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Dear Joe,

Thank you for your input and mostly positive feedback in the recent survey about the eNewsletter. We will endeavor to keep improving and perfecting it. This is your newsletter and articles and club news come from you and from your activity reports. So keep them both coming! Please send your articles and activity reports to Cabinet Secretary Jean Westcott by the 25th of each month for publishing on the 5th.



A reminder to please attend the third [District Cabinet Meeting](#) on February 20, starting at 8:30 and going until noon, with lunch being provided by our newest chartered club, Willow Glen Lions Club at a cost of only \$10. Thank you, Willow Glen, for your participation. We will have a guest speaker who will motivate you to "Turn it Up a Notch" in your efforts to recruit new members and to achieve balance in your life. During lunch we will have open discussion on "How to Acquire New Members" facilitated by Leadership Chair Karen, Membership Chair Goody, Extension Chair Larry, Retention Chairs Ray and Liz, and Orientation Chair Bob De.

Sincerely,



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Barbara Stone honored at 25th Annual Diabetes Luncheon

Lion Barbara M. Stone, Milpitas Host Lions, was honored for over 40 years of service in our



communities for diabetes education and diabetes awareness at the 25th Annual Lions Diabetes Luncheon. The Wyndham Hotel on January 30, 2010 was once again the provider of an excellent lunch for the over 220 Lions and guests thanks to the efforts of Lions Rene and Maggie De Luna and committee members Lions Peter Herrera, Irene Whiteside, Milpitas Host, and Val Isaacson, Almaden Super Lions. Lions Rene DeLuna, Chris Morris, and Thomas Smith each told of how Barb has worked with the Lions, AJ Robinson Mobile Health Screening Unit, and the Diabetes Society.

The proceeds from the luncheon, raffle, and donations to the Diabetes Society and those in honor of Barb's work will be used for their diabetes camping program for children in District 4-C6 from low-income families who would otherwise be unable to attend camp.

Lion Kat Carpenter, Diabetes Society Camp Director, talked about how important it is for kids with diabetes to attend family camp, day camp, and/or resident camps. A child with diabetes may be the only one with diabetes in their school. Camp gives them a chance to be with other kids with diabetes and also enjoy all the usual camping activities watched over by trained medical and camp staff. Camps also give parents a break from the job of constantly monitoring their child's blood glucose, food intake, and activity level.



Matt Helm, Dean Martin impersonator, captivated the audience with his looks, voice, charm, and family rated jokes. It was fun to sing along with his songs and remember what concerts used to be like. He even posed for pictures while he was singing and after his show!

Plan now to attend next year's Diabetes Luncheon, the last Saturday in January.



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Certified Guiding Lion Training

Certified Guiding Lion training is training for experienced Lions who want to gain information to help start or assist in the growth of a new Lion's club, a branch club, a Leo club, a college age group or even an internet club. Lions who attend this training should already have general information regarding LCIF, MD4 and District 4-C6 operations. This is not an orientation training. If you are interested in attending the Certified Guiding Lion Training on Feb. 27th or know someone who would like to attend, contact District Leadership Chair Karen Fillmore at karenfillmore@aol.com or call 408 813-5106.

LIONESSE CLUB RECOGNIZED FOR EDEN VALLEY SUPPORT

The Soledad Lioness Club was honored for its fourteen years of support for Eden Valley Care Center. For over 14 years the club has supported the nursing home activity program, maintained the center's 100 gallon fresh water fish aquarium, hosted the monthly resident birthday party and has participated in the center's fundraising events. The Lioness Club, along with the companion Soledad Lions Club, has devoted countless service hours and precious funds to help the nursing home maintain its unique home-like environment. The Lions Club recently hosted a much appreciated barbeque luncheon for the residents and nursing staff. Both clubs have been instrumental in projects that have made Eden Valley Care Center a most unique nursing home. [Click here](#) to view newspaper article.

Cupertino DeAnza Lions Community Outreach

Esther Halwani, a counselor at DeAnza College Special Education Division, had a hearing-impaired student that needed new hearing aides. Abit Baral, a 19 year old exchange student from Nepal, had difficulties following his classes because his hearing was severely impaired. Esther Halwani located information on the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) website about the Lions "Affordable Hearing Aid Project" and contacted the organization. LCIF referred her to the Cupertino DeAnza Lions Club.

Lion Ray Lancon, DeAnza Lions Club president, mentioned the case in one of the weekly meetings. Lion Kathy Golkar volunteered to work with Esther and her student. Together they filled out the required application documents in February 2009.

After it was determined that the student met the qualifications, the DeAnza club agreed to purchase two Rexton Targa 3 P digital hearing aides, to be worn behind the ears, at a total cost of \$ 400.00. Bill Forrest at Sears Hearing Aid Center located in the Cupertino Square Mall provided his services pro- bono, which included making the ear molds and programming the hearing aides.

Abit received his hearing aides beginning of April 2009. Both, Abit and Esther, attended one of our monthly meetings in September 2009 to thank our club for purchasing and donating the hearing aides. Abit said that he is doing well in school and is able to participate in group discussions. Esther stated the transformation in his self-confidence was amazing. She went on to say that prior to getting the hearing aides, he did not smile much or socialize with other

students. Abit added: "I had no idea my room mate plays his radio at night when he went to bed".

Abit continues to do well in school and hopes to transfer to Cal-Poly to study engineering.

Update: Lions Hope for Haiti

by 2nd VDG Liz Crooke

All of the information in this article was taken directly from the LCI website: <http://lionsclubs.org/EN/lci-foundation/haiti-relief/index.php>

PLEASE visit this site often for Haiti updates as well as other information from LCI. More than \$1.5 million dollars has been mobilized for the Haiti relief project so far. LCIF continues to work directly with the Lions of Haiti as well as Lions in neighboring countries to assess the immediate needs and also develop a long term reconstruction plan.



Examples of what your donation can provide:

- \$25-\$50, Water food and clothing to keep a family sustained for a week or more.
- \$100-\$250, First Aid/Medication, for one shift of emergency first aid.
- \$500-\$1,000, to help re-build and establish community infrastructure, long term process.
- \$5000 +, help provide a portion of the funds necessary for construction of schools, clinics, etc.

To Donate:

- on line at www.lcif.org/donate
- credit card donation (see site for instructions)
- mail a check (see site for instructions).
- make a direct deposit (see site for instructions)
- do a direct wire transfer (see site for instructions)
- use donor disaster donation form (see site for instructions)

***Designated donations are not eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowship recognition per board policy.**

Donations for Haiti a tax deductible for 2009 U.S.taxes through February 2010.

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REACHING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY

On January 15th, 2010, DeAnza Lions Kathy and Kerry took 2 middle school age students to [LensCrafters®](#) at the Westgate Shopping Center (San Jose) for an eye examination and prescription of eyeglasses, sponsored by DeAnza Lions Club. When the lion ladies arrived at the school to pick up the kids, they were warmly greeted by the office staff, thanking them for helping these children. The sensitive and professional optometrist at [LensCrafters®](#) also expressed her gratitude to the lions and the DeAnza Lions club for reaching out and getting involved.

Both the kids that Lions Kathy and Kerry met were extremely polite, excited and grateful for the help our club provided. The girl did not stop smiling the entire time. Her brother received his glasses immediately, while the girl had to wait a few more days. Lions Kathy and Kerry again took the time to take her back to [LensCrafters®](#).

Needless to say that both lions received a huge hug from the kids.

Lions Kerry and Kathy, together with the DeAnza Lions Club thank [LensCrafters®](#) for their professional and sensitive help

CABRILLO LIONS "ADOPT" A BEACH IN APTOS

The Cabrillo Host Lions Club of Aptos has "adopted" Hidden Beach, a California State Beach in Aptos.

As a community service Lions from the Cabrillo Lions Club perform beach cleanups at Hidden Beach on a regular basis.

The "Adopt-a-Beach" program is sponsored by Save Our Shores, a Santa Cruz based nonprofit marine conservation and environmental organization. Civic

groups such as the Cabrillo Lions commit to periodic cleanups of their adopted beach. The Cabrillo Lions did three separate beach cleanups last year, and plan to continue with the program in 2010.



Women's Symposium

Bring your Sweetheart to our Valentine-themed [Women's Symposium](#). Saturday, February 13, 10am to 2pm. Lions Community Hall, 12415 Murphy Avenue, San Martin.

Special guest speaker will be Lion Vickie Smith, wife of MD4 International Director candidate Bob Smith.

\$10 for lunch, free ice cream served following the festivities.

RSVP to Letty Acosta (408) 255-6261.

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**Milpitas Host Lions Club
presents
Free Health Screening Day at Milpitas Walmart**

Saturday, February 6, 2010
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Milpitas Walmart Store
301 Ranch Drive
Milpitas

All Ages

Free checkups for: Diabetes, Eyesight, Hearing, General Health

San Jose North Valley Lions Club

Sweetheart Ball

Saturday, February 13, 2010
6:00 - 11:00 PM
The Villages Golf & Country Club
5000 Cribari Lane
San Jose, CA 95135
\$30/person
\$55/couple



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**Cupertino De Anza Lions and
Sunnyvale Sunrise Rotary Club
14th Annual Charity Crab Feed**



They all came --- 595++ people --- to the 14th Annual Charity Crab Feed, organized by the Cupertino DeAnza Lions and the Sunnyvale Sunrise Rotarians. Prominent guests included the IPDG Marlene Duffin and her husband, as well as Lion Bob Ferber, candidate for 2VDG for our district. As last

year, the event took place at the Community Hall of St. Williams Parish in Los Altos. Despite the continued economic crisis, tickets for the first seating were sold out long before Christmas, while there were a couple of tickets left over for the second seating.

As in previous years, the Fish Market restaurant delivered ocean-fresh crab, 2100 pounds of it, which was scrubbed, cleaned and iced by some 10 intrepid Lions and 5 Rotarians the day before.

Beer, music, and about \$ 8,000 were donated to the cause, which helps keeping a healthy profit for both clubs, to be distributed to our dedicated charities and causes. After a few hours of smooth setup, the guests began to stream in, taking seats at the beautifully decorated tables, while listening to the Thrown Together Jazz Band which was in great form.



The kitchen was humming with numerous volunteers, preparing salads, cooking spaghetti, and baking garlic bread, while outside the hall, other volunteers, especially from the Fish Market, cooked the crab to perfection. Our servers this year were students of Monte Vista High; they were eager to help not only with waiting the tables, but also selling raffle tickets

and cleaning up. Over 20 raffle prizes went to some happy clients, while almost all silent auction items found a new owner.

After redecorating tables and a small break for the musicians, the volunteers enjoyed a slice or two of Pizza, before another crowd of almost 300 people showed up.

Again, our young helpers waited on the tables, sold raffle tickets, and keys to the lock box. We thank the winners of the lockbox, who donated a total of \$ 2, 000 to the victims of the Haitian earthquake.

A roaring thank you goes to all sponsors and volunteers of this event. Many of them already signed up for next year, including the volunteers of the Fish Market and the Band. The proceeds will be split with the Rotary Club, as usual, and will be distributed to our charitable causes.

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Sunnyvale Host Mourns the Loss of Bill Field

Sunnyvale Host Lions mourn the passing of Past President Bill Field, at the age of 91. Lion Bill attained over 50 years of service as a Lion. He was also a member of the Mountain View Rotary Club and BPOE #1471 and a past president of the Exchange Club. He is survived by his wife Teresa. Lion Bill attended club meetings regularly until the very end of his life; his fellow Lions will miss him.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

[Click here](#) for full listing of upcoming District and Other Events

[MD4 Convention Riverside February 5-7](#)

District 4-C6 Cabinet Meeting February 20 8:30 - 1:00

[Agenda](#)

[Governor's Roast](#)

Bar Opens 2:45, Roast, 3:00, Dinner at 5:00

\$25 per person, no tickets sold at door

Santa Clara Valley Blind Center

101 N Bascom Ave

San José, CA

The Technology Committee will be announcing a date for a three-hour, tech-only training event at San Martin Hall in March or April, including how to create and manage your club's website using [e-Clubhouse](#). For further information on e-Clubhouse or to get started now, contact [Linda Pugliese](#) or [Hugh Donagher](#).

Please submit articles, announcements, news, and activity report to [Cabinet Secretary Jean Westcott](#) no later than 2/25 for inclusion in the next eNewsletter. Please send in text format and JPG picture format, not PDF.

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