective members are free for the first two meetings.

Door Prizes for September 2, Bobbie, September 9, Dean Johnson, September 16 Becky Schuette

The Carmudgeon (Jim Steiner) requests all members pay their luncheon bills promptly!!! The Lions Club is committed to pay The University Club and the Bay Café each month. You don't pay, the Club can't pay!!!!

Jim will be using a new easier to understand billing form starting this month.

TRIP TO BLIND VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

Tuesday, August 26 a contingent of Palo Alto Lions visited the **Western Blind Rehabilitation Center** at the Palo Alto Veterans' Hospital. Brian Higgins escorted Lions on a tour of the facilities. Lions who also enjoyed lunch there were Hal and Marion Marino, Roger Stroud, Bruce Whitson, Sam Lerner, Barbara Phillips with guest Pat Sorensen and Bill Downey. Thanks to AI for making the arrangements.

The center has 32 patient rooms with an average stay of six weeks and is the second oldest vision rehabilitation center in the VA system.

The Center encompasses 5 disciplines to facilitate independent living:: 1) Orientation and mobility (basically getting around, using public transportation. 2) Manual Skills with a well-equipped wood shop and a ceramic studio. 3) Living Skills which teaches cooking and food preparation. 4) Visual Skills (75% have some vision) and patients are taught to compensate for visual loss. 5) Computer Access - most used by younger vets and assisted by voice prompts on computers. Led by Brian Higgins the tour revealed a state of the art facility bringing the visually impaired back into mainstream life and work.

Many of the patients are up in years and suffer loss of vision due to aging, more recently younger veterans, casualties of Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom, suffering eye trauma have become patients there.

They are looking for volunteers to assist in various areas.

Bill Downey

We are looking forward to Brian Higgins speaking to us at a future meeting