

Lions Clubs of 4-C6

The First 50 Years



*A History of Clubs in the 4-C6
District*



To the Lions of District 4-C6,

This project started out as a continuation of the booklet that was put out 25 years ago at the 25th Anniversary of our District. PDG Louis Milani with additional information provided by Lion Ron Paterson published a 30 page booklet with the 25 Governors of District 4-C6.

This book is over 117 pages and covers not only the Governors but a history of the clubs in the District as well as an Index of Club Pins. I am under no delusion that this is a complete work and accept it as a work in progress.

I hope that it will inspire more club histories and more club pins so we can include them in future revisions of this book. I must admit it was fun learning more about the District and the members that shaped the District.

This book would not be possible without the information that that was provided by the clubs and individuals of the district.

A special thanks goes to Lions PCC Chuck Hart, who spent a lot of time filling me in on the history of the District and provided Pins and Banners, PDG Virgil Williams who provide documentation going back to the late 70's and Pins and Banners and PDG Bob Froom who got me started in collecting by providing me with Pins and Banners to start my collection.

Congratulation to the District for 50 years of Service

Richard Silveria

Almaden Super Lions

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This is a reprint from the 25th Anniversary booklet that was issued at the Seaside Lions Club 6th Annual Dinner Honoring the Past District Governors held at the Seaside Community Center, 986 Hilby Ave on Thursday, February 11, 1988. Areas of this text have been updated to reflect current numbers of clubs and members in Lions International.

The International Association of Lions Clubs is the world's largest, most active and most representative service club organization with over 1.35 million members in 45,000 clubs in over 200 countries and geographic areas.

Lions history really dates back to 1914 when Melvin Jones first conceived the idea that clubs made up of business and professional men should offer service to the community, , rather than promote an organization for personal profit.

The first organizational meeting was held in 1917 in Chicago, Illinois, and plans were then made to hold the first annual convention of the new organization in Dallas, Texas in October of that year. Some 50 independent clubs were represented and 22 of them decided to form the Association, adopt the Constitution, draw the Objects and write the Code of Ethics. Nine states were represented: Arkansas, California, Colorado, Illinois, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas.

Lionism in California , now known as Multiple District Four, had its beginning in the same year that Lions International was founded, 1917. The Oakland club was busy getting organized during the time of the Dallas convention. Jesse Robinson was elected first president of the Oakland group, and later went on to become President of Lions International. Oakland was the old First District, extending from the Mexican border on the south to the Canadian line on the North, and from the Pacific Ocean on the west to the Utah state line on the east.

Los Angeles had a club in 1918. Berkley became number 3 in the District in 1919, San Jose formed a club in 1920, and at the Denver International Convention that year there was a total of nine Lions clubs in the District, all in California.

In 1921, the old First District was divided, with the clubs of Oregon and Washington becoming part of District 19. Reno formed a club in 1921. Our District had 12 Clubs and 920 members. In 1922 we became the Fourth District of Lionism.

San Jose had its first district convention in 1928. Jack McDonald of San Francisco was elected District Governor and during his year the club population grew from 138 to 145 with the membership numbering over 6000.

In 1934-35 the total membership figure reached 6,151, and we had 165 clubs in the Fourth District. There were nine deputy District Governors in the entire district.

Hawaii became a District of its own in 1936 and was given the number 50.

The multiple district governor plan was recommended by a large majority at the Mid-Winter conference in Fresno in January of 1937 and was adopted at the Santa Monica Fourth District Convention in June of that same year. Five separate zones were set up, each with a District Governor.

In 1938-1939, George M. Smith of San Jose was District Governor of District 4-B and it was at the 20th annual convention of the Fourth District in Long Beach that the song "God Bless America" was adopted as the official song.

District 4-N was formed this year comprising the clubs of Nevada. 4-B had 57 clubs with 3,568 members at the end of Smith's year.

The 1940 convention of District 4 was held in San Jose in June. Zone Chairman Dr. J Earl George (San Jose Host) was there. In 1940-41, Charlie Golick Sunnyvale Host) was Zone Chairman. Jim Land (then Oakland) was Deputy District Governor in 1943-44. In the same year Fred McPherson (Santa Cruz Host) was Zone Chairman.

San Jose had another District 4 Convention in 1944. James Land (Elmhurst, Oakland) was elected as one of the Governors for District 4. At the end of Governor Jim's year the number of members in the California-Nevada District grew to 14,342. Herb Cunningham (Santa Cruz Host was Zone Chairman in 1946-47. Herb would become the 3rd District Governor for newly formed District 4-C6 in 1965-65.

In 1947 Lions International had grown to over 6000 clubs with 320,000 members, and it crossed the borders of 19 foreign countries.

Our District was part of District 4B, and in 1950 this overall area was divided into 4B1 (East Bay and Redwood Region) and 4B2 (San Francisco, the Peninsula, San Jose, Santa Cruz, Monterey Peninsula, Salinas and south to King City).

Leslie R. Olsen (San Jose Host) was the District Governor in 1951-52 and Dr J. Eal George (San Jose Host) was Governor in 1955-56

District 4 was revamped in 1957 and our District became 4-C4. Dr. Wm. F. Coughlin (Carmel) served as District Governor in 1957-58. John Smart was one of the Deputy Governors. 1958-59 saw Jim Denton and Frank Catalano as Deputies. Jim Petit became a Deputy District Governor in 1959-60

The next year King City's Jim Petit became District Governor for 1960-61 and Walt Sanders (South San Jose) was one of his Deputies. In 1960-61 Ron Paterson (Alum Rock) and Dr. Roger Werner (Salinas) were two of the deputy District Governors.

John D. Smart (Los Gatos) was our Governor in 1962-63 Two of his Deputies were Ross Wallace and Frank Young.

Several of our members have served as District Governors in other Districts: D.E. "Gene" Taylor (Cupertino Host) was Governor of District 6-NW in 1955-56; Tony August (Carmel Mission 200) was Governor of District 15 in 1956-57; Inguar Peterson (Los Gatos) served as Governor of District 19-E in 1958-59; and Robert Morgan (Gonzales) was Governor of 5-M3 in 1971-72.

4-C4 was split in 1964 and 4-C6 was designated as the area including Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito and Santa Clara Counties, with the exception of the City of Palo Alto. Past District Governor (then called International Counsellor) Les Olsen (San Jose Host) was most instrumental in achieving this change.

Past International Director Maury Perstein of the Marina Club in San Francisco, who had served as District Governor of 4-C4 in 1952-53, was most helpful in establishing our new District, and for many years thereafter he provided a guiding light for 4-C6.

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A History of Lions in MD-4

Lionism in what is now known as Multiple District Four had its beginning in Oakland with the organization on February 27, 1917, of the first Lions Club on the west coast. It was not until nearly four months later on June 7 that the International Association of Lions Clubs was organized at the Hotel LaSalle in Chicago by Melvin Jones. The first president of that first Lions Club in California was Jesse Robinson, destined in 1919 to become the president of Lions Clubs International.

California and the states adjoining it formed what was then known as the First District. That district was of tremendous size, extending from the Mexican border to the Canadian line and from the Pacific Ocean to the Utah state line. It embraced California, Oregon, Washington and Nevada.

On September 8, 1918, the second club became part of the First District -- the Lions Club of Los Angeles was admitted to International with 100 charter members. The third club was Berkeley organized on June 14, 1919 with a charter membership of 65.

By the time of the International convention in Denver in 1920 there were nine Lions Clubs in the First District. The additions were: Sacramento, San Francisco, San Jose, Stockton, Fresno and Pasadena. The First District convention was held at Oakland on June 7, 1920.

In 1921 the First District was divided. Oregon and Washington became District 19 and the new District 4 consisted of California, Nevada and Hawaii. The first club in Nevada was organized between the 1920 and 1921 district conventions.

In 1924 Nevada had three Lions Clubs and the first "Deputy District Governor" was appointed and given sole charge of Lions Clubs in that state.

In 1925, at the eighth annual International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, an address by Miss Helen Keller changed the direction of the growing International Association of Lions. Miss Keller stood on the stage of an auditorium filled with Lions and in a ringing voice, unaided by electronic gadgets, she challenged her audience to help the world conquer her own affliction -- blindness. Touched by her humanitarian appeal, the Lions promptly made her an Honorary Member, the only woman so honored in the history of the all-male association.

The fifth annual convention of District 4 (the seventh convention for Lions in California) was scheduled for San Jose in 1926. The leadership voted to change the location to San Francisco so it could be held in conjunction with the International Convention there that year. The highlight of that convention was when 45 of the 46 members of the Covina Lions Clubs registered and attended. At that same convention, the delegates endorsed the Junior Lions Club movement, the forerunner of the Leos Clubs. By the 1917 convention, ten Junior Lions Clubs had been formed in California.

The First Council

In 1929 the District Council was formed to run the business of the Fourth District. The members of the District Council were elected by the delegates. This same year, Ray I. Riley of Sacramento became International President and Dr. Billy Wells of Riverside became Chairman of the International Board of Directors.

In 1930, John R. Brokenshire, the first District Secretary, was hired. The district office was located in Oakland.

The 1932 district convention was held in Los Angeles on July 18 and 19 just prior to the International Convention in Los Angeles. That same year, District Four was divided into eight "zones".

On August 8, 1936, the Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International separated the Lions Clubs of Hawaii from the Fourth District making them into a separate district with its own District Governor and organization, and giving that district the number 30. Since that date, the Fourth District has been comprised of the Lions Clubs of California and Nevada. In the course of history, six Lions from what is now known as Multiple District Four have served as Presidents of Lions Clubs International and another fourteen have served as International Directors.

Multiple District Four

In 1937, in a vote of the delegates by 169 to 35, the Multiple District Governors Plan was adopted which created Multiple District Four consisting of five District Governors with equal authority over five separate areas to be designated as Four-A, Four-B, Four-C, Four-D, and Four-E. The new District Governors were: Thomas Maul, Placerville, Don M. Leidig, Hayward, Fred W. Smith, Ventura, B.K. Richardson, Inglewood and Roy O. Day, Pomona. Don M. Leidig was selected as the first Chairman of the Council of Governors. That same year, Reg Harris was hired as the District Secretary.

These five new districts were quite large in size. District 4-C ran from Stockton down to the upper end of the San Joaquin Valley and included the coast area from Paso Robles through Oxnard. Governor Fred Smith wanted to do something in his district that would pull all the diverse clubs together. One of his Deputy District Governors, Frank Colston, suggested a Student Speakers Contest for high school students. The idea was approved by the district cabinet and the contest successfully run in District 4-C that year.

The following year a proposal was made to the Council of Governors that the speech contest become a project for all of District 4. The proposal was adopted and 1938 became the first year the Student Speaker Contest was held throughout California and Nevada. It still remains as one of the unique projects supported by the Lions of MD-4 with approximately 750 clubs annually participating. Lionism in Nevada had its biggest jump in 1938-39. Under the leadership of District Governor Joyn Bernard Foy of Reno, District 4-A gained 369 new members and 11 new clubs for a total of 1,677 members in 46 clubs.

In 1938 Walter F. Dexter of Sacramento became president of Lions Clubs International.

In 1939 the delegates at the convention held in Long Beach voted to adopt the song "God Bless America" as the official song of the Lions of California and Nevada. At that same convention, Nevada was re-designated as District 4-N and Multiple District Four had six districts.

In 1945 the district office was moved to the Granada Building in downtown Santa Barbara. In 1947 Fred W. Smith of Ventura became International President.

MD4 Grows

In 1949 District 4-C was divided and became Districts 4-C1, 4-C2, and 4-C3, increasing to eight the number of districts in MD-4. In 1950 Districts 4-B, 4-D, and 4-E were subdivided into 4-B1 and B2, 4-D1 and D2 and 4-E1 and E2 and MD-4 had 11 Districts. R.C. Harris of Santa

Barbara became the District Secretary. The MD-4 office was located in the Granada Building in the business district of Santa Barbara

In 1953 Lyman Theal was hired as the MD-4 Secretary upon Reg Harris' retirement.

In 1955 a small parcel of property located at 129 Los Aguajes Avenue in Santa Barbara was deeded to Multiple District Four by Ivy M and Francas E. Lyon at a cost of \$22,000. Cost of the land was \$5,000 and the 1,100 sq.ft. building was \$17,000. Title Insurance was 4,504.47 for a total of \$26,504.47. This was dedicated as the new MD4 office and moved from the Granada Building. The MD4 office still occupies this site today.

On July 1, 1957, Multiple District Four was divided into 12 districts and the Council of Governors chose to redesignate the districts with those in the north known as the "C" districts, those in the middle of the state known as the "A" districts and the southern districts known as the "L" districts, following the then abbreviation for the State of California: CAL. Nevada remained as the "N" district.

Rapid growth of Lionism during the next decade caused the creation of a number of new districts in the Multiple. In 1960 the 13th district was added to the multiple and in 1962, two more districts were added bringing the total to 15. In 1964 the 16th district was added.

We Serve

In 1960, the Student Speaker Foundation was organized by District Governor Don Snyder, District 4-A2, Past International President Fred Smith and International Director Dwight Stanford. The purpose of the foundation was to support the Student Speaker Contest by awarding scholarships to the district, area and MD-4 winners. Up to this point, the contest was solely supported by the MD-4 budget. The first cash for the foundation came from the profits of the Lions' Goods Store at the MD-4 convention in Apple Valley in 1962. Gradually the foundation increased its assets, created a fellowship program and today provides \$100,000 in scholarships to sixteen talented high school students.

In 1961, another unique program was created in MD-4, the Youth Exchange Program, to foster and promote better understanding and friendship among the young people of the world. The first exchange of students took place between California-Nevada and Japan, District 302 in 1962. In 1965 the Youth Exchange Committee was added as one of the MD-4 Standing Committees. The committee was changed to an Other Required Committee in 2004 to better suit the committee's needs. The program has expanded and now includes exchanges with Lions' Districts in Australia, New Zealand, Europe, South Africa and South America.

Lyman Theal retired as Secretary in 1966 and was replaced by Gene Johnson.

In 1975, Harry J. Aslan of Kingsburg became the fifth International President from Multiple District Four.

In 1976, Eddie Thompson replaced Gene Johnson as the District Secretary.

In 1980 the most recent new district was created when 4-C2 was divided into 4-C2 and 4-C7 giving the Multiple District 17 districts with 893 clubs and 34,242 members.

In 1990, Dianne Howe became the first woman to hold the post of District Secretary. The title of the position was changed in 1992 to District Administrator.

In 1991, Donald E. Banker of Rolling Hills became Multiple District Four's sixth International President.

In 1998, due to declining membership, district 4-C2 and 4-C7 merged to create one district, 4-C2. Multiple District Four now has sixteen sub-districts.

March 1, 1999, Vicky Soderman was hired as the office Secretary.

In July, 2002 at the Osaka international convention, Kay K. Fukushima of Sacramento was elected President of the Association. He is the seventh Lion from MD-4 to hold this high office.

In October, 2004 Vicky Soderman became the MD4 Administrator when Dianne Howe retired, and on December 6, 2004, Tiana Gia Cara of Santa Barbara was hired as the replacement Secretary.

In July, 2005 Sue Olin was the first woman to ever be elected to the position of Council Chairperson in MD-4 (2005-2006). Of course her husband, Bob, was the first male spouse of a Council Chairperson in MD-4.

On July 5, 2006, District 4-N (Nevada) officially separated from Multiple District 4 and became District 46. MD4 remains with 15 sub-districts.

In October 2006 Vicky Soderman left as MD4 Administrator. Tiana Cara was re-designated as the Office Manager.

There are currently over 790 Lions Clubs throughout the California Multiple with a membership of approximately 23,429 Lions.

In 2010 Tiana Cara left as MD4 Administrator and Cass Cara began her tenure as administrator.

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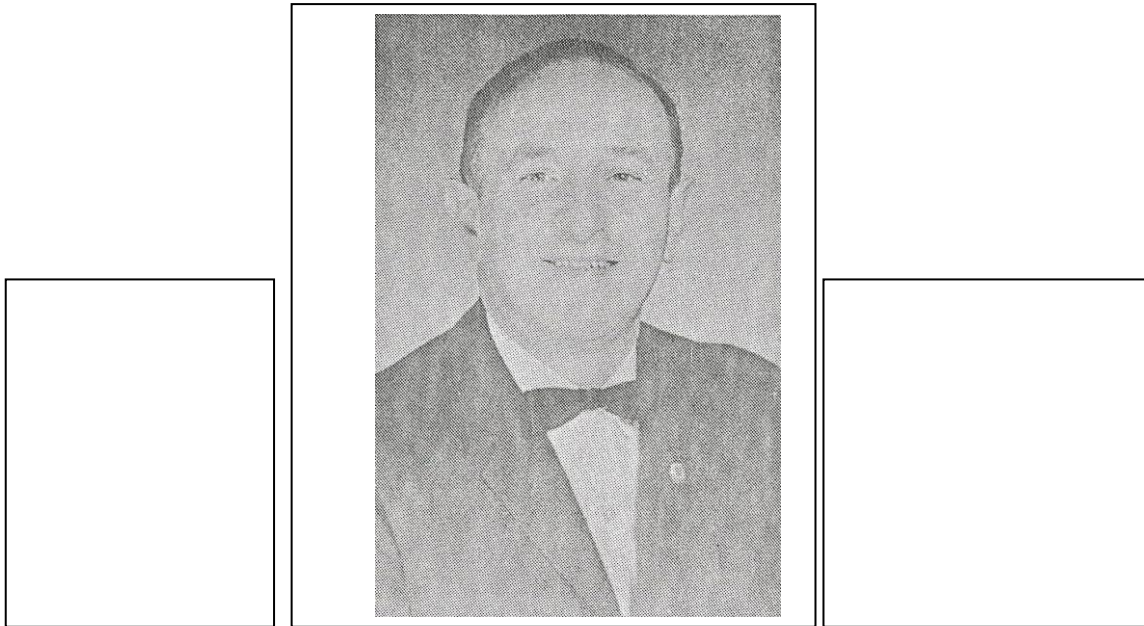
The Governors of the 4-C6

District

4-C6 1st District Governor

Dr Frank Granito

1963-1964



Dr. Frank Granito (Seaside) was the first Governor in District 4-C6 in 1963-1964

Richard Searle served as Cabinet Secretary this year. Two of Lion Governor Frank's Deputies were Lenney Bee and Dr, Milton J Miller.

This was the year to get the ball rolling; Governor Frank worked hard and long to give District 4-C6 a successful start.

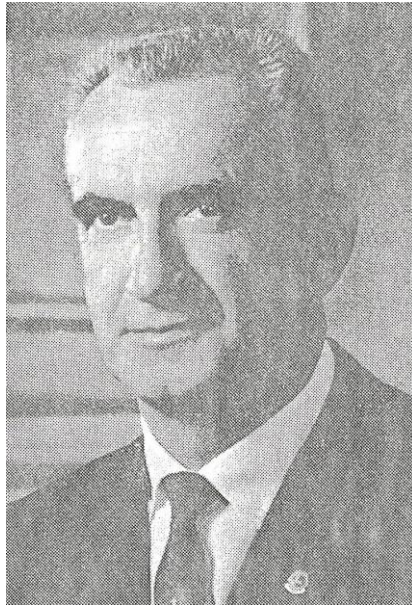
To honor Dr. Frank Granito the District now awards the best club in the district with the Granito Award a perpetual award that is passed on from club to club residing with the winning club for their year.

Dr. Frank Granito Served under Lion International President Aubrey Green (Alabama)

4-C6 2nd District Governor

W L “Walt” Sanders

1964-1965



Walter L. Sanders (South San Jose) was Governor in 1964-1965. Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer was Dwaine “Wick” Wickemeyer.

Among Governor Walt’s Deputy Governors were John Mahan, Lou Mannini and E. H. Gransbury.

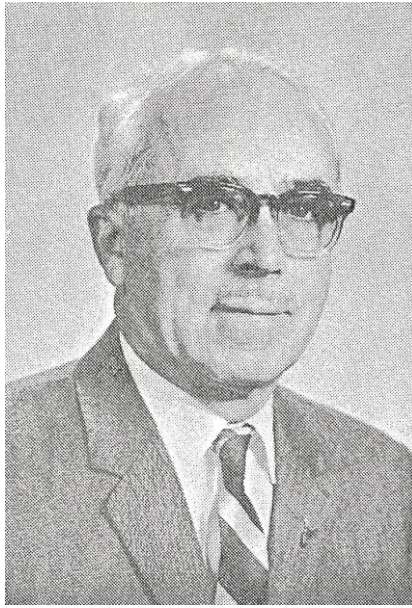
Governor walt Spent many hours in trying to get continuity from one year to the next ... from one connittee chairman to the man who followed the next year. His efforts brought progress along these lines.

Walter served under Lions International President Claude DeVorss (Kansas)

4-C6 3rd District Governor

Herbert L Cunningham

1965-1966



Herb L. Cunningham (Santa Cruz Host) served as Governor in 1965-1966. Herb became a Lion in 1930 and had an active career in Lionism prior to becoming the head of the District.

E.H. "Granny" Gransbury was Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer during this term. Two of Herb's Deputies were Bob Parrett and Bill Ireland.

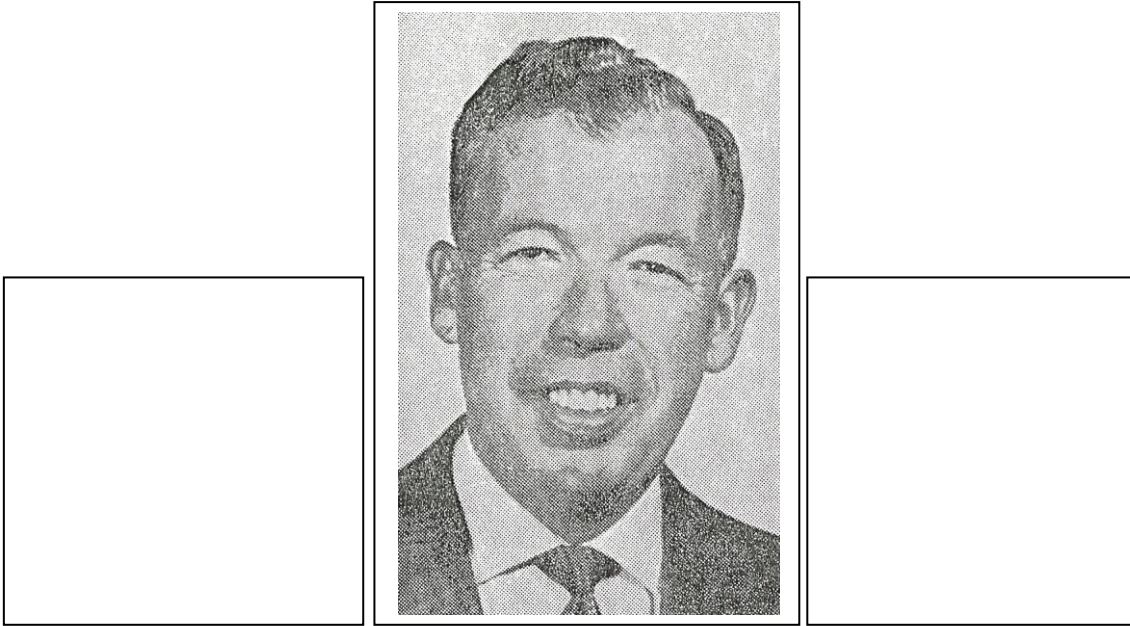
Governor Herb used his years of experience to help mold the District 4-C6 in this the third year of its existence.

Herb served under Lions International President Dr. Walter H. Campbell.

4-C6 4th District Governor

Lenny Bee

1966-1967



Lenney Bee (Saratoga) was District Governor in 1966-1967. Dr Vincent J Mingrone (Saratoga) was Lenney's Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer.

Lenney was a serious Governor. Serving during the Golden Anniversary year of Lionism, he felt that it was important that Lions of District 4-C6 know about the great heritage Lionism had established throughout the free world in its first fifty years.

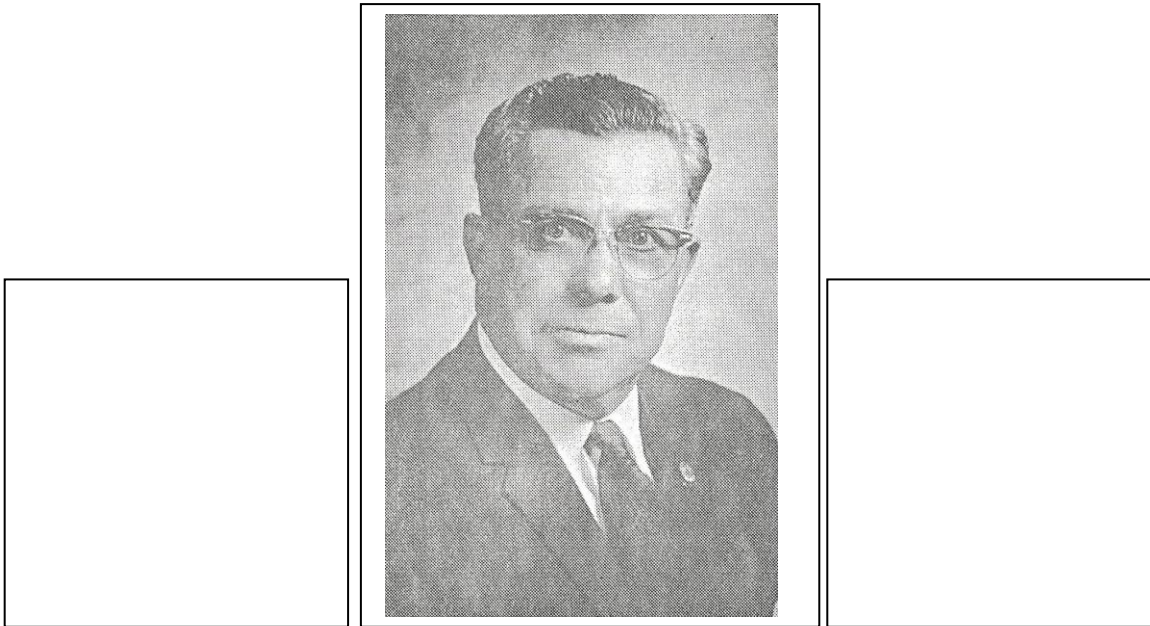
Bill Graham and Jimmie Smith were two of the Deputy Governors .

Lenney Served under Lions International President Edward M. Lindsey (Virginia)

4-C6 5th District Governor

Louis Mammini

1967-1968



Louis Mammini (San Martin) was the Districts Governor in 1967-1968. John Mahan was Louie's Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer.

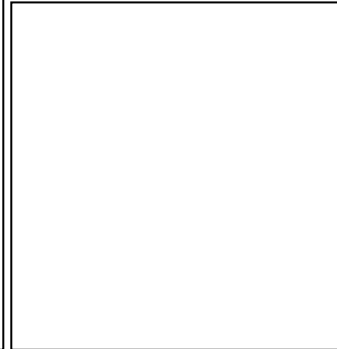
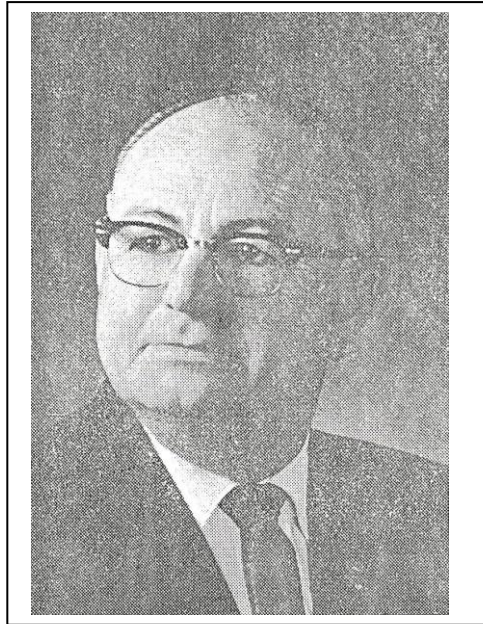
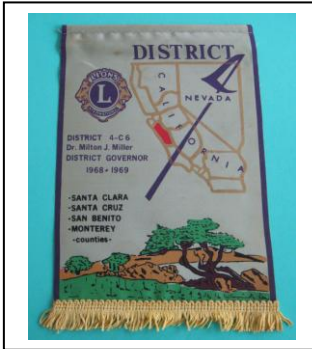
Lion Louie was a most popular governor and served the District well. Ralph Carlson, Boyd "Moose" Howard, Dale McElroy and Clyde Hitchcock were four of his Deputies. After his year as Governor, Lou took an active part in the Youth Exchange Program and in 1974-1975 received recognition as one of the top ten chairman by Lions International.

Louis served under Lions International President Jorge Bird of Puerto Rico

4-C6 6th District Governor

Milton J Miller

1968-1969



Milton J Miller, D.D.S. (San Jose Host) was the 1968-1969 District Governor with Al Richter as his Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer.

Governor "Bud" was an active administrator and prided himself on his participation at Multiple District and International Conventions.

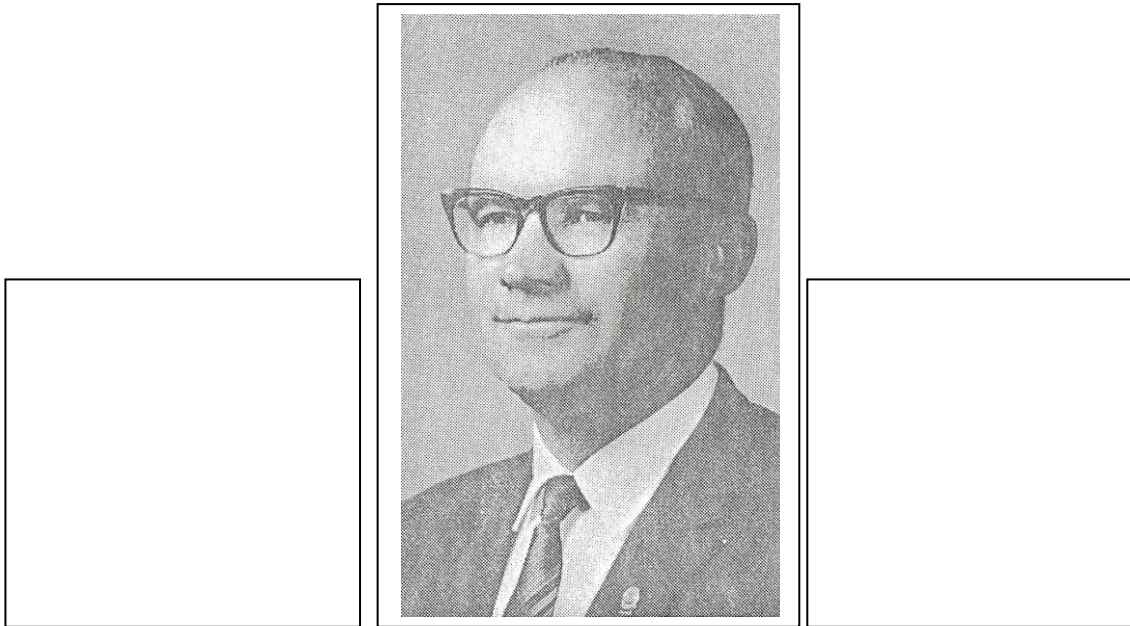
Carl Neal, Leonard Clover, Milton Ulmer, C. Davis Ponting, Charles Spencer were Deputies during this year.

Milton served under Lions International President David A Evans (Texas).

4-C6 7th District Governor

Clair Burns

1969-1970



Clair Burns (Gonzales) served as District Governor in 1969-1970. Robert D. Chapman was his Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer.

Governor Clair was actively interested in the Leo Clubs and three of these were chartered during his year. His school background helped administer the Youth Exchange Program, Student Speaker contests and was most helpful in producing a 30% increase in White Cane Days income.

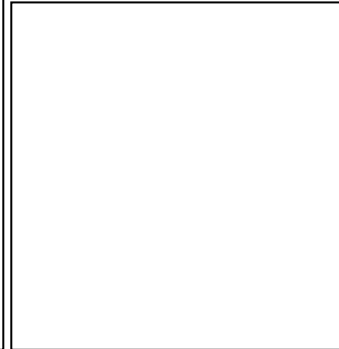
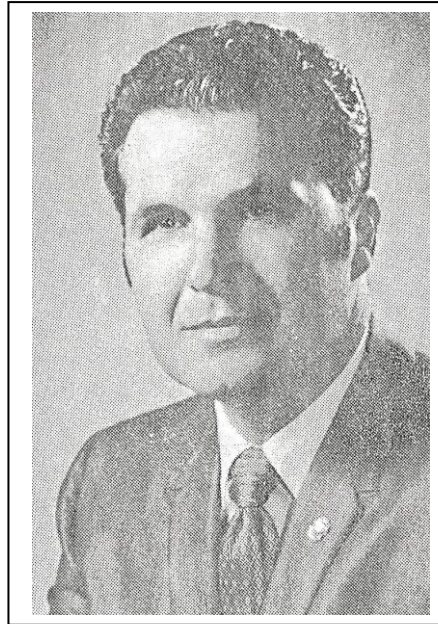
Burns spoke of the courtesy and hospitality of the Japanese people during his visit to the International Convention in Tokyo. Ed Church, Clancy Wagner and Len Pearson were some of the Deputies this year.

Clair served under Lions International President W.R. Dick Bryan (Ohio), who was a guest of honor at the San Jose Host 50th Anniversary Charter Night in April of 1970.

4-C6 8th District Governor

John Mahan

1970-1971



John I Mahan (Santa Clara Host) was District Governor in 1970-1971. Robert Kramer was the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer.

Deputy District Governors serving that year were Charles Garvich, Victor Frediani, Al Grass, Grant Maynard, Einner Jensen and Richard McKenzie.

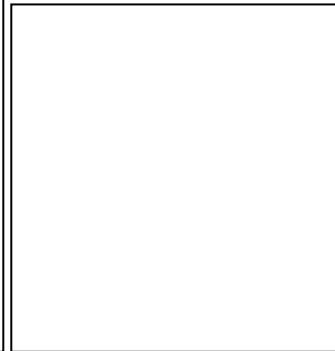
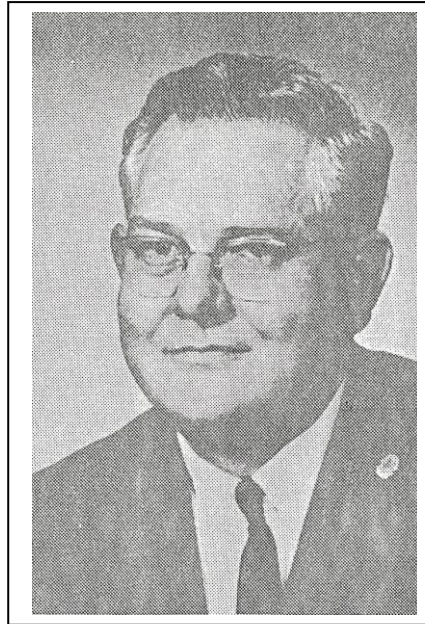
Governor John had 12 years of background of Lions service to qualify him for the Governorship, including Multiple District 4 committee duty.

John served under Lions International President Dr. Robert D. McCullough (Oklahoma).

4-C6 9th District Governor

E.H. Gransbury

1971-1972



E. H. Gransbury (San Lorenzo Valley) served as District Governor in 1971-1972. Grant Maynard was the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer.

Governor "Granny" had been a member of his Lions Club since 1948 and was adequately prepared for his job as the Governor.

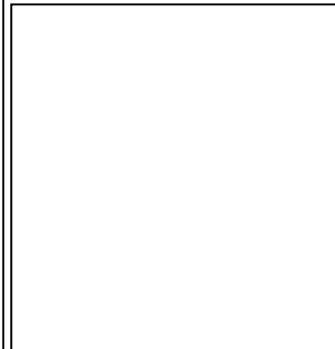
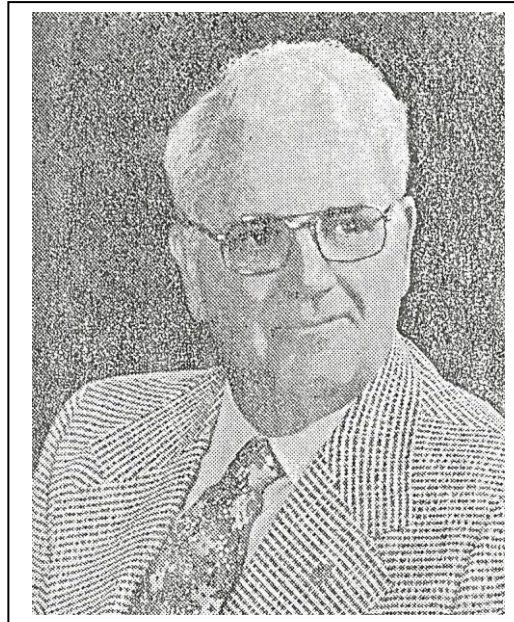
His Deputy District Governors were Joe DiDuca, Wayne Lenz, Charles Hill, Ed Wood, Gordon Ray and Clement Trapkus.

Governor Gransbury served under Lions International President Robert J. Uplinger (New York).

4-C6 10th District Governor

Albert J Richter

1972-1973



Albert J. Richter (Cupertino Host) was District Governor in 1972-1973. His Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer was Vic Frediani. John Davis, Dick McKenzie and Robert Sorares were Deputies this year.

Governor Al continued to promote the Lions Flag Day, which he had been responsible for originally starting, and began to interest other of the district's projects, thanks to Al.

District 4-C6 was beginning to "gell" during the Richter year with the glasses to the Philippines and Care being highly successful programs.

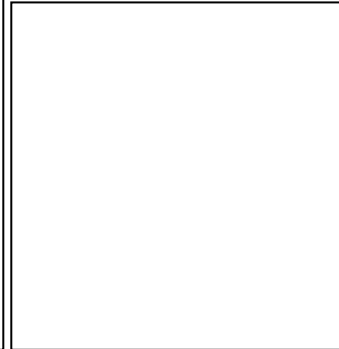
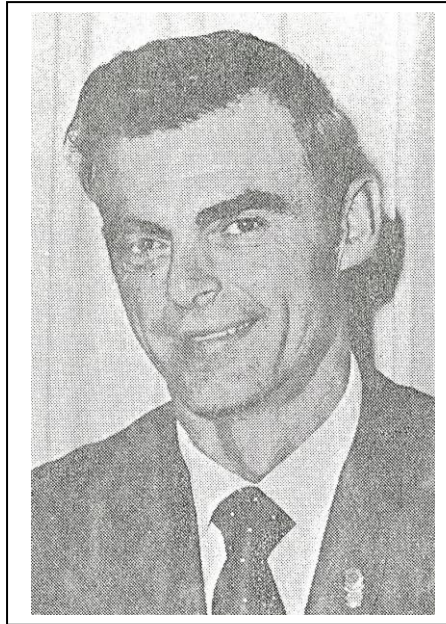
This was the first year that our District Convention was held in Santa Rosa.

Al served under Lions International President George Freidrichs (Annety, France)

4-C6 11th District Governor

Richard C McKenzie

1973-1974



Richard C McKenzie (Carmel valley) was District Governor in 1973-1974, Chas M. Hill (San Martin) served as Cabinet Secretary-treasurer.

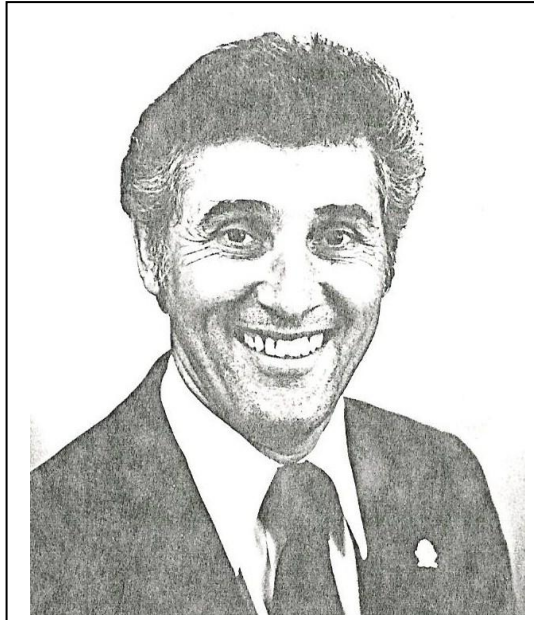
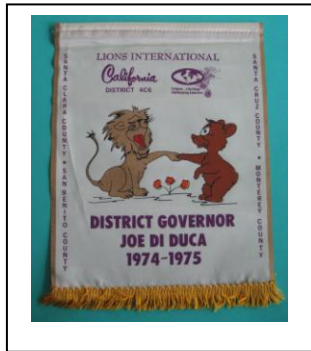
Mike Irving, LeRoy Dreis and John Harmon were Deputy District Governors that year.

Served under Lions International President Tris Coffin (Montreal, Canada)

4-C6 12th District Governor

Joe Di Duca

1974-1975



Joe Di Duca (los Gatos) served as District Governor in 1974-1975. Charles Hart was the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer.

Fred Schwertley, M.D., Walt Flemming, Wayne Roberts, Charles Gansel and Bob Chapman were Deputy District Governors.

Governor Joe brought the spirit of Los Gatos to the Governorship and had a great following up and down the district. His motto "You are one in a million" served to highlight the importance of the individual Lions.

Membership in District 4-C6 was at 1802 at the end of the Di Duca year.

Lion Joe went on to be an International Director for the years 1979-1981.

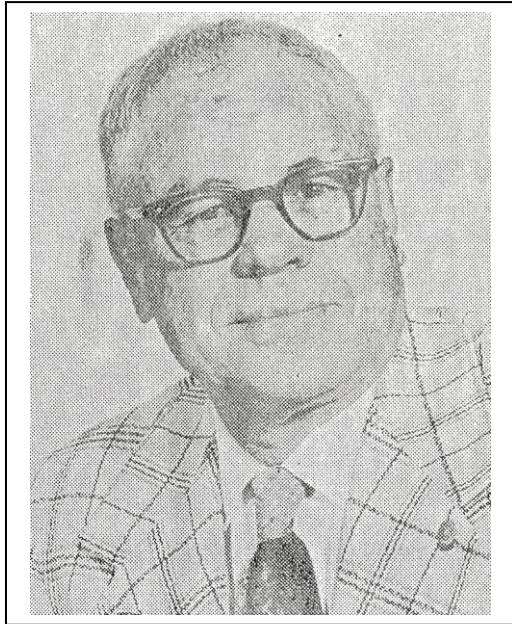
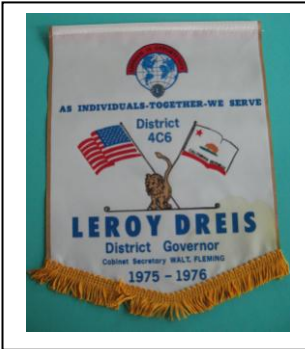
Joe served under Lions International President John Balbo (Illinois)

The pin pictured above is said to be the first governors pin in District 4-C6

4-C6 13th District Governor

Leroy Dreis

1975-1976



LeRoy Dreis (Cabrillo Host) was District Governor in 1975-1976. Walter Fleming served as Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer. Jim DeSpain, Howard Rose, Bill Tosch and Bob Soares were four of the Deputies.

LeRoy entered Lionism in 1957 and has served as Club Secretary, Director and President. He served In the District as Zone Chairman, Deputy District Governor and Student Speaker Committee.

Governor LeRoy's year will be best remembered for the extension work. Five new clubs were formed, including San Jose Sunset, primarily all blind members; and South bay for the Deaf, mostly all hard of hearing or unable to hear at all.

International President Harry Aslan was the main speaker at the deaf club installation.

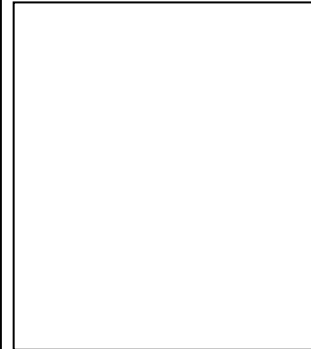
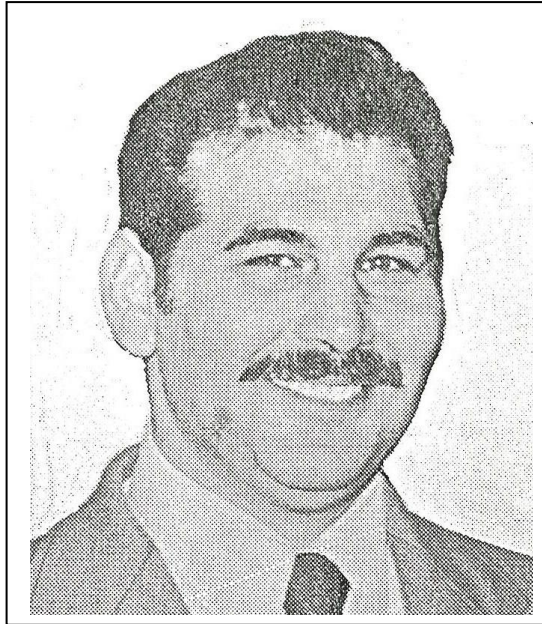
LeRoy was a most popular governor and he did create enthusiasm by encouraging better communications, more cooperation and much more participation.

LeRoy served under Lions International President Harry J. Aslan (Kingsburg, California).

4-C6 14th District Governor

Tony Pisciotta

1976-1977



Tony J. Pisciotta served as District Governor in 1976-1977. Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer was David "Buzz" Knapp, Jr. (Willow Glen/ South San Jose)

Bob Cancellieri, Kenneth Zelina, John Preovolos, Ray Cabrera, Frank Catalano and Eugene Smith were Deputy District Governors.

Pisciotta joined the San Jose East Valley Lions Club in February 1968. He was a Past President of his club and served as Zone Chairman.

Governor Tony, the youngest Governor to ever head District 4-C6, built his year around his motto, "The Individual Lion—Cornerstone of Lionism"

During Pisciotta's term of office the District went over 2000 mark in the amount of Lions in the District.

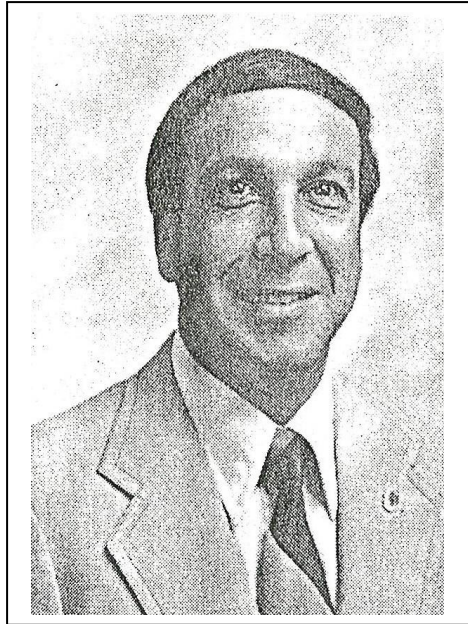
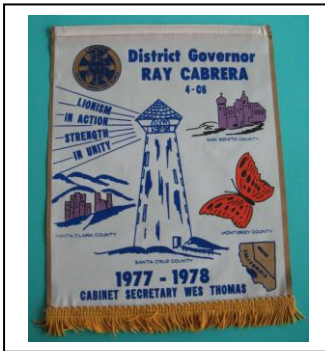
Governor Tony was a busy Lion, making many extra visitations to clubs, doing much for the cause of Lionism.

Tony served under Lion International President Joao Fernando Sobral (Sao Paulo, Brazil).

4-C6 15th District Governor

Ray Cabrera

1977-1978



Ray Cabrera (Capitola Host) served as Governor in District 4-C6 in 1977-1978.

Wesley Thomas (Cabrillo Host) served as Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer for the term. His deputies were Charles Crouse, Steve Eachus, Robert Froom, Sam Marshall, Frank Vineyard and Frank J. Ramirez.

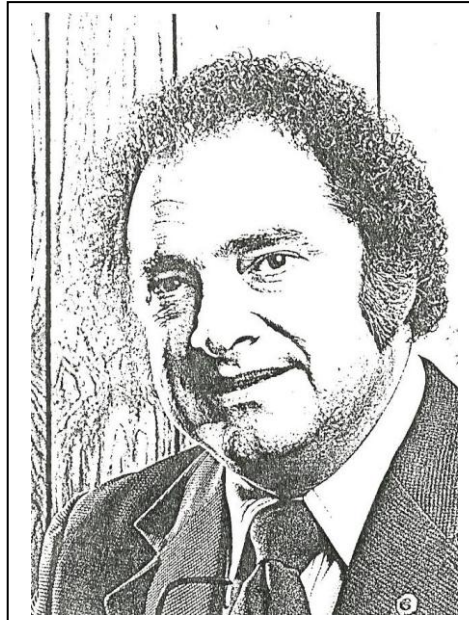
Lion Ray joined the Capitola Lions Club in 1964, had 14 years of perfect attendance and is a Key Member. He served as President of his club in 1968-1969. In 1972 he started his district work and has served as Bulletin Chairman, Youth Exchange Chairman and Deputy District Governor. In 1973 his Club made him "Lion of the Year" and that same year was honored as "Lion of the Year" by the Santa Cruz County Council of Lions.

Ray served under Lion International President Joseph McLoughlin.

4-C6 16th District Governor

Vic Frediani

1978-1979



Vic Frediani (Santa Clara Host) served as Governor in 1978-1979. Virgil Williams (Salinas Host) was Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer. His deputies were Jim McCoun, Ramon Delleza, Ken Young, Ralph Morrow and Fed Neunzig.

Governor Vic joined the Santa Clara Host Lions Club in 1964, Had 15 years of perfect attendance and is a Key Member. He was "Lion of the Year" in 1967 and served as President in 1968-1969.

Governor Vic has served District 4-C6 as Zone Chairman, Deputy District Governor, Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer and as Chairman of five District Committees. He was Co-Chair of the 1977 MD-4 Convention held in San Jose and coordinator for MD-4 Council of Governors Conferences.

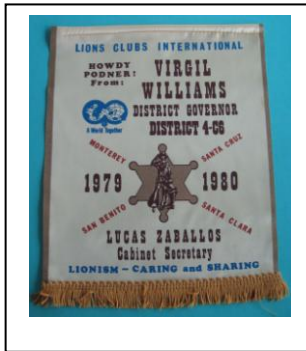
During his term of office the International Food Fair was introduced at the 4-C6 District Convention.

Governor Vic served under Lion International President Ralph A. Lynam.

4-C6 17th District Governor

Virgil Williams

1979-1980



Virgil Williams (Salinas Host) served as Governor 1979-1980. Lucas Zaballos (Santa Cruz Host) was his Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer.

His Deputies were Harold Johnson, Vince Vinella, Robert Hansen, Sherman Unell, Edwin Trinker and Richard Bollin

Governor Virgil joined the Salinas Host Lions Club in 1969 and has had Perfect Attendance since induction. In 1972-72, he was Lion of the Year. Lion Virgil was President of his Club in 1975-1976. On the District Level, he has served as Interclub Activities Chairman, Zone Chairman, and as Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer in 1978-1979.

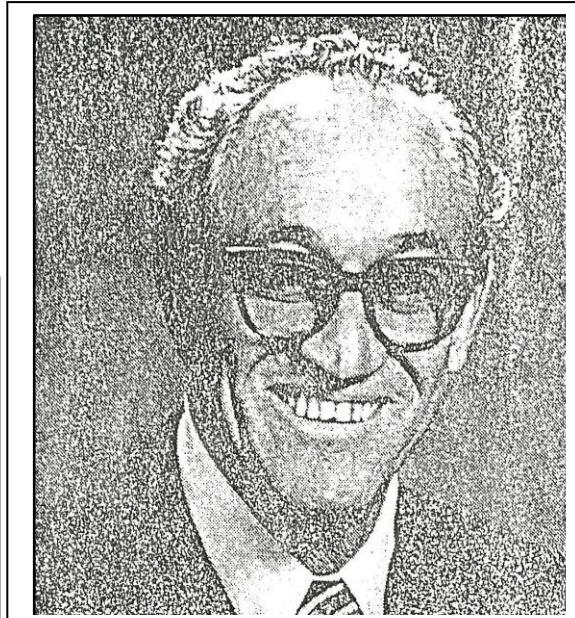
Governor Virgil served under International President Lloyd Morgan (Lower Hutt, New Zealand)

Virgil's Motto was "Lionism-Caring and Sharing"

4-C6 18th District Governor

Chuck Hart

1980-1981



Charles W. Hart (Cambrian Park) served as Governor in 1980-1981.

Robert E. "Bob" Froom (South San Jose) was Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer during his term. His deputies were Rich Hagerty, Ed Thomas, William C Hart, Dick Miller, Joseph R. LoManto and John Hathaway.

Governor Chuck and Secretary Bob share the common belief that Lions working together can solve any problem and have a good time doing it. They believe in good communication. Their travels together to all of our Clubs brought them together to plan and to progress.

Governor Hart was elected to serve as Committee Chair for MD-4 during the year 1981-1982 the first to be elected from District 4-C6.

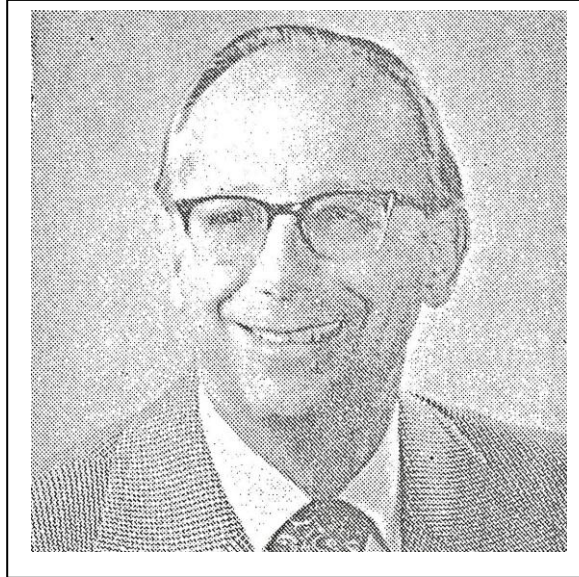
Governor Chuck served under Lion International President William C. Chandler (Montgomery, Alabama).

Chucks Moto "4-C6 The District with Hart"

4-C6 19th District Governor

John G Preovolos

1981-1982



John G. Preovolos (San Jose Host) served as Governor in 1981-1982. Robert P. Hichborn was Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer during his term. His deputies were Pat Lowey, Les Dutcher, William T. "Bunny" Ribbs, Dick Beaman, Frank Catalano and John Hathaway.

Lion Preovolos became a Lion in 1968. John is a 100% Past President of the San Jose Host Club and has 14 years perfect attendance. John was voted Lion of the Year in 1978-79, is a Key Member and a Life Member of the Lions Eye Foundation.

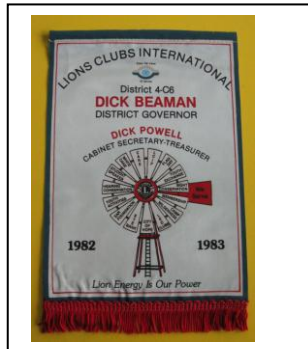
Lion John served under Lions International President Kaoru "Kay" Murakami (Kyoto, Japan).

Johns Motto was "We serve-Because We Care"

4-C6 20th District Governor

Dick Beaman

1982-1983



Dick Beaman (Cabrillo Host) served as Governor in 1982-1983. Richard L. Powell (Cabrillo Host) was Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer during his term. His deputies were Roger Dodge, John G. Schroeder, Allen Ritter, Anthony J. Lima, Joe Cortes and Dave Kennedy.

Governor Beaman joined the Lincoln Lions Club (Nebraska) in 1951. Moving to Watsonville, California in 1961, it would be 11 years before Dick was able to join the Cabrillo Host Lions Club due to work commitments. He has served and chaired various committees in the club and has been active in all the club projects. He served on the board of Directors for 2 years, was Tail Twister, all 3 Vice President Positions and was a 100% President for the year 1979-1980. Lion Dick received the Lion of the Year award two consecutive years, 1977-78 and 1978-79 from his club.

Governor Beaman served as a Zone Chairman in 1980-81 and as Deputy District Governor 1981-82. He had 10 years perfect attendance with the Cabrillo Host Club.

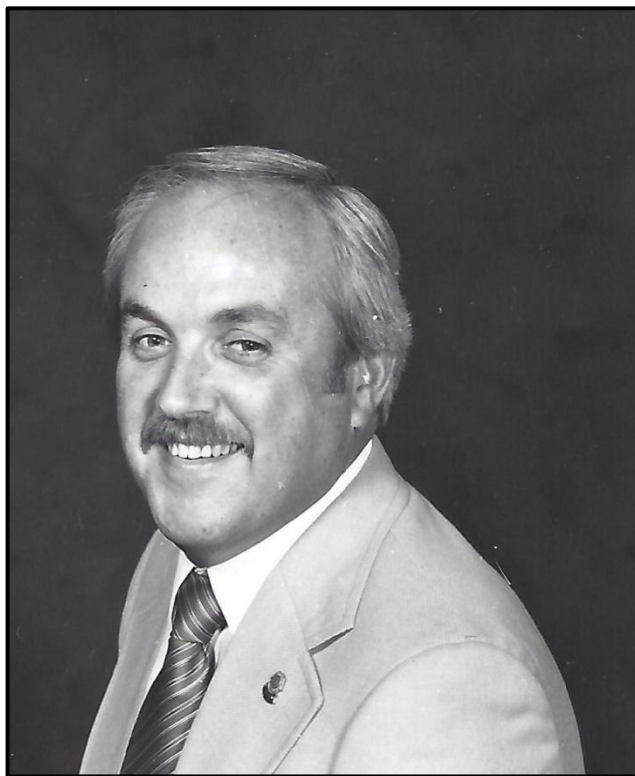
Governor Beaman served under Lions International President Everett J. "Ebb" Grindstaff (Ballinger Texas).

Lion Dick's Motto "Lion Energy is our Power"

4-C6 21st District Governor

Bob Froom

1983-1984



Robert "Bob" Froom (South San Jose) served as Governor from 1983-1984. Robert "Bob" Giul (South San Jose) was Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer during his term. His deputies were Sid Carter, Bob Hichborn, Glenn Peltier, Lucas Zaballo, Dick Bolster and Art Bell.

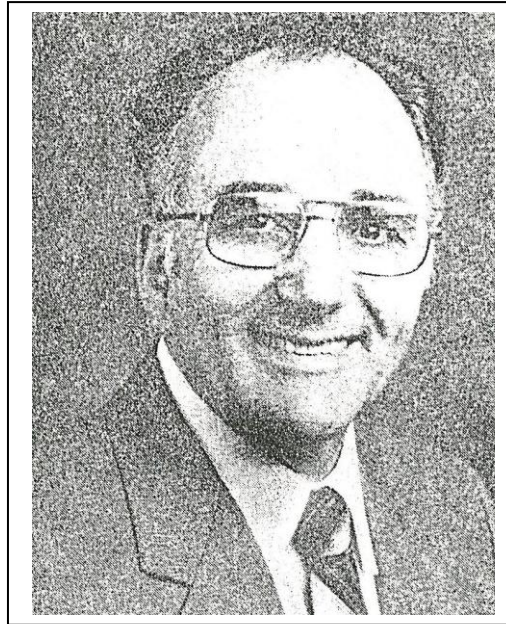
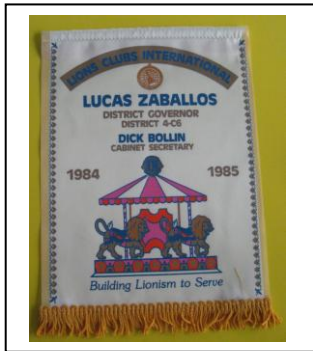
During his Term of office District 4-C6 gained over 100 new members for the year and exceeded the 2000 mark. New programs such as diabetes screening and drug awareness programs were initiated. He stated that the greatest highlight of the year was having such a great cabinet, " We worked together as a team and reached all goals. Everyone did a great job of putting out that little extra effort and it showed"

Served under Lions International President Dr. James M. "Jim" Fowler (Little Rock, Arkansas)

4-C6 22nd District Governor

Lucas Zaballos

1984-1985



Lucas J Zaballos (Santa Cruz Host) served as Governor from 1984-1985. Lion Lucas joined Santa Cruz in 1972. At the time of his Governorship Lucas had 12 years of perfect attendance and had held every office in the club except secretary-treasurer. In 1980-1981 he earned the 100% Presidents Award.

Besides his local contributions he has served many District positions and is recipient of various awards.

Dick Bolin (North Salinas) was Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer during Lucas's term. His Deputies were Bill Aakaluk, Jim W. McCoy, Don Wright, Charles Benson and Bob House.

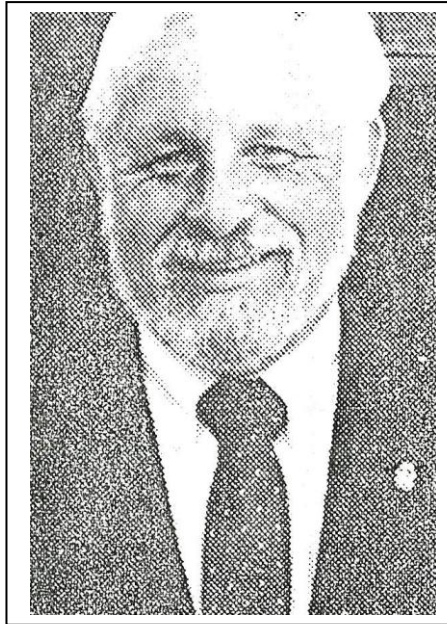
Governor Zaballos served under Lions International President Bert A. Mason (Donaghadee, N. Ireland).

Lucas Motto "What goes around comes around" "Building Lionism to Serve"

4-C6 23rd District Governor

Robert Hichborn

1985-1986



Robert Hichborn (West San Jose) served as Governor from 1985-1986. Lion Hichborn became a Lion in 1968 and had an active career in Lionism prior the head of the District.

John Schroeder (Latin American) was Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer during his term. His Deputies were Ronald Jones, Manny Moyano, Gordon Rooney, Leon Costello, Bill Penpraze and Del Torres.

Governor Bob at the time of his Governorship had 16 years of 100% attendance with the West San Jose Lions Club. He's been a 100% President and twice Lion of the Year and held many other District post besides his local contributions.

Governor Hichborn served under Lions International President Joseph Wrobuewski (Forty Fort, Pa.).

Roberts Motto "Be Proud to be a Lion"

4-C6 24th District Governor

Leon Costello

1986-1987



Leon Costello (Capitola Host) served as Governor from 1986-1987. Dave Kennedy (Salinas) Host) served as Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer during Leon's term. His Deputies were Harvey Diesner, Ed Mckey, Don Keen, Ron Skidmore, Ken Bleisner and Joe Pintacura.

During his term of office District 4-C6 had its first woman inducted into a Lions Club. Programs introduced during this period include Canine Companions for independence; Student Lions Program; Flags for new Citizen Program; Gained one new Lions Club and Leo Club. The District presented a fire truck plus firefighting equipment to the town of Texcoco, Mexico.

Governor Costello received the International Presidents Commendation; 100% Governors Award and the Leo Club Extension Award.

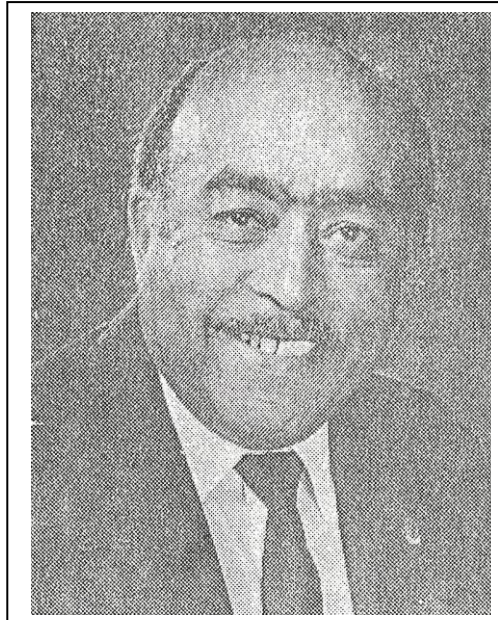
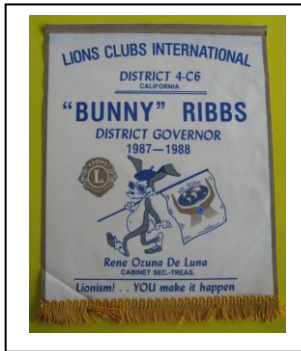
Leon served under Lions International President Sten Arthur Akestram (Stockton, Sweden)

Leon's Motto "Through Lionism, The Gift of Yourself to Others is the Greatest Gift of All"

4-C6 25th District Governor

William Bunny Ribbs

1987-1988



William T. "Bunny" Ribbs (San Jose King of Clubs) was District Governor in 1987-1988.

Rene Ozuna DeLuna (San Jose Los Amigos) served as his Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer. His Deputies were Roger Gould, Brian McGee, El Garza, Ed Rittue, Mario C. Pacini and H. Wesley Ball.

Governor Ribbs has been a Lion since April 1975, and had only missed two meetings in the 13 years since he joined. He has held every club office except Secretary, was 100% President in 1978-79, and received the Outstanding Zone Chairman Award for 1979-80. He was President of the Santa Clara County Council of Lions, 1980-81; Deputy District Governor 1981-1982; and has 10 other district offices and committees to his credit.

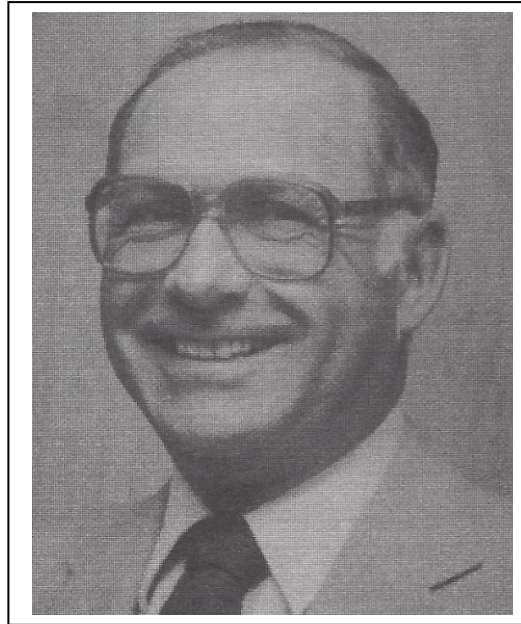
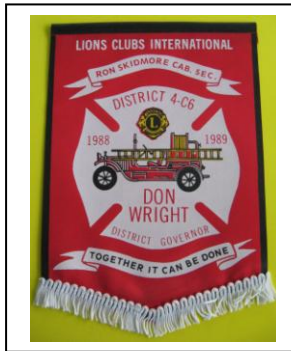
Lion Bunny is a life member and Five Star Ambassador of the CA/NV Lions Eye Foundation, as well as a life member and Director of the Western Lions Ear Foundation.

Governor Ribbs Motto "Lionism You Make It Happen"

4-C6 26th District Governor

Donald R Wright

1988-1989



Don R. Wright served as Governor 1988-1989, his Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer was Ron Skidmore (Aptos Lions). Governor Don's Deputies were James Shea, Rene Ozuna DeLuna, William Bill Stone, William McDougall, Buck Priem, and Bill Morris.

At the District level Don served as Zone Chair, Deputy District Governor, LCIF Chairman (twice), Hosted 10 Youth exchange students, LEO Chairman, Membership Committee, attended five International Conventions and USA/Canada Forums. Lion Don is a Life Member of the Ear of the Lion and Lions Eye Foundation.

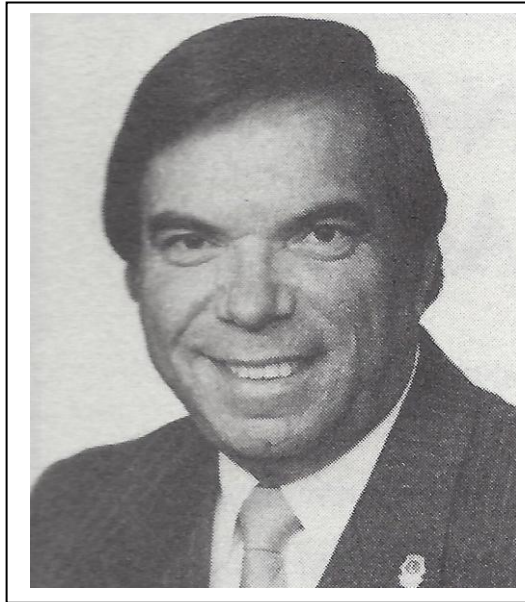
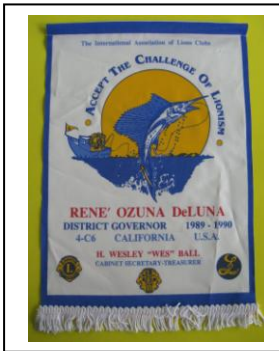
Governor Wright earned the 100% Presidents award, two Governor Appreciation Awards, Governor Service Awards, District Visitation Contest(twice), Most Different Clubs Visited (twice) and District Lion of the Year in 1985. Lion Don has received the International President's Certificate of Appreciation and the Immediate Past International President has twice awarded him with LCIF Certificates of Appreciation.

Governor Don's Motto "Together It Can Be Done"

4-C6 27th District Governor

Rene' Ozuna DeLuna

1989-1990



Lion Rene' has been a 100% President, had held all club offices, President twice, and Has received numerous club level awards including Lion of the Year Award. At the District level he has served as Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer, Deputy District Governor, Zone Chairman, World Emergency Committee Chairman, District Lioness Clubs Chairman, with his wife Maggie as Associate Chairperson, and Disaster Area Action Committee Chairman. He has been on the Lions Project for Canine Companions for Independence, Diabetes Committee and served as the Secretary of the Ear of the Lion Foundation of California and Nevada Inc., and served on the International Convention Committee for Australia and Spain.

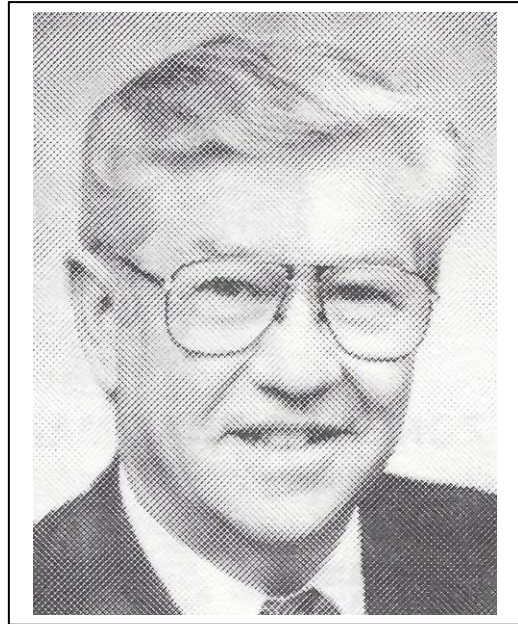
He is a Life Member of the Ear of the Lion Foundation the AJ Robinson Foundation, the Lions Eye Foundation, and the Santa Clara Valley Blind Center, and a progressive Diamond Melvin Jones Fellow. He received yet another Presidential Medal from President Woolard for his leadership role in earthquake assistance.

Governor Rene's motto "Accept the Challenge of Lionism"

4-C6 28th District Governor

H Wesley “Wes” Ball

1990-1991



H. Wesley “Wes” Ball (Salinas South Lions) was Governor 1990-1991. His Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer was Roger Gould (Cupertino De Anza).

Lion Wes has been a Lion since 1980, he was a 100% President in 1985-86; Zone Chairman 1986-87, Deputy District Governor 1987-88 and District Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer 1989-90. Lion Wes Has received 4 District Governor Appreciation Awards and was presented with an International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation in 1990. He was elected to Vice-Chairman of the 1990-1991 MD-4 Council of Governors and was presented with an International Presidents Leadership Medal by President Bill Biggs at the MD-4 Convention.

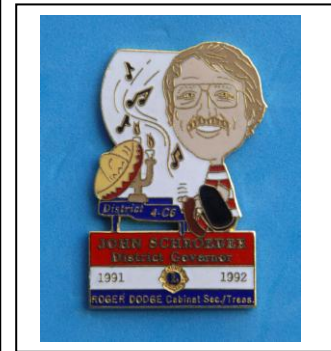
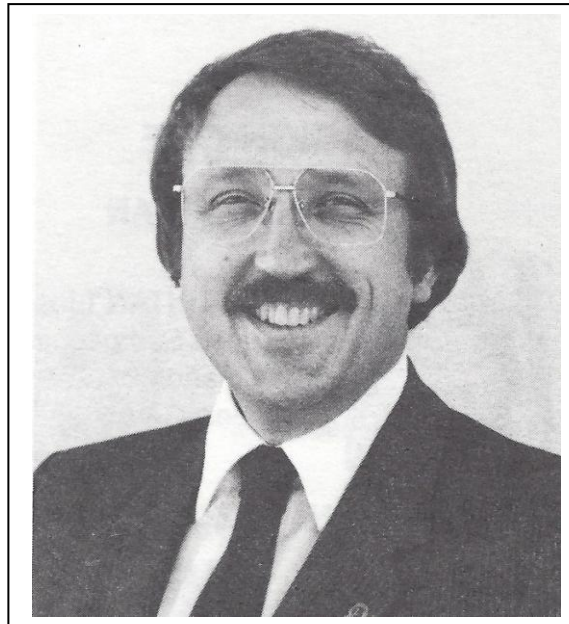
Lion Wes is a Life member of the California/Nevada Lions Eye Foundation, Ear of the Lion Foundation, A.J. Robinson Foundation and was presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship by the District 1991. With the support of Lion Gloria, they devote their time and effort to the furtherance of the ideals of Lionism.

Governor Wes Motto "Batting 1000 for Lionism"

4-C6 29th District Governor

John Schroeder

1991-1992



Lion John was the charter secretary of the San Jose Latin American Lions Club in 1977. He was introduced into Lionism by his father-in-Law. Lion John was a 100% President and a 100% Secretary of his club. He has over 15 years of perfect attendance.

Lion John has served District 4-C6 as the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer, Deputy District Governor, Zone Chairman, Membership Coordinator, District Activities Chairman, Sight Conservation Chairman, Constitution and ByLaws Chairman, Interclub Activities Chairman, Health Fair Chairman, District Contest Chairman, and Extension Chairman. He is a recent of numerous District Governor Appreciation awards as well as the International President's Certificate of Appreciation. Lion John is the only two-time recipient of the 4-C6 Young Lions of the Year Award (now called Emerging Lion of the Year Award).

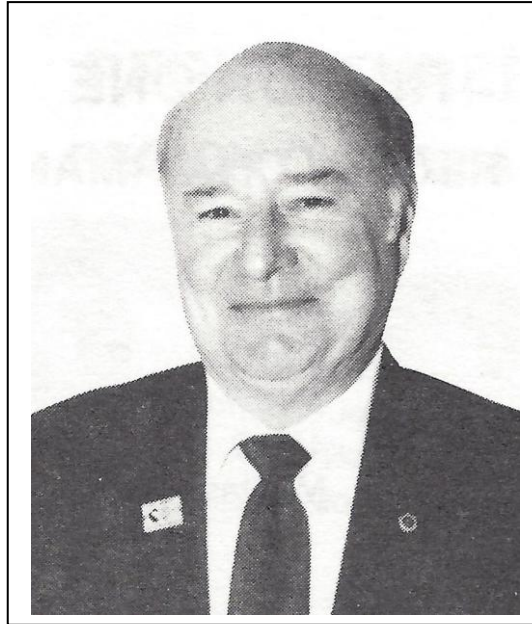
Lion John is currently the Executive Director of the Lions Eye Foundation of California/Nevada.

Governor John's Motto "Building a Better Tomorrow Today"

4-C6 30th District Governor

Ed Rittue

1992-1993



Ed Rittue (Cabrillo Host) was district Governor in 1992-1993. His Lieutenant Governor was William "Bill" Oliver (San Jose Host). His Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer was Dave Chamberlin (Cabrillo Host).

Lion Ed had perfect attendance for 12 years at his club. He also held all offices in the club and was a 100% President for Cabrillo Host. He was also Lion of the Year for his club in 1990-1991.

Lion Ed's District involvement included being a Zone Chair in 1986-87. He was Deputy District Governor in 1987-1988. At the time of his governorship he had attended 12 4-C6 District Conventions and Attended 6 MD-4 Conventions during that time. Ed also served as the Driver-Dispatcher for the A J Robinson Screening Unit.

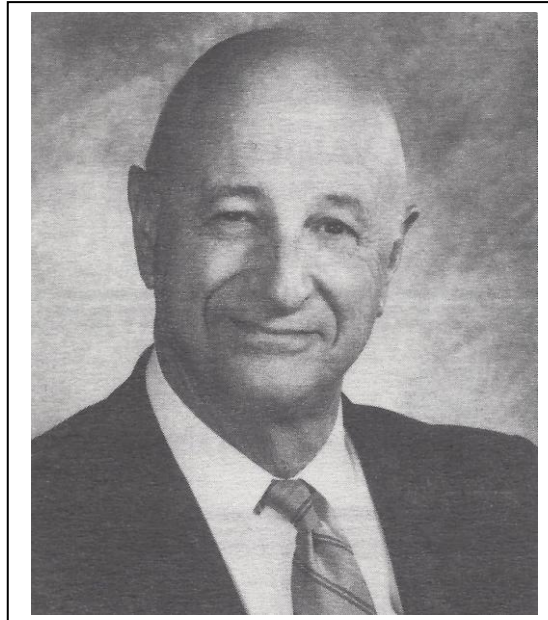
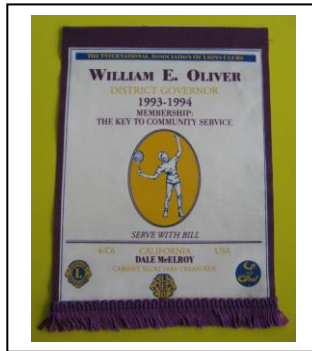
Governor Ed is a Life member of the Ear of the Lion. He also served as the Secretary for the Ear of the Lion Foundation and has served as a Board Member for the Ear of the Lion Foundation.

Governor Ed's Motto "Back to Basics"

4-C6 31st District Governor

William “Bill” Oliver

1993-1994



Lion Bill joined Lionism in 1984. He served as Membership Chairman (921 new members) and Lion Tamer in 1985-1986. Bill was club's "Lion of the Year" in 1985. The following years he served as 3rd, 2nd, 1st, VP's and then 100% president in 1989-90. Bill served on the Board of Directors of San Jose Host Lions club until 1992. He had nine years of perfect attendance.

Lion Bill served as District Zone Chairman and received the "Zone Chairman of the Year" for 1990-91. He served as Regional Chairman 1991-92. Lion Bill was elected District 4-C6's first Lieutenant Governor 1992-1993. Lion Bill is a Melvin Jones Fellow, Harry J Aslan Fellow and an A.J. Robinson Foundation Member. Bill has attended nine 4-C6 and MD-4 Conventions, five International Conventions and two USA/CANDIAN FORUMS. Lion Bill was awarded the International President's Certificate of Appreciation award for the 1993 year.

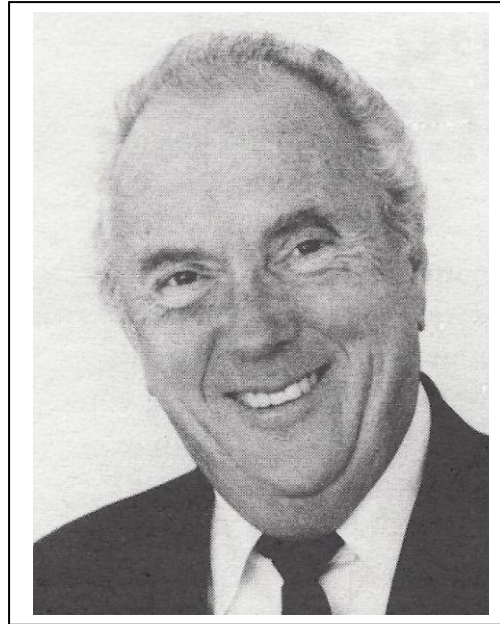
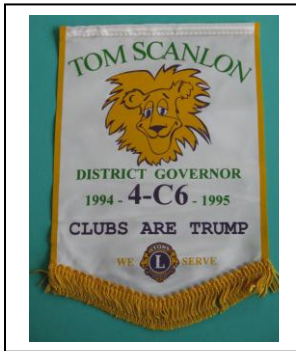
Governor Bill served under International President James T. Coffey (Toronto, Ohio)

Lion Bill's Motto was "Membership: The Key to Community Service"

4-C6 32nd District Governor

Tom Scanlon

1994-1995



Lion Tom Scanlon (Carmel Host Lions) was District Governor in 1994-1995. His Vice-District Governor was John Davison (Alisal Lions) and his Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer Louis Milani (Seaside Lions).

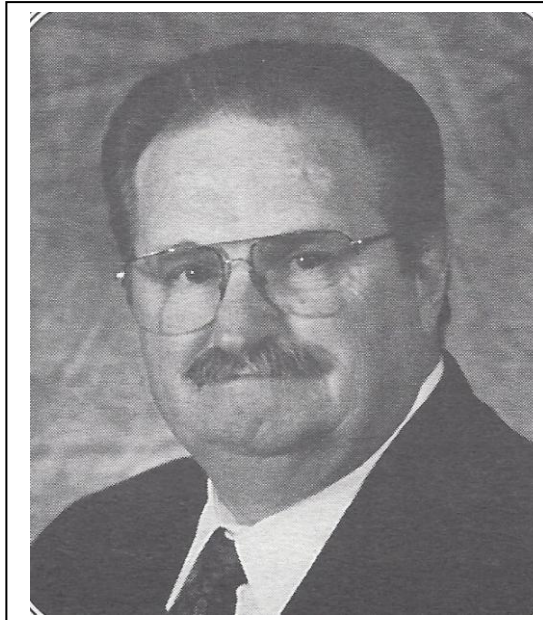
Lion Tom joined the Seaside Lions Club in 1983 and has had perfect attendance since joining. He served as Tail Twister for a number of years and as a member of the Board of Directors. After the chairs, he was president in 1988-89. In 1992 he transferred to the Carmel Host lions Club. He served on a wide range of committee in both clubs. At the District Level he has been Zone Chairman and Region Chairman, and served on the LCIF Committee, Constitution and By-Laws Committee, Chairman of the Zone and Region Chair Training Seminar, and Membership Development Seminar. He was Vice District Governor 1993-94. He holds two International President's Awards, two District Governor Appreciation Awards, and is a Melvin Jones Fellow.

Governor Scanlon's Motto "Clubs are Trump"

4-C6 33rd District Governor

John Davidson

1995-1996



Lion John Davison joined Lionism in 1982 with the Salinas Barangay Lions Club. In 1984-85, Lion John assisted the Chartering of SalinasSouth Lions. Returning to Barangay Lions, John went through the chairs to become President and Lion of the Year 1991-92. When elected Governor John was with the Alisal Lions Club, Lion John was the Club's first and only governor in their 50+ year History.

For the District, John was Lioness Chairman (1984-88), organizing two Lioness Clubs. During 1994-95, he was the Lioness Liaison. Lion John has also been District Bulletin Editor, Zone Chairman, and was Region Chairman of the Year in 1993-94. His committee work has included the Health Awareness & A. J. Robinson Utilization, Membership, Retention and Extension. He also chaired Regional and Zone Chairman, and Membership and Retention Seminars.

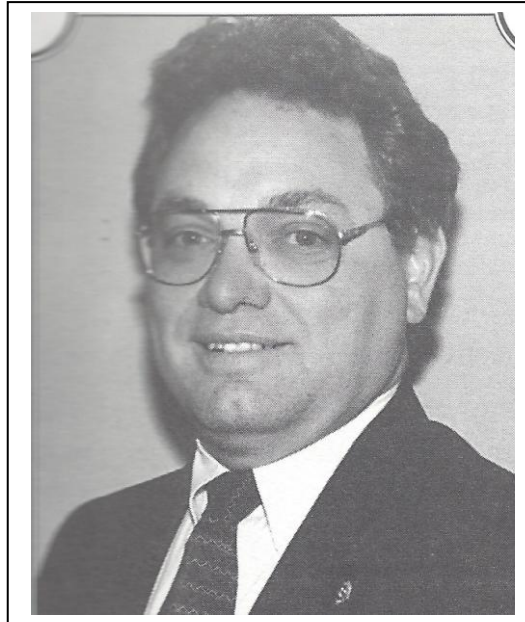
Lion John has several Governor, Club President, and Lioness Appreciation Awards. In 1995, he received the International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation. He is a Life Member of the Eye Foundation California-Nevada.

John's Motto "Lionism for the Future"

4-C6 34th District Governor

Roger Hartsell

1996-1997



When Roger Hartsell was a youthful lad of 26 years, he was welcomed into the world of Lions. In 1978 he joined the San Jose East Valley Lions Club, and served as its President in 1985-86. He has served as a chairman of most of the club's committees and has been on his club's Board of Directors from 1979-1997. He was named his club's Lion of the Year in 1994. Roger has served many times as Club Secretary and Club Treasurer.

Past District Governor Bill Oliver named Roger the District 4-C6 Zone Chairman of the Year in 1994, while Past District Governor Tom Scanlon named him the District's Region Chairman of the Year in 1995. In 1996 he was awarded an International President's Certificate of Appreciation.

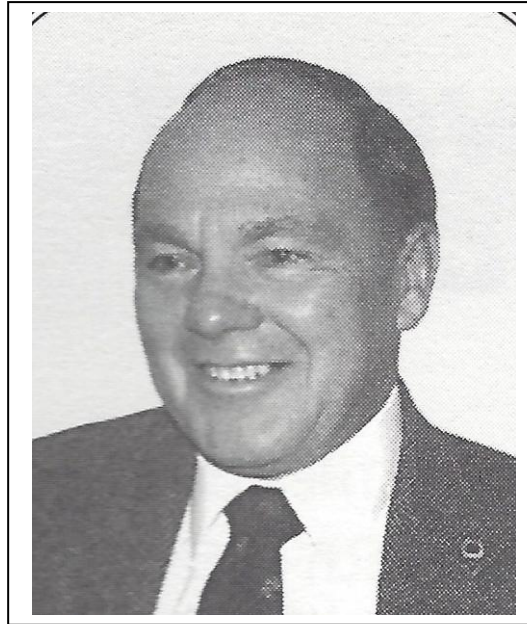
Carl Anderson served as Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer (Cupertino DeAnza) during Rogers year as Governor.

Governor Roger's motto "Teamwork – Communication - Leadership"

4-C6 35th District Governor

Louis Milani

1997-1998



Louis became a Lion in 1957 and continued, until he moved in 1970. He joined the Colorado Nob Hill Lions Club in 1973 and has had perfect attendance ever since. He has held every Club office except Treasurer. In 1980 he transferred to the Seaside Lions Club and was 100% President in 1983. He has served as a Trustee and Secretary for the Lions Eye Foundation of California and Nevada. Louis was a Zone and Region Chairman and a Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer. He Chaired the District Youth Exchange, Membership and the Sight Conservation Committees. In addition he is a past president, secretary and treasurer of the Lions Building for the Blind in Monterey County.

Louis Holds a Life Membership and Helen Keller Fellowship in LEF and a Melvin Jones Fellowship in Lions International. He is the recipient of several awards by District Governors, and International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation and a certificate for community service in Monterey.

Louis's motto "Talents Serving Together"

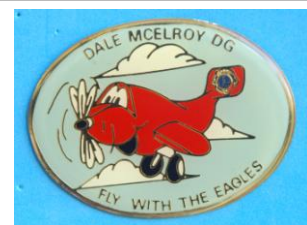
4-C6 36th District Governor

Dale McElroy

1998-1999



*Dale did not
have a Banner
for his year as
Governor*



Governor Dale served as Governor for the District in 1998-1999. Cliff Govaerts was Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer during Dale's term.

Dale joined the Burlingame Lions in 1957. A few years later Dale opened a new lumber yard in Morgan Hill, and joined the Morgan Hill Lions Club. In his 40+ years of Lionism, Dale has also been a member of San Jose Host Lions and was in Almaden Super Lions at the time of his death. Dale was president of Morgan Hill Lions in 1965-66.

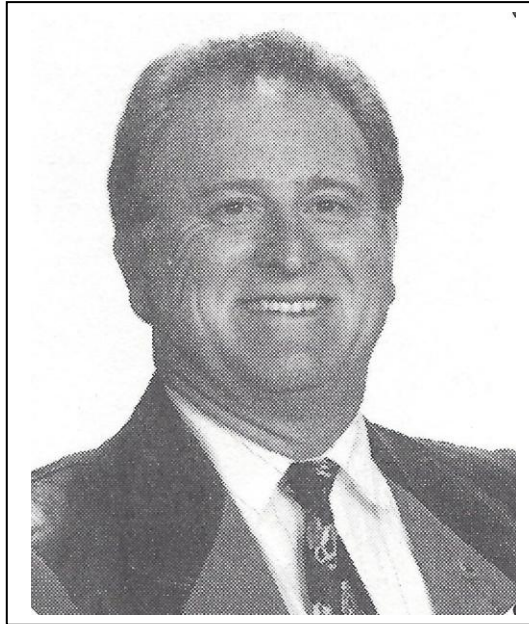
He has been a Zone Chair and Deputy District Governor. He has held District Chair appointments on the Credentials & Elections, Club Bulletin, Visitations, Constitutions & By-Laws, and Budget & Finance Committee. He was Secretary-Treasurer of the District in 1993-1994.

Dale's Motto "Fly with the Eagles"

4-C6 37th District Governor

Dennis Miller

1999-2000



Lion Dennis Miller was sponsored into the Greenfield Lions Club on Feb. 27, 1991. He served as President in 1994 -95, Zone Chairman of Region 6, Zone 2 in 1995 – 96, and Region Chairman 1996 – 1997, and was recycled again, as a Zone and Region Chairman 2006 - 2008.

Lion Dennis transferred to Gonzales Lions in 1996 to help rebuild their Lions Club, and then transferred to Salinas Host Lions Club on June 1, 1997. He's held many positions in this club since joining.

Lion Dennis was elected Vice District Governor in 1998 – 1999, and served as District Governor in 1999 – 2000 which was a GREAT and FUN year!

Lion Dennis has received the Melvin Jones Award four times, Region Chairman of the Year 1996-97, Lion of the Year in 2000-01 and 2002-03, Life Membership in the Canine Companions for Independence, Dwight Stanford Fellow (Student Speakers Foundation), and he is also a Lioness. Lion Dennis was awarded the Leadership Metal from International President Mahendra and DG Bob DeUnger at a MD-4 Convention. He is a Director & Trustee for the Student Speaker Foundation for our Multiple District Four at this present time.

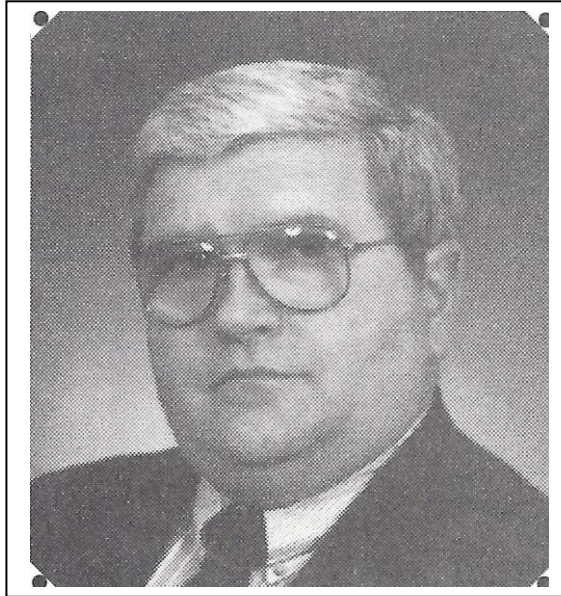
Lion Dennis is a General Contractor and owner of Dennis Miller Construction.

Lion Dennis's Motto was "Helping Hands Working Together"

4-C6 38th District Governor

Carl Anderson

2000-2001



Carl joined Lions and served with the Santa Clara Host Lions until transferring to the De Anza Lions Club in 1996. Lion Carl served through the officer chairs in Santa Clara Host as well as Zone Chairman for Past District Governor Bill Oliver and Region Chairman for Past District Governor Tom Scanlon. Lion Carl served as Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer for Past District Governor Roger Hartsell in 1996-1997.

Carl Anderson is the recipient of an International President's Certificate of Appreciation, is a Melvin Jones Fellow and a Harry J Aslan Fellow. Carl also served on the MD-4 Club Services Committee and was chairman in 1998-1999. He also served as a Trustee for the Lion in Sight Foundation.

Ted Malate served as Vice District Governor for Carl's year and Larry Hidalgo served as Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer.

Governor Carl's Motto "Innovation – Technology – Service"

4-C6 39th District Governor

Ted Malate

2001-2002



Ted has served as a Lion since 1979 when he joined San Jose Host.

He has held various positions at the club and District levels such as Chairman for the Student Speaker Contest; Students Flag Day, Day for New Citizens; Club President (1989-1990) San Jose Host; Charter President (1997-1998) San Jose North Valley; Chairman District Contest and Awards (1993-1994); Chairman District Membership Development (1995-1997, 1999-2000); General Chairman District Membership Committee (1997-1998); Zone Chairman (1990-1991); Region Chairman (1994-1995); and Director and 3rd Vice President of the Silicon Valley Center for the Blind and Hearing Impaired.

Lion Ted is a Melvin Jones Fellow, a recipient of 2 International Extension Awards, MD-4 Resolution, various District Governors' Appreciation Awards and District 4-C6 "Lion of the Year" Award (1997-1998)

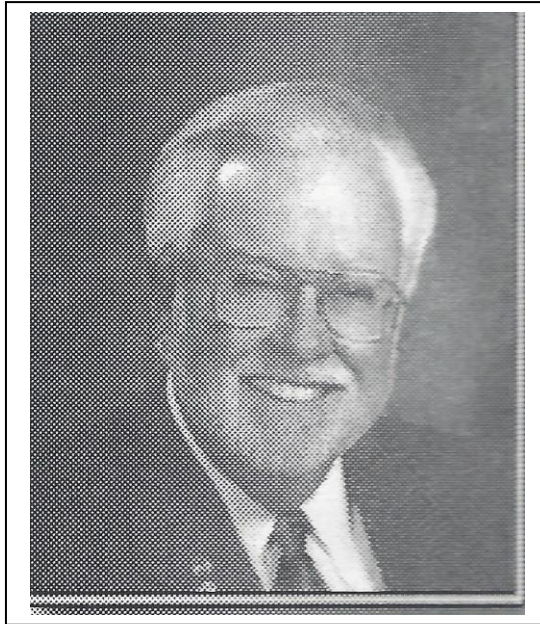
Ted's Slogan: Meet the Challenge of the New Millennium:

"Promote a New Spirit in Lionism"

4-C6 40th District Governor

Bob Hansen

2002-2003



Bob joined the San Jose Host Lions in 1974. He has been club President twice as well as taking most all other clubs responsibilities. His activities at the district level include Sight Conservation, Membership, Leadership, Youth Exchange, District Bulletin Editor, Public Relations & Health Awareness committees to name a few. He has won numerous awards for his efforts including Lion of the Year 4 times in San Jose Host, Membership growth and achievement awards at the district, the MD-4 Award of Excellence and two international Presidents Awards of Appreciation. He also worked on the committee which put the 1st A.J. Robinson Mobile Screening Unit on the Road. This has been a highlight for him.

His other community activities include offices in his church, Salvation Army, and the local Boy Scouts of America Council. He also worked with the United Way and took on the President's responsibilities of the Christmas dinner fund Inc in 2002. He is a life member in the Lions Eye Foundation, Lions Blind Center, Ear of the Lion, A.J. Robinson Foundation and is a Melvin Jones Fellow.

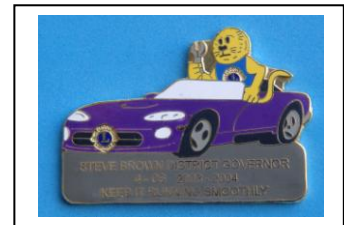
In 2003-2004 He served as Council Chairman for MD-4 Being the first since Chuck Hart in 1981 to hold this position from our District.

Bob's Moto "Lionism-The Spice of Life"

4-C6 41st District Governor

Steve Brown

2003-2004



Steve began teaching at De Anza Community College part time in 1975, in 1977, he became a full time member of the faculty. Steve and Sandy purchased a Automotive Repair Business in Campbell in 1989. They have transformed it into a modern and highly successful Service Facility. Educating others is still his passion and in 2008 he sold his Auto Repair Business and he returned to teaching at the High school level.

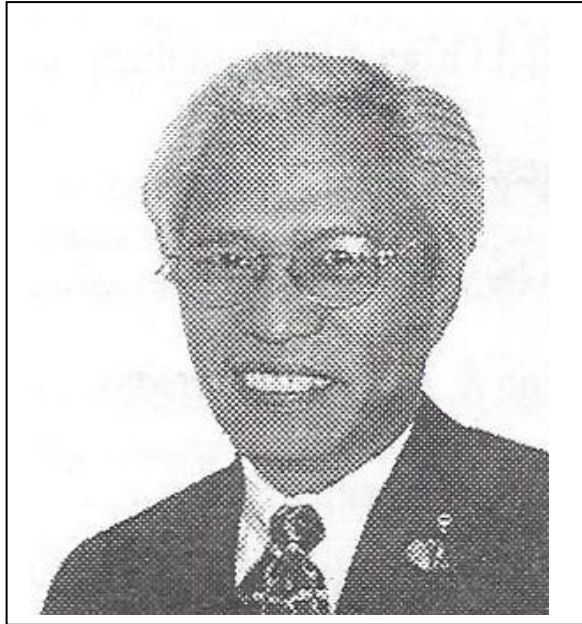
Steve joined the Scotts Valley Host Lions Club in 1992. He became very active in his club, chairing various committees and has held many club offices. He served as President in 98-98 and received the Presidents Excellence Award, His club awarded him Lion of the Year in 1999. Steve has served the district as Zone chair, Region Chair and District Leadership Chair. He has received several Governor Appreciation Awards, and Region Chair of the Year, MD-4 Excellence Award and MD-4 Certified Leadership Specialist. Steve is a Certified Rebuilding and Guiding Lion. Scotts Valley Lions Club awarded him a Harry J Asian Fellowship and a LEF Life Membership. Steve is also a Melvin Jones Fellow.

Steve's motto "Keep it Running Smoothly"

4-C6 42nd District Governor

Larry Hidalgo

2004-2005



Larry was initially inducted to Lionism joining Maharilika Lions in 1994. With only 3 years in Lionism, he formed with others the San Jose North Valley Lions where he became the charter 1st Vice-President. Positions held at the club level include members of the Board of Directors, Vice-President, and President.

Larry became involved at the District Level where his first appointment was a member of the Membership Committee, and the following year, a member of the Hearing Committee. In the ensuing years, he served as a Zone Chair, Bulletin Editor, Retention Chair, Leadership Chair and most importantly, as a Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer.

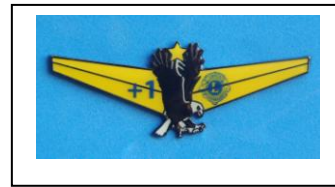
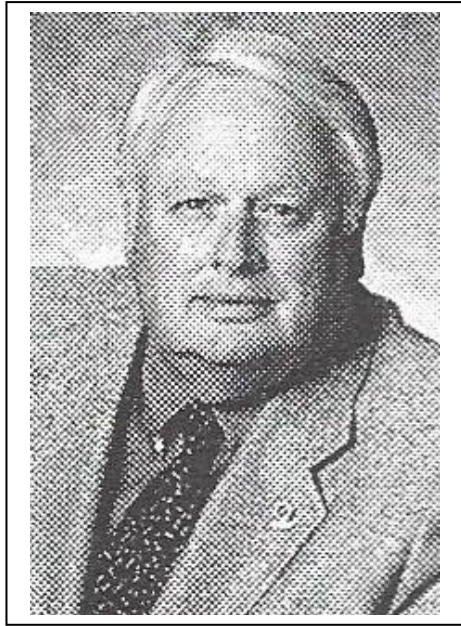
Larry also served in a number of capacities at the MD-4 Level. He is a graduate of the Lions Club International Leadership Institute, and a recipient of the MD-4 Excellence Award, 2 International President's Certificate of Appreciation, International President's Leadership Medal, and a Melvin Jones Fellow.

Larry's Motto "Lead with Speed, Dare to Fail, Volunteer with Passion"

4-C6 43rd District Governor

Don Simpson

2005-2006



Don Simpson (Almaden Super) served as District Governor in 2005-2006. His cabinet Secretary was Marlene Duffin (Saratoga) and His Cabinet Treasurer was Lanny Ross (Almaden Super).

Don joined Lions in 1991 and was sponsored by Lanny Ross. Don quickly became involved with his club and has held such offices as President, Secretary and Co Chaired the clubs major fundraiser for many years. Don also served the District as a Zone Chair and Region Chair and has been a member of the AJ Robinson Moblie Screening Unit for many years.

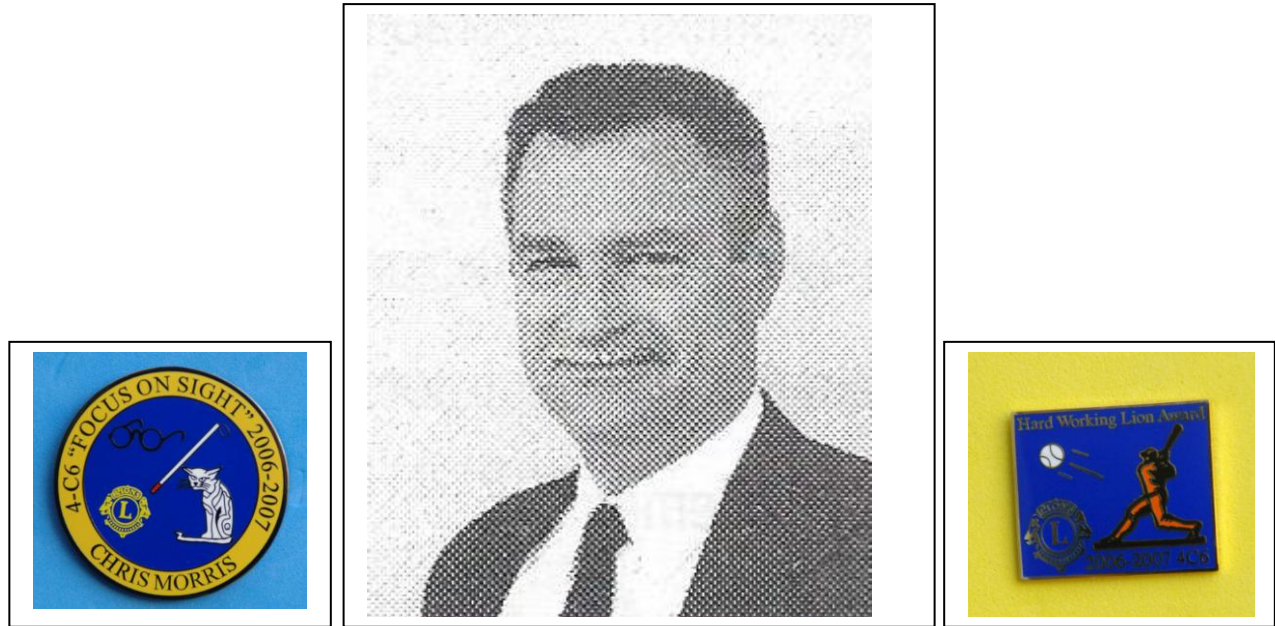
As Governor Don's goal was for every club to have a net gain of one member and traveled around the District awarding a set of wings that had a "+1" on it to each club that attained that goal.

Don's motto was "The Sky's the Limit"

4-C6 44th District Governor

Chris Morris

2006-2007



In 1987 Chris was invited to join the Los Gatos Lions Club. He has served in numerous club offices. He was also Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer in 2001-2002, a Zone Chair in 2003-2004 and President of the Santa Clara County Blind Center (Now know as the Silicon Valley Blind Center). Chris was Lion of the Year for the District in Lion Year 2002-2003. Lion Chris is both a Melvin Jones Fellow and a Helen Keller Fellow.

After his year as District Governor, Chris remains busy at the District Level and MD-4 as trainer for the leadership Institute held at Harris Ranch.

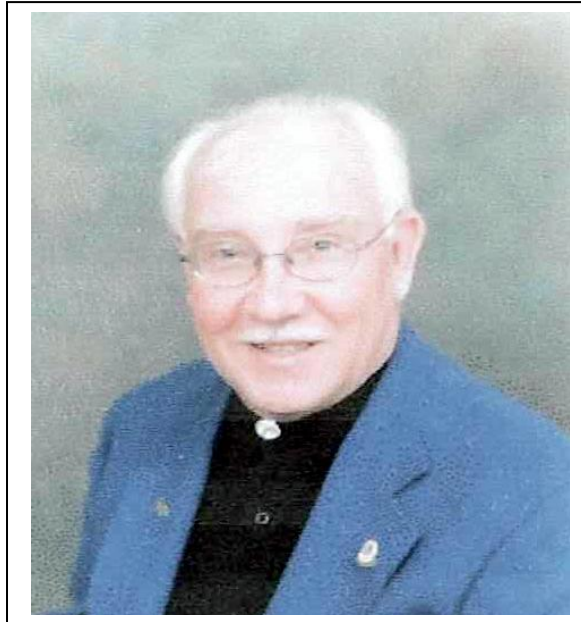
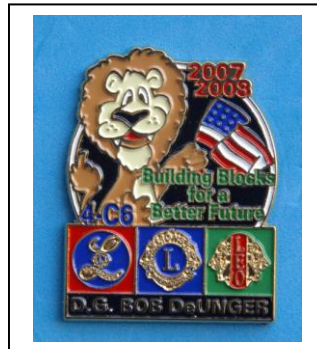
When not busy with Lions Projects Chris umpires youth baseball and occasionally gets a chance to go trout fishing

Chris's motto "Focus on Sight"

4-C6 45th District Governor

Bob DeUnger

2007-2008



Bob was born in Arthurdale, West Virginia, the eldest of seven Brothers and sisters. Upon Graduation from Sandia High School in Albuquerque, New Mexico, he joined the U.S. Navy, serving his country for 12 years.

During this time he spent 1-1/2 years in Viet Nam as a Hospital Corpsman, aligned with the Marines. He was decorated many times during this tour of duty.

Bob went to work for Hewlett Packard in February 1974 and is still with this company, now known as Agilent Technologies. While working he also earned his BSEE from San Jose State University.

Bob was introduced to Lionism by his friend Marvin Monsees and in 1992 joined the Sunnyvale Host Lions Club.

Starting in 1999 Bob became very active in the District and MD-4, holding offices as Zone Chair, Region Chair, Membership Chair and MD-4 Area II Leadership Chair. Lion Bob is a Melvin Jones Fellow. Outside of Lions, Bob is very busy with his Family projects

4-C6 46th District Governor

Marlene Duffin

2008-2009



Lions have played a large part in Marlene's life since becoming a member of the Saratoga Lions in 1994. She has served in many officer positions including president as well as Chair of the July 4th Lions Saratoga Hometown Celebration for 3 years. She is an Associate Member of the Almaden Super Lions. Past District positions have included Zone Chair, Region Chair, Publicity, Leadership Co-Chair, Women's Development, Membership Chair and District Cabinet Secretary. As Vice District Governor she successfully coordinated, with the MELO Team, two "District Wide Recognition" events in 2008.

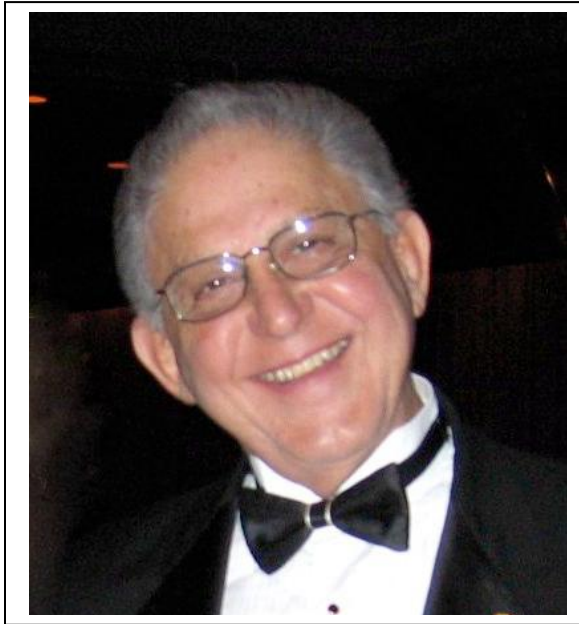
Marlene holds the distinction of being the first female district Governor for 4-C6.

Marlene's cabinet was Vice District Governor Joe Pugliese, Cabinet Secretary Bob Ferber and Cabinet Treasurer Bob Stewart.

4-C6 47th District Governor

Joe Pugliese

2009-2010



Lion Joe became a charter member of the San Jose Scales of Justice Lions Club in 1997. He has held many offices in the association, including Club President, Zone Chair, Region Chair, District Membership Chair, Retention Co-Chair, Extension Chair and Lions in Sight Director at Large participating in an LIS trip to Zacatecas, Mexico

He has been Club Lion of the Year twice. He is a certified Guiding Lion and holds a certificate from the 2004-2005 Senior Lions Leadership Institute. He has been a co-guiding Lion in the formation of two Lions Clubs, receiving the Extension Award certificate and medal from International President Mehta in 2006. He is a Melvin Jones Fellow and Lions in Sight Foundation Life Member.

He and Lion Linda have been married for over 46 years and have three children and two grandchildren.

Lions Joe's Motto is " We Serve Better ... Together"

4-C6 48th District Governor

Ray Maglalang

2010-2011



Ray is a charter member of the Milpitas Executive Lions, where he served as Club President in 2004. He has actively served on many committees to promote Lionism, such as the Youth Exchange Program. He was Club Chair for the winning entry of the 2009 International Peace Poster Contest.

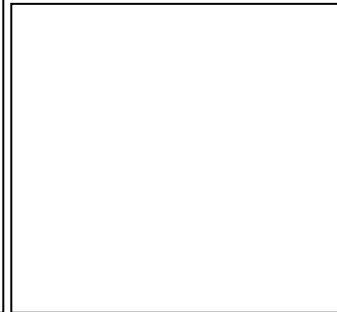
His Lions awards are numerous: Region and Zone Chair Awards, International Leadership Medal, Emerging Lion of the Year, International President Certificate, two time honorable mention in the International Public Relation contest at the LCI convention. Ray is a guiding Lion and chartered the Bay Area Indo American Club and the Milpitas High School LEO club. He is proud to be a graduate of the USA/Canada and England Europa Leadership Forum. At the 2010 MD-4 Convention Ray received the Academy Award for the highest number of recruited new members.

Rays Cabinet was 1st Vice-District Governor Liz Crooke, 2nd Vice District Governor Bob Ferber, and Cabinet Secretary Treasurer Anne Black

4-C6 49th District Governor

Elizabeth “Liz” Crooke

2011-2012



Liz was introduced to Lions by her father, Dick Crooke, who was a member of the West Berkeley Lions Club. Several years later she was asked to provide a program on the 911 system in Monterey County for the Carmel Host lions Club. She was invited to join Carmel Host and has been a Lion since that day in 1996. When her job location changed she transferred to the Salinas Host Lions Club and is happy to be living, working and serving her community all in the same city.

Liz has served as Club President, Vice-President and Board Member in both Carmel and Salinas Clubs and has held many district positions including Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer. She is a Trustee with the Lions Eye Foundation and serves on the Board for the Lions Building for the Blind in Pacific Grove. She has facilitated training sessions at District Cabinet Meetings, District 4-C6 Conventions, a MD-4 Convention, the Harris Ranch Leadership Program. She is a Helen Keller Fellow, a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, and has been awarded an International President's Certificate of Appreciation, International President's Commendation, International Presidents Leadership Medal and International President's Presidential Medal.

Liz was elected to be the Committee Chair for MD-4 for the year 2012-2013

Liz Crooke's motto" More hands, More hearts, More service"

4-C6 50th District Governor

Robert “Bob” Ferber

2012-2013



Lion Bob became a Life Member of Lions International after filling numerous positions for 25+ years in the Cupertino Host Lions Club. His service includes multiple assignments as Zone and Region Chair, Cabinet Secretary in 2008-09 and many years on the District Membership Committee. While serving as First and Second Vice-District Governor, Bob chaired the MD-4 Lions Flag Day Program. Lion Bob graduated from the Lions Senior Leadership Institute in November 2009. He served as a LEO Club Advisor at Gunderson High for many years.

Bob holds 6 Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships; a Dwight Stanford Fellowship; and a Donald Snyder Fellowship. He is a life Member of the Lions Eye Foundation, the Ear of the Lion, the Santa Clara Blind Center, Lions Project Canine Companions for Independence, and Camp Wilderness.

Lion Bob is married to Lion Lois, she holds 2 Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships, and they have a married son and daughter and 4 grandchildren.

Lion Bob's Motto is "Elements for Success"

Lions Clubs of 4-C6

The First 50 Years



*A History of Clubs in the 4-C6
District*

Cabrillo Host Lions Club

March 21, 2012 marked the 50th anniversary of the Cabrillo Host Lions Club of Aptos helping in their community.



In 1961, Paul Hansen, Hugh Keturakat, Charles Spenser, and David Chamberlain met at the Aptos Beach Inn to discuss forming a Lions Club. Several promotional meetings were held. At the charter night forty-one members became Lions at the historic Aptos Beach Inn.

The Aptos Beach Inn is long gone, but the Cabrillo Lions are still living the Lions motto, "We Serve," in the Aptos-Soquel Community.

Cabrillo Lions major programs are summarized:

EYESIGHT COSERVATION

The Club provides eye exams and glasses for those who otherwise would not have them. There are eyeglass collection boxes in several areas. These collected glasses are calibrated and taken into countries such as Mexico and India. Ophthalmic treatments are provided to those in need. More complex surgeries are done through the Lions Eye Foundation in San Francisco.

The club has purchased Braille-writers, testing machines, and other equipment for local school districts.

HEARING

The "Ear of the Lion" Foundation of California-Nevada was established to give aid to those with hearing problems. The Club recognizes individual members by awarding Life Memberships in this foundation as well as the Lions Eye Foundation. The club also supports the school for the deaf in the Pajaro Valley School District.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The Flag Day committee visits local first grade elementary schools for a special Flag Day presentation. Flags are distributed to the students.

The club supports extracurricular programs in the local elementary and high schools, and youth activities such as Little League, Pony League, Pop Warner and soccer.

The Lions Student Speaker Program begins at the club level. Local high school students compete. The winner advances to the Zone Level, the Region, District 4C6, and the finals in Sacramento. Scholarships are awarded to the winning student.

Cabrillo awards scholarships to deserving Aptos and Soquel High School students. Scholarships are supported by the Leroy Dreis Scholarship Fund, set up in the memory of Leroy Dreis, the club's first District Governor.

In 2008 Cabrillo Lions awarded scholarships to eleven students. One of the Club's scholarships is awarded in honor of Lion Richard Powell, who was a past Cabinet Secretary of District 4C6.

In 1975 the Club's name was changed to Cabrillo Host Lions because of sponsoring a new club, the Aptos Breakfast Club. The club was awarded the "Guiding Lion" award for this achievement.

FUNDRAISING

Some past fundraisers were from the sale of fireworks, which ended when the county banned fireworks for safety reasons. Until 1993 the club collected paper at a bin in Aptos Village. Declining paper prices contributed to the end of this project. The club raised funds by working at Laguna Seca Road Races until September, 2005. For several years the club had a concession during the Christmas Fair held at the County Fairgrounds.

Currently the three major fundraisers are a pancake breakfast at the world's Shortest Parade in Aptos Village, a booth at the Santa Cruz County Fair in Watsonville, and bingo sponsored by the Watsonville Associated Lions Clubs. Bingo is a joint project of Cabrillo, Freedom, Pajaro Valley, and Watsonville Lions Clubs.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Members of Cabrillo Lions saw the need for a community building for the use of local non-profits. There was an unused property owned by the county near Aptos Creek. A group of Lions headed by Lion Robert Harry, Leroy Dreis, and Wes Thomas approached the County and offered to build a community center for the use of Lions, seniors, scouts and others.

A grant for materials came through the federal government. 6,000 hours were donated by Cabrillo and other volunteers to construct the Community center. The clubhouse has a meeting room, kitchen, restrooms and a patio with picnic benches. The area is now Aptos Village Park maintained by the County Parks Department.

The club received the "Man of the Year" award in recognition of the great effort in the original proposal and construction of the center. The first flag was raised there by Lion Victor Aguirre, aide to General Douglas McArthur.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

Cabrillo Host Lions Club has proudly furnished three District Governors and Three Cabinet Secretaries;

PDG Leroy Dreis	1975-76	Deceased
PDG Dick Beaman	1982-83	Deceased
PDG Ed Rittue	1992-93	Deceased

Lions Dick Powell, Wes Thomas and Dave Chamberlain all served as Cabinet Secretaries. Other Lions have served on District Committees and Offices.

OFFICERS HISTORY

President		Secretary/Treas.
1960-61	Hugh Keturakat	Hanson
1961-62	J.A. Jones	Roberts
1962-63	Charles Spenser	Roberts
1963-64	Dell Frizzell	Fath
1964-65	Ray Botello	Dreis
1965-66	Len Pearson	Hallan
1966-67	Don Kitchen	Peters
1967-68	Dick Steck	Dreis
1968-69	Al Mobaldi	Hanlan
1969-70	Leroy Dreis	Pearson
1970-71	Harry Hamlan	Pearson
1971-72	Ron Wignal	Thomas
1972-73	Archie Eitzen	Thomas
1973-74	Bob Harry	Thomas
1974-75	David Chamberlain	Munoz
1975-76	Jeff Squires	Powell

1976-77	Wes Thomas	Powell
1977-78	George Piumarta	Barker
1978-79	Jerry Thomas	Powell
1979-80	Dick Beaman	Solbach
1980-81	Dick Powell	Reynolds
1981-82	Lowell Russell	Rittue
1982-83	Tom Cole	Rittue
1983-84	Chuck Solbach	Peterson
1994-85	Gary Reynolds	Hawes
1985-86	Ed Rittue	Drummond
1986-87	Don Yee	Lima
1987-88	Dave Hawes	Lima
1988-89	Peter Weaver	Lima
1989-90	Larry Franich	Carr
1990-91	Jim Garske	Carr
1991-92	Dan Nielsen	Carr
1992-93	John Dykmans	Piumarta
1993-94	Marvin Pepper	Piumarta
1994-95	Donald Keyser	Piamarta
1995-96	Tom Garske	Powell
1996-97	Bob Madsen	Holdeman
1997-98	John Newlin	Postle
1998-99	Kathy Franke	Postle
1999-00	Pat Lowey	Postle
2000-01	David Chamberlain	S-Rittue, T- Madsen
2001-02	Dan Nielsen	S-Piumarta, T-Madsen
2002-03	Ed Rittue	S-Piumarta, T-Madsen
2003-04	Michael O'Leary	S-Munoz, T-Madsen
2004-05	Fil Munoz	S-Piumarta, T-Madsen
2005-06	Pat Faith	S-Pickerill, T-Madsen
2006-07	Joe Pickerill	S-Madsen, T-Schmida
2007-08	Bob Postle	S-Madsen, T-Schmida
2008-09	Barbara Chamberlain	S-Madsen, T-Schmida

CARMEL HOST LIONS

The Carmel Host Lions Club was founded December 5, 1942. Charter members were Otto H.W. Bade, James Burgess, Kenneth Carleton, Charles E. Casey, C.M. Childers, Clifford H. Cook, Fred Decker, Edwin W. Durand, C.H. Dwiggins, Edwin H. Ewig, Joseph H. Getsinger, Harrison Godwin, Fred W. Goss, V.D. Graham, Robert Harbort, Frank Kefling, Ted Jerstad, George E. Knapp, Lew Kramer, C.W. Laugenour, P.S. McCreery, Fred McIndoe, E. J. Moorehouse, R.E. O'Brien, Henry C. Overin, Francis V. Randol, Gene Ricketts, M.J. Tarpey, A.M. Watson, Lloyd G. Weer, Eben Whittlesey, Cree L. Wilder, George S. Wishart and Malcolm B. Woods.

Through the years the club has met at the LaPlaya Hotel, Pine Inn and Forge in the Forest. The club currently meets each Tuesday at noon at Lugano Swiss Bistro in the Barnyard for lunch and business.

All funds raised by the club are donated. For over six decades members have dedicated themselves to serving our community by supporting the following local organizations and programs.

Sight Conservation:

A.J. Robinson Health Screening

Blind & Visually Impaired Center

Eye Exams & Glasses for the Needy

Eye Exams for Carmel Mission School

Guide Dogs for the Blind

Guide Dog Puppies – 4-H

Lions Building for the Blind

Lions Eye Foundation

Health

A.J. Robinson Health Screening Unit

Ear of the Lion

Hospice of the Monterey Peninsula

Youth

Boy & Girl Scouts

Seniors

Carmel Foundation

Carmel Youth Center

Meals on Wheels

Carmel High School Programs

Flag Day for Elementary Students

Kite Festival at Carmel Beach

Others:

Lions Quest Program

Alliance for the Mentally Ill

Mathletics

Peninsula Outreach, Interim

O.W. Bardason Scholarship

Red Cross

Student Speaker Contest

Salvation Army

Fund raisers have included White Cane Days, Breakfast with the Bunny, Motorcycle Raffle, See's Candy Sale, Monterey County Fair and Monterey Jazz Festival. Members have also volunteered at Laguna Seca Races, Big Sur Marathon, 4th of July Picnic, Concours D'Elegance and AT & T Golf Tournament.

The club has benefited from the leadership, experience and knowledge of their membership. Lion Elio Chiappe has been a Lion for forty years. Lion Ted Fehring celebrated sixty two years of perfect attendance before he passed away in June 2008.

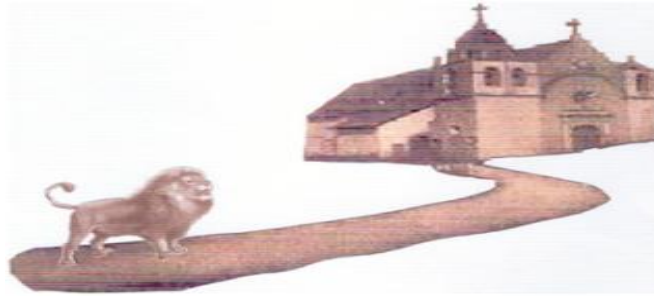
In 1994, Lion Tom Scanlon was elected District Governor. During his term as District Governor, service was focused on flood relief in the area. He also founded the Frank Granito Award during his year in office. The purpose of this contest and award is to encourage service and participation in district activities.

Lion Jean Westcott was selected by the district as Lion of the Year in 2008 for contributions to the club as president and to the district for coordinating such activities as the Women's Symposium and City of Hope yearly trip.

In May of 2008, Carmel Host Lions Club was awarded the Frank Granito Trophy as the outstanding Lions Club in District 4C-6.

The mission statement of Carmel Host Lions Club is to identify and provide humanitarian support for the local and international community by contributing our time, talent and treasure while learning, having fun and making good friends.

We invite men and women of the community to join us in support of the Lions' motto, WE SERVE.



MISSION TRAIL LIONS OF CARMEL

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Chartered June 23, 2008

MEMBERS:

25 Members 2012-13

Michael Boylan

Mike Calhoun

Lynn Carr- Charter Treasurer

Carroll Fergusson- Charter Member

Marce Gatdula – Charter Member

Leslie Geyer- Charter Member

Ginger Huse- Charter Member

Clyde R. Klaumann – Charter Member

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Pam Klaumann- Charter Member

Laz Laky - Charter Member

Becky Leidig

Bob Leidig

Sara Leidig – Charter Member

Brian Leidig – Charter Member

Kate Lepisto

Kymberlie Osler

Inger Ramskov - Charter Member

Lindsay Scarborough

Maria Suber – Charter Secretary

Paul Tomasi

Erica Trawick

Bud Westcott – Charter President

Jean Westcott – Charter Member

Lyndsay Westcott

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

2008-09

Visitation – Long & Short Tail

Club Bulletin – 2nd Place

Club Excellence Award

International President's Retention Campaign Recognition

Membership Excellence Recognition

2010-11

Visitation – Long & Short Tail

Best Hands on Project “Adopt a Family”

+1 Membership Certificate

2011-12

Granito Award

Emerging Lion of the Year Kymberlie Osler
Visitation – Long & Short Tail
E-Club Bulletin

CLUB PROJECTS

Adopt a Family – Elderly couple in Mission Fields (The Harris's) painted their home and gardening.
Adopted a Family at Christmas – Provided food, tree, gifts, etc to a cancer patient and his family
4th of July in the Park – Yearly project to provide popcorn for the City of Carmel Celebration
Carmel High School – Work the gate at Football, Volleyball and Basketball Games
Carmel Youth Center – Volunteer at AT&T and Concours
Backpacks for Kids - Tularcitos School and Pacific Valley Charter School

FUNDRAISERS

Annual **Breakfast with Santa** for the Community at the Carmel Youth Center
Annual **Spring Fling** held yearly at Rancho Canada

MEMBERSHIPS/CONTRIBUTIONS

Lions Club International Foundation (M)
Lions Eye Foundation (M)
Lions in Sight (M)
Hearing Foundation/Ear of the Lion m(M)
AJ Robinson Foundation (C)
City of Hope (C)
Lions Building for the Blind – Pacific Grove (C)
Blind & Visually Impaired Center – Pacific Grove (C)
Canine Companions for Independence (M)
Wilderness Camp and Camp at Teresita Pines (C)
Local Contributions: Carmel High School Sober Grad Night
Alliance on Aging
Boy & Girl Scouts
Carmel Youth Center
Meals on Wheels
Carmel Foundation Lunch Program
Gateway Center
Salvation Army – Good Sam Center
Monterey County Food Bank

CUPERTINO LIONS CLUB HISTORY

In 1776, as the second expedition of Don Juan Bautista de Anza made its way north from Monterey, to establish the Presidio of St. Francis, they made camp in the lush valley that now features the City of Cupertino.

The Indians who inhabited the land enjoyed an idyllic existence along the fresh-water creeks. Father Font, de Anza's Chaplain, christened the creek next to the de Anza encampment "Arroyo San Joseph Cupertino" after his patron saint of Cupertino, Italy.

The first American settler of note was Captain Elisha Stevens. He began farming after leading the first successful crossing of the treacherous Sierra Nevada in 1844. Stevens Creek Boulevard is named after him.

Developing around the central crossroads of Stevens Creek Boulevard and Saratoga-Sunnyvale Road, the town had a general store, post office and blacksmith shop. In 1904, the town was known by the original name of Cupertino after John Doyle revived the name for his Winery. Also going back to history, Saratoga-Sunnyvale Road has become DeAnza Boulevard in Cupertino.

Later on, the Mariani Orchards and Cali Brothers feed and grain operations helped establish Cupertino as an important agricultural and commercial center in the Santa Clara Valley.

By 1951, Cupertino was still a small crossroads town surrounded by orchards halfway between Saratoga and Sunnyvale. But it was growing, and a few far-sighted men in the community felt that it would need a service club to help with this growth, one that would be interested in community, youth and welfare of those in need. These men were Don Bandle, Anson Bianchini, Ed Cali, George Fernandez, Sam Lawson, Charlie Rifredi, Fremont Simpson, Neal Thornley, and Ernie Wasson. They organized the Cupertino Lions Club (chartered November 6, 1951) to meet this objective and were sponsored by the Beverly-Burbank Lions Club. They recognized the strength of local Lions Clubs and Lions Clubs International (LCI) backed by the Objectives, Ethics, and motto of Lions – "WE SERVE".

Fundraisers were initiated so Cupertino Lions could carry out the Lions motto of "WE SERVE". Some fundraisers served the Club well but faded with ever-present changes. Our current major fundraisers have been successful for forty years, having evolved and withstood the changes of time. These are the Wild Game Feed and the Chicken and Corn Feed.

The Wild Game Feed was originated by Lion Pete Camarda in the 1960s and draws between 350 and 700 guests. Guests come from miles around to feast on such delicacies as wild boar, deer, elk, calamari, octopus, oysters, crab, buffalo and salmon. There are always menu variations and surprises (it is more than a BBQ - - it is a feed) at this fundraiser held in June. Participation in the raffle (about 100 items) is a major draw.

The Chicken and Corn Feed is our event for the entire family. This August event is held at Blackberry Farm in Cupertino which has become an environmental treasure for the City of Cupertino. There is fresh hot corn available all during the event. A wide spread of hors d'oeuvres such as barbequed ribs and sausages, calamari, pizza bread and more starts the feed. This is followed by a meal of chicken, chili, tossed and potato salad, and the fresh corn is always available.

The funds raised support over 30 youth, health and welfare, and community projects including the Santa Clara Valley Blind Center, Via West (Camp Costanoan), Lions Eye Foundation, the A.J. Robinson Foundation (local health screenings using the mobile unit owned by Lions), Lions Hearing Foundation, diabetes awareness, and eyeglasses for those in need.

The many projects have been supported by Cupertino Lions over the long-term. Every year Cupertino Lions budget for these and other projects, and add new projects while some are dropped due to changes. Charitable support goes beyond local boundaries as Cupertino Lions select regional, national and international programs that Lions Clubs International sponsors. However, we are most proud of programs we have initiated or spearheaded.

The Fish-A-Thon is a hands-on project where Lions shine, volunteers shine and participants wear big smiles. It was conceived in 1960 by Lion Pete Camarda as a fishing picnic for physically and mentally disadvantaged children and adults. It is held each year at the Stevens Creek Quarry near Stevens Creek Reservoir and is attended by 75 to 100 participants. With participants, volunteers, and family/caregivers, our BBQ lunch hosts around 400. Participants catch 3 to 5 trout which are cleaned for them to take home.

Cupertino Lions sponsored the Cupertino DeAnza Club in 1969 (meets in the morning) and had 'Host' inserted into the name: Cupertino Host Lions Club (CHLC, meets evenings). The two Clubs have unique fundraisers and charitable projects all the while working as Lions do everywhere (206 countries, worldwide) to serve the community - adults and youth, to help those less fortunate, and to increase patriotism and international understanding.

The charitable side of Lions is kept financially separate from the administrative/Club side by having a public charity entity. Cupertino Host Lions Charity, Inc., incorporated in California as a public nonprofit charity, tax ID 77-0386254, has IRS 501(c)(3) determination.

Cupertino Host Lions sponsor the Lions Flag Day Program, which was initiated by PDG Al Richter and his wife Margaret (both deceased), in 1969. Each year, around Presidents Day, Lions present Flags to third graders at selected schools, along with an information sheet telling about our Flag, and give a talk to students about what our Flag stands for and about its history.

From its Northern California beginnings, the program has expanded to include over 500 Lions Clubs in California and Nevada, plus over 300 clubs from other states. Altogether, over 5 million Flags have been presented to children across the country since the program started. CHLC acts as a distributor for the Flags and information sheets.

The Lions cook and serve breakfast for the wrestlers at The Cupertino High School Memorial Wrestling Tournament and cook and sell food during the event. Money raised goes back to the wrestling program. The Leo Club at Cupertino High School is sponsored by CHLC. Leos help at the Wrestling Tournament and at the Fish-A-Thon not only gaining community service hours but gaining a Lions perspective on community service and on taking on projects.

CHLC helped a family in New Mexico, on the Navajo Indian Reservation, that was involved in a tragic traffic accident. What started as making sure the children had Christmas presents in the mid-90s has become our "Navajo" project. This involves collecting useable clothing, books, school supplies, and household items and transporting all (large truck loads) to New Mexico to be distributed to those living on the Reservation.

The Cupertino Host Lions have fun also while expanding their horizons. Working together at events and on projects promotes comradeship. There are social and leisure events like the Sweetheart Brunch, the Tail Twister Party and the Installation and Charter Night Dinners. Lions bond and receive leadership training and personal development at District meetings and the District 4-C6 Convention. There are additional opportunities at regional trainings, the USA-Canada Forum and the International Convention. All this leads to a family-like cohesiveness of the Cupertino Host Lions and their supporters.

2012-2013 will be a memorable year in Lionism. Cupertino Host Lions' own Lion Bob Ferber is our District 4-C6 Governor for 2012-2013. In 2012-2013 Lions from Beverly Burbank Lions Club merged with Cupertino Host Lions Club. This is adding new dimensions, new opportunities and, of course, some new challenges. Beverly Burbank Lions Club has a good history of service and provided the site for the Santa Clara Valley Blind Center.

(<http://www.visionbeyondsight.org>.)

Clower Hall, owned by Beverly Burbank, is now the meeting location for the combined Club. Beverly Burbank has supported an active Leo Club at Del Mar High School and the support is being continued. Other Beverly Burbank Lions efforts will be integrated, most importantly the ongoing relationship with the Silicon Valley Blind Center.

Beverly Burbank Lions Club (BBLC) was chartered in 1948 and immediately undertook community service in the Beverly Burbank area of San Jose. The Club initially had a store front location, shown in the picture below. BBLC received donated land and arranged for the Santa Clara Valley Blind Center (which started in 1953) to use a large portion of the land for the present building housing the SCVBC. Construction started in 1955 followed by construction in 1961 of Leonard Clower Hall. BBLC was involved with sports field construction for the Luther Burbank School and has supported the school in various ways since the being of the Club.



Gilroy Lions Club

Back in March of 1956, at the suggestion and encouragement of the Deputy District Governor, Dick Chestnut, the Gilroy Lion Club was organized. The Hollister Lions Club was doing well, and it was time for Gilroy to have a Lions Club of its own. There were 17 people who signed up and four who transferred in. They were all hard-working men from in and around Gilroy who still found time and the spirit to help those less well off in their community. On Charter Night, November 10, 1956, "a whole contingent of us from Hollister came over to help celebrate", according to Vic Lase.

Of the original members, only one is still alive. He is Albert J. Gagliardi. Albert came as special guest to Gilroy Lions 50th Anniversary Celebration in November 2006.

Vic Lase, the oldest active member, has been with the Gilroy club for 50 years. He was living in Hollister when the Gilroy Lions Club was chartered, and was a Lion member there in Hollister. After he moved to Gilroy, he let his membership lapse, and then was later sworn in as a new Lion in the Gilroy Lions Club.

Vic has been an enthusiastic hardworking man and motivator behind many projects the Gilroy Lions have undertaken over the years. In 1959 he hosted the first Lions' Club Barbecue at Oakdale Park at Watsonville Park to help raise money for the construction of the Blind Center in San Jose. In 1964 he pushed for a program for eye exams for school children, but there were too many obstacles in the way at that time.

Later on, about 1975, the Gilroy Lions tried a Pancake Supper to help raise some money. It was held at the Busy Bee Restaurant on Monterey (later the name was changed to the Longhouse Restaurant). The Pancake Suppers were a hit. They were held on Friday evening after the place had closed for business. Then one day, a local egg salesman from the Olson Egg Company, Mr. Redge Keddie, suggested they try omelets too. "What do we know about omelets? We don't know how to cook omelets!" Vic recalls the Lions protesting. So Redge taught the Lions how to make omelets. It gave him a chance to sell a lot of eggs and the Lions to add something special and tasty to the menu. Finally, of course, the Pancake/Omelet Supper outgrew the restaurant, and now is held the first Friday evening of December of each year in the big hall of the Presbyterian Church.

That was the same year that Bill Hart moved to Gilroy from Willows. Before that he lived in Wichita, Kansas, and before that, in Stockton, Kansas. Bill has put in more than 50 years as a Lion, and never misses a meeting. He has been a Gilroy Lion for 34 years. He quickly became indispensable in the club. Bill Hart can always be counted on. He is a retired engineer and his attention to details has made him an excellent Club Secretary, a position to which he's been elected many times over.

The Gilroy Lions tried many different things over the years, both to make money for the club projects and to just have fun together. The Steak and Corn Feed, which remains so popular, began as

a simple steak barbecue with beans and salad. Then one day in 1962, as Don Hardin drove past a corn field, he stopped and picked 30 ears of corn. He cooked it at the barbecue in a washtub. The Steak and Corn Feed was born.

During the time that Hugh Barrett was President of the Gilroy Lions, from 1969-73, the club tried holding barn dances. There were four dances, one a year, but the idea was finally scrapped. The barns were drafty and cold in the Fall when the dances were held, but the main reason seemed to be that too much drinking went on and then too much fighting.

The Mystery Bus Trip was something else the Gilroy Lions used to do for fun sometimes. You would pay a fee, get on a chartered bus, along with all the other Lions and spouses that signed up, and drive away. Only the trip planners knew where you are going. The bus wandered across the landscape, taking back roads, stopping now and then for refreshments. Finally the bus arrived at a nice restaurant, everyone had a nice dinner, and then back aboard for a comfortable ride home.

In 1978, Gilroy began to celebrate the harvest of its major crop, and the Gilroy Garlic Festival was begun. The Gilroy Lions were on hand to help do anything necessary to make it a success. It was. The Lions have worked at every festival since, and turn over all their salary to the Club. Friends of the Club have been doing the same. This effort is a major source of Club income.

One of our Gilroy Lions was Lion Norman Watenpaugh, "The Birdman of Gilroy". He loved birds, and often went bird watching. He got the Lions interested in local birds, and the club began a yearly project of building birdhouses with children on Earth Day at Christmas Hill Park. That was about ten years ago. Just a few years ago, as Norman was walking home, he was hit and killed by a hit-and-run driver. He is deeply missed by his fellow Lions and was loved by the whole community. Vic Lase has gradually improved upon the birdhouse design so that the Lions can easily put together kits for the birdhouses. All hardware and wooden pieces are cut to size and put into brown paper lunch bags. On Earth Day, one can find the Gilroy Lions Club members building birdhouses with the kids and there's always a long line of kids waiting their turn.

A Lion's Tale, by Vic Lase

There was a Lion, Lion Ray, in our Club who had a nephew who went blind a short time after birth. This was about 1965 when we did all this. We arranged for the boy to get a guide dog. But the nephew, Gene Wilson, needed to learn how to get around with a white cane first. So we Lions took turns taking him around town so he'd get used to going everywhere, curbs, doorways, everything. I took him around a lot myself. Finally he was ready, and he went and got his dog. Years later, I heard he had a gift shop in Henderson Arizona. Well, one time, I was traveling and I looked up that gift shop. I walked in, and there was this young man sitting down behind the counter. He wore dark glasses. Well, Gene always wore dark glasses. I went up to him and started talking with him and he knew my voice. In just a little bit, he

remembered my name. Now isn't that something that he remembered my voice all those years?

Salinas Host Lions Club

Salinas Host Lions Club was chartered in May, 1938, with a widespread membership of community leaders. For the next fifteen years the club met in the leading hotel of the times, the **Cominos Hotel** on lower Main Street. When Judge Jim Jeffrey joined the club, the meeting place was moved to his father Bill's hotel the **Jeffery Hotel** at the corner of Alisal and Main Streets. Both hotels are now gone, the Cominos succumbing to the Loma Prieta earthquake and the Jeffery to commercial redevelopment. Both hotels had served well, but Salinas Host spent many years thereafter seeking alternative locations until finally settling in at the **Salinas Elks Lodge** on Airport Blvd. Today the club meets at the Growers Pub on Monterey Rd. Membership in the early days was healthy, numbering over eighty members. The economy and social attitudes of recent decades has seen a decline to present day membership of slightly over thirty, of which 19-20 members regularly attend the club's weekly Tuesday luncheon meetings and participate in the fund raising activities. Charter member Lion Larry Struve attended meetings regularly into his ninetieth year until passing away in 2007. Salinas Host Lions also are proud to count four Past District Governors in its membership - Lions PDG Virgil Williams, PDG Dick McKenzie and PDG Dennis Miller, and Liz Crooke all of whom continue active, dedicated participation in the club's activities. Salinas Host presently is pleased to support Council Chair Lion Liz Crooke as she serves the Multiple District.

Due to the demise of several other Lions clubs, Salinas Host is the now the sole club responsible for a large number of free eye examinations and glasses for school children in the Salinas area. It is in the process of establishing a foundation for this purpose, funded in large part by the generosity of member Lion Perry Flicker. It is estimated that over 100 children will benefit from this service by the end of the current school year. Salinas Host also is a founding member of local Lions clubs which years ago established the building for the **Blind and Visually Impaired Center** in Pacific Grove, and annually contributes proceeds raised from the club's annual **Monterey County All-Star Baseball Game**. Salinas Host Lions are also active in referrals to the **Lions Eye Foundation** in San Francisco for needed surgery or special medical eye care.

Salinas Host Lions Club continues its historical support of projects for children. Every year, a Christmas party is held for children at the **Toro School for the Hearing Impaired**, with the presentation of gifts and major food baskets to as many as twenty plus families. Salinas Host also supplies barbecued hot dogs and soft drinks at the school's annual May picnic. In 2005, Salinas Host sponsored the first Leo Club in the Salinas area. **Salinas High School Leos** meet every Thursday noon during the school year. It is a vigorous enthusiastic group, active in Lions and its own community service projects. The Leos also provide a good source for participation in such Lions projects as the student speakers and scholarship competitions. Every February, Salinas Host Lions present a **Flag Day** program to elementary school students, who also are encouraged to enter the yearly district **Peace Poster** contest

For many years, Salinas Host was known for its "Roach Coach" food concession at community events, particularly the Salinas Rodeo. Circumstances have seen a diminishing return and increasing burden on the lowered number of members, so that energies are now directed to an annual **Reverse Draw**, the annual **Monterey County All-Star Baseball Game**, the annual **Virgil Williams Golf Tournament**, the traditional **White Cane** campaign and occasional parking lot **BBQs** for fund raising purposes.

Salinas Host Lions has a history of looking beyond local borders to embrace Lions International principles. A sister city relationship with **Cebu** in the Philippines was established in 1971, highlighted by a personal visit to the Cebu Lions by the club's president, Lion F. A. Gonzales, M.D. and charter member, Lion PP Larry Struve. In 1997, Salinas Host Lions ventured a sight mission to Guatemala with four Salinas Host Lions aiding in examinations, dispensation of transported glasses, and

*provision of medical –surgical supplies, in partnership with the **Matequesquintla Lions Club***

*Salinas Host Club currently is on track to gain greater exposure and public awareness of its community presence, living up to the Lions motto of **WE SERVE!***

Almaden Super Lions

Almaden Super was formed March 12, 1956 as South San Jose Lions. The club was chartered with 54 members and the charter President was Joe Colla. Over the years the club has made changes to the name but the club has remained the same. The Club has currently has 44 members.

Almaden Super has been the home to a number of District Governors starting with Walt Sanders who was the second District Governor for District 4-C6. Bob Froom was the next Governor and was one of the youngest Governors ever elected to District 4-C6 and was the 21st Governor for 4-C6. The Clubs next Governor was Dale McElroy he was the 36th Governor for the District. Don Simpson was the 4th Governor from our Club and was the 43rd Governor for District 4-C6.

Service projects for the club include Backpacks for Kids, The Blind Center Christmas Party and the use for the A J Robinson Mobile Screening Unit and most recently the Blanket Drive.

“Backpacks for Kids” was the idea of Lion Judy Froom to provide school supplies to under privilege children in the San Jose area. The first year the pack packs were put together in the Froom’s garage and a total of 75 pack packs were distributed to needed children. Since that time the project has continued to grow each year providing more pack packs to children in our area. It has also become a District endorsed project and many clubs are now participating in this event. In the last few years two sites are used to assemble the pack packs, the Prunedale Grange hall in the south and a local warehouse in the north. In 2012 a total of 2500 backpacks were provided to children in our District.

The Blind Center Christmas Party is a favorite service project of the club, each year Almaden Super puts on a party for the clients of the Silicon Valley Blind Center. The evening starts out at 6:00 pm with appetizers and beverages. Next is a BBQ Chicken dinner with all the trimmings. During the evening entertainment is provided and the group joins in singing Christmas Carols. The evening is capped off with the arrival of Santa Claus who hands out a gift to each and every client there. The Christmas Party has been a part of the Club’s service for over 15 years and serves on an average of 130 clients each year.

Almaden Super is a member club of the A J Robinson Foundation. The club uses the Mobile screening unit 3 times a year providing eye and hearing screening and Diabetes testing to people of South San Jose. Some of the venues that the Club has used in the past have been Princeton Plaza Farmers Market, American Diabetes Association Walk, Andrew Hill High School Health Fair and the Capitol Flea Market. The Club Screens between 50-80 people at each event to community members who would not normally have access to this type screening.

The Club’s latest service project is the Blanket Drive. For the last 3 years in November the Club collects Blankets for the Sacred Heart Community Center. The project was started by Lion Mary Kelly and she has headed up the project for all three years. The blankets are collected at blanket drop off site during the months of October and November the blankets are stored in Mary’s garage until the transfer of blankets to Sacred Heart usually around the 15th of November. Approximately 600-800 blankets are donated each year.

Almaden Super has also adopted the visually impaired class of Franklin McKinley School District held at Ramblewood School. The class Ranges between 8-10 students and we have provided DVD players, Talking Calculators, Braille Books and other equipment needed to help the students. The Club has also paid for a week long summer camp for these students held at Enchanted Hills Camp in Napa. This is a camp that is especially designed for the visually impaired.

Our foremost service is paying for Eye exams and buying glass for those who cannot afford them. The Club purchases about 125 pairs of glasses a year. Children and adults are referred to the club through many sources but mostly through the Schools in the San Jose Unified School District and the Franklin McKinley School District. Student and Adults that qualify then are sent for exams and glasses. This process is administered by Lion Judy Froom and Lion Judi Bennett.

In order to provide the above services the club has puts on a number of different fundraisers over the years. Events such as selling programs at Laguna Seca Raceway and a Tax Day Raffle have been done. In recent years the club has settled on two major fundraisers, the I Care Classic and the Miniature Golf Tournament

The I Care Classic is the clubs signature fundraiser. The I Care Classic is a Bicycle Ride (not a race) starting in Morgan Hill and going through Sam Martin, Gilroy and Hollister. The starting point for the last 4 or 5 years has been Paramit Medical Device Manufacturing in Morgan Hill on Monterey Road. Here the rider has a choice of a 20 mile, 50 k, 50 mile 100K or 2differemt 100 mile rides. Starting points in the past have been High School and Santa Teresa High School. It is an all Day event with much prep work and is an event that requires all club members to participate. Riders enjoy a continental breakfast, a hot lunch when they return and a commemorative t-shirt. All net proceeds go to our foundation to pay for the above services.

The Miniature Golf Tournament was the idea of Lion Greg Snow. Greg saw a version of the event and modified it to fit the needs of the Club. The event is held at the end of August at Golf land on Blossom Hill Road in San Jose. The first year the tournament was held on one of the 18 hole courses. The event was a success and has grown to both 18 hole courses of Golf land. Besides the golfing a raffle, silent auction and a live auction are held. Again all net proceeds go to the foundation.

Our goal is to carry out our Mission Statement:

We are a positive group of caring men and women that meet weekly as the Almaden Super Lions Club. Our purpose is to make a difference in our community by raising funds and participating in hands-on projects that help the visually impaired and assist others in need, especially children. We accomplish this with a magically vibrant spirit of humor, fun, patriotism, and respectful friendship.

San Jose Host Lions

The San Jose Lions Club was organized on February 21, 1920 and was chartered on March 24, 1920. It was sponsored by The Oakland Lions Club and later became San Jose Host Lions Club. Its first president was Judge F. Brown. It was just the second club formed west of Denver. The first meeting place was the St. James Hotel on North First Street and, throughout the years it has met in such places as the DeAnza Hotel, the Sainte Claire Hotel, the Holiday Inn Downtown and today, the Bold Knight Restaurant on North First Street.

One of the club's greatest projects was launched in 1924 when the club voted to purchase a 1.5 acres located at the edge of Alum Rock Park. Funds were raised for construction of a building that includes a large meeting area with a fireplace, a kitchen, a bathroom and storage areas. A large covered deck is accessible from the meeting room and it offers views of a significant portion of Silicon Valley. Its purpose was to provide a facility for community youth and it has done so for over eighty-five years.

Another of the club's long- standing service activities has been to "Help the Blind Help Themselves" as the project was called at its beginning. The club furnished transportation to and from monthly meetings for the blind and for years did so for attendees at what was then known as the Santa Clara Valley Lions Blind Center. In 1950 the club organized the Welfare Foundation whose original purpose was for the promotion and sale of Lectro-Canes for the blind. It has since grown into the repository for all funds collected for donations to various charities and community projects.

In keeping with the challenge issued to Lions International by Helen Keller, in which she asked Lions to become "Knights of the Blind," San Jose Host Lions has always made sight preservation one of its primary areas of service. Each year the club provides an eye screening program for children in the San Jose Unified School District and pays for eye exams and glasses for under-privileged students. Over the years, the program has grown to include individuals referred from a number of sources including homeless facilities, rehabilitation facilities, etc. In addition, the club has provided support for the Lions Eye Foundation and the recent "Sight First" project. Of the club's many charitable activities related to sight preservation, one of the primary ones is the support of the Santa Clara Valley Blind Center. The club has provided financial and maintenance assistance and, in addition, has provided management advice by having club members serve on the board of directors for the Blind Center. Also, the club has held many of its fund raising events at the Blind Center providing additional income to the Center through the rental of the facility.

Over the years, the San Jose Host Lions Club became involved with many of the programs provided by the Salvation Army. Throughout the year, especially during the holiday season, club

members have volunteered to “ring the bell” for the Red Kettle program to raise funds, contributed toys, canned food, blankets and warm clothing and assisted in food sorting and distribution. Additionally, members have volunteered to serve on the Salvation Army Advisory Board. Each year, the Salvation Army’s annual “Kick-off” luncheon/dinner, a fund raising event, is always well attended by club members.

There have been numerous other projects supported by the club throughout the years including the Foreign Exchange Student Program, The Crippled Children’s Society, now known as the Via Rehabilitation Center, the Student Speaker Contest, the A. J. Robinson Foundation and the Flag Day program where members present a program to first grade classes within the San Jose Unified School District about the flag and its meaning. At the conclusion of the presentation, each student is given a small American flag.

With almost ninety years of service, there have been far too many members to mention all of those who have provided service that could be categorized as “above and beyond.” It’s not difficult to imagine the challenges the club faced during certain periods within the club’s long, distinguished history. During the depression years, club leaders not only continued the good work done by the club but increased membership and service to the community. During the war years leadership remained strong and steady and, as the club continued to be successful, the community and the war effort greatly benefited. With the difficult economies of the early seventies, mid to late eighties and early nineties, the club steadfastly maintained its commitment to service, once again, to the benefit of the community. As anyone in a service club, business, etc, knows, leadership is important, but leadership alone is not enough to be successful. It takes dedicated members who take up each and every challenge and work hard to ensure that the challenges are met and projects are successful. As such, everyone who has ever been a member of San Jose Host Lions, or, for that matter, any other service club, deserves recognition and thanks. While there is not space to mention them all, there are some members who, through their dedication to service as a Lion, deserve individual recognition.

During the lengthy history of the club, there have been eighty-nine presidential terms. Until the 1997-1998 term, no president had served more than one term. Due to unforeseen circumstances occurring in early 1997, Past President Bob Hansen, who served as President during 1978-1979, volunteered to serve a second term. The same occurred in 2006-2007 when Art Knopf, who had been President in 1994-1995, became the second club member to serve twice as president. This year, 2008-2009, George Sole became the third member to serve two terms as he repeats the position he held during 1995-1996. The club very much appreciates the experience and dedication of these fine members.

Another great source of pride for San Jose Host Lions is the fact that, in the years since its inception, the Club has provided SEVEN District Governors to the District. The first was George Smith in 1938, followed by Leslie R. Olsen in 1951. Dr. Earl George became District Governor four years later, in 1955 and, in 1968, Dr. Milton J. “Bud” Miller was elected to the position. He was followed, in 1981,

by John Preovolos who, in turn, was followed by William Oliver, in 1993. The most recent was Bob Hansen in 2002 who went on to serve as District Council Chair. The efforts of these individuals provided benefit throughout the District and serves as a fine example of the spirit of service that permeates the entire Lions organization. While San Jose Host Lions was saddened by the passing of Past District Council Chair Bob Hansen, the club is honored to have Past District Governor John Preovolos as a member with more than forty years of service.

In just a few short years the San Jose Host Lions Club will celebrate a CENTURY of service to the community and its members look forward to beginning a second century.

SAN JOSE NORTH VALLEY LIONS CLUB

The club chartered 27 members August 18, 1997 with Ted Malate as Charter President at the Lions Silicon Valley Blind Center. San Jose Host was the sponsoring Lions club. Past International Director Dr. Bill Iannacone was the installing officer. Membership swelled to 45 at its peak; dropped to 18 at its lowest.

The club is well known for its popular annual late summer Charter/Luau/Fiesta fund-raiser held since its inception, when guests and members are attired in Hawaiian clothing, with similarly themed food served, and entertainment offered.

Significant Dates:

1997 – 1998: Ted Malate recognized as District Lion of the Year.

March 1998: Referred Karen Widhani's mother, a Pakistani immigrant, for cataract surgery to Lions Eye Foundation.

1998 – 1999: Club earned second place in the Granito Award contest.

1999 – 2000: Club earned Granito Award as the Best Club in the District (out of 52 clubs) under Club President Medy Malate. Larry Hidalgo served as District Cabinet Secretary under District Governor Carl Anderson.

2000 – 2001: Club named third place in the Granito Award contest and Ted Malate elected Vice District Governor.

2001 – 2002: Ted Malate became the first Filipino-American District Governor and wife Medy, the first district governor's spouse to be a Lion before she became First Lady.

2001 – 2002: Ray Hammersley named District Lion of the Year.

2003 – 2004: Larry Hidalgo elected Vice District Governor.

2004 – 2005: Larry Hidalgo became the second Filipino-American District Governor.

April 16, 2008: Hope Spurgeon (30 years) and M. Lakshman, 5-year Associate Member (35 years) are honored as Senior Lions for their 25+ service years.

Service Activities:

A.J. Robinson Mobile Health Screening Unit – When requested, the club has provided volunteers, especially nurses, for this public service at Most Holy Trinity Church, jointly with Metro Lions at the St. Victor's Parish Festival, with Milpitas Executive Lions at Celebrate Milpitas! and the San Jose Tamale Festival, and the District at Christmas in the Park.

Blind Center Bingo – Since its inception, the club is scheduled to provide four volunteers for Bingo the fourth Monday of each month. From 2006 until now, the club has provided a smaller core of volunteers every Monday and Wednesday in addition to the scheduled Monday.

Christmas Dinner Fund – The club provides volunteers for this annual holiday dinner box assembly and delivery service for the needy with other community volunteer organizations.

Laguna Seca Races Gate Keepers – From September 2002 thru August 2003, the club provided volunteers for gate keeping duties at Laguna Seca races with Prunedale Lions.

Long's Drugs Glucose Screening – The club provided volunteers for this service activity until Long's stopped providing the free service to the public by charging the Lions for its supplies.

Nuestra Casa Food Distribution for Second Harvest Food Bank – November 1998 thru August 2003 distributed food to NC clients with Latin American Lions and Scales of Justice Lions.

Used Eyeglass Collection/Exam and New Glasses for Low Income Families – Upon request, the club provides FREE exams and eyeglasses to low income families in its service area through Lenscrafters and collected used eyeglasses for Lions in Sight.

SARATOGA LIONS CLUB

THE FOUNDING OF THE SARATOGA LIONS CLUB

The Saratoga Lions Club was founded on April 26, 1947, and was sponsored by the Los Gatos Lions Club. From the very beginning of the movement to incorporate the City of Saratoga to its actual incorporation the Saratoga Lions Club took a leading and active part. It was Lions Club funds that started the study of the Choro Foundation as a feasibility survey. Members of the club served actively on all phases of this movement from committeemen to Committee Chairmen and just plain interested citizens. After the election of October 1956 three members of the Saratoga Lions Club sat on the first City Council. They were Lions Raymond Williams, Barney Rosasce, and Harold Jepson, this was three out of the five people elected. From its inception the Lions Club has supplied personnel, the first being the first City Clerk, Lion Frank Bachman..

THE SARATOGA LIONS CLUB AFTER 25 YEARS (IN 1972)

The motto of Lions International, "we serve," is best exemplified at the local club level because this is where Lions actively participate in community affairs. The Saratoga Lions Club had in 1972 an unbroken record of over a quarter of a century of service to the City of Saratoga and neighboring communities. Our main concern lies in the support of activities which help rehabilitate and train the blind. Following this policy we have continuously contributed both minutes, muscle and money to the Santa Clara Blind Center. In addition, we collect used eye glasses for distribution to needy individuals.

In order to be able to assist needy persons with serious eye problems, we became members of the Lions Eye Foundation located in San Francisco. This medical facility, supported entirely by Lions, can care for cases requiring major eye surgery. To provide funding for care of the blind or those with low vision problems, we conduct an annual mail appeal in November. In addition, we participate in the exchange of miniature white canes to members of the community for a donation.

Another important element of the community to which we committed our time and money is the youth. Our boys and girls fund helps Little League, Pony football, girls softball, and other sports activities. In addition, we sponsor an annual Student Speakers Contest featuring local High School students. The State winners all receive scholarships. We work with our elementary school students by sponsoring a Flag Day ceremony, at which miniature flags and printed Pledge of Allegiance cards are given to each first grade student. Other activities include participation in county and district conventions, club picnics and parties, mystery bus trips and other planned activities designated to promote fellowship at the club level.

THE SARATOGA LIONS CLUB AFTER 60 YEARS (IN 2007)

Although the Saratoga Lions Club was chartered in 1947 some twelve years before there even was a city of Saratoga, since incorporation we have in reality grown, nurtured, and developed with the city. When one considers the history of the Saratoga Lions Club one really recites the history of Saratoga.

The Saratoga Lions Club has been active in practically every aspect of Saratoga life from cultural to financial and its members have indeed supplied the life blood of its operating force. In 1949 the Saratoga Lions Club actively supported and presented a Historical Landmark Marker designating the site of the Saratoga Toll Gate which was a major thoroughfare in days gone by. During the late 1940's various members of the Club took leading parts in the famous Saratoga Chip In Days with the Editor being Co-Chairman of the first one. Another town activity assisted by members of the club was the complete overhaul of the Memorial Plaza.

During 1953 with Lion Dr. Joe Simone in charge we presented at the Show Theatre "The Saratoga Frolics" for two nights with the Los Gatos Union High School as recipient of the profits. This was a performance replete with professional stage acts. Montalvo was to receive crews of Saratoga Lions on at least two work days in which we mixed concrete and replaced broken seats for the concrete benches in the lower garden. We also did a real job of gardening in the lower garden area.

Probably one of the most important ways in which the club has served its community and its youth in particular has been an active interest both from member participation to actual financing of Boy Scout Troop 540. Lion Clarence Neale being a former Scoutmaster, Wendell Hammon a former Assistant Scoutmaster and for many years as its Scoutmaster our own Lion Pat Lowey who has done a most outstanding job and well deserves a "Well Done ".

No record of the Saratoga Lions Club would be complete without mention of the Saratoga Youth Center, an organization that since its inception has touched literally thousands of the youth of this community. Lions were in its founding and serve on its board of Directors to this day. We were active in the Youth Center with the moving of the original center which was part of the Saratoga Laundry and was moved from Big Basin Way to Fourth Street where in recent years it has been replaced by the magnificent center located off Fruitvale Avenue.

The Saratoga Lions provided aid to New York after the 9/11 tragedy, to New Orleans after the Katrina hurricane and to various locations in the Far East after the devastation caused by the recent tidal wave. Today the Saratoga Lions stand ready and willing to provide charitable assistance to worthy causes in Saratoga and throughout the world.

Scotts Valley Host Lions

Our story starts on October 13, 1969 with our charter being signed by then International President W.R. Bryan and Secretary Roy Schaezel. The charter celebration took place at the Riverside Hotel in Santa Cruz with our 28 members. Of the 28, 25 were brand new to Lions, and three were transferring from another club. There were 130 Lions and guests in attendance.

Our club was formed because the three men who were Lions all lived and worked in Scotts Valley. They thought it was time Scotts Valley had a club of its own to help the youth and community they lived in.

Lion Louis Mammini was the guiding lion in the formation of the club, and through its early years. He was always available to help our new club in any way he could.

Our first fundraising event was a pancake breakfast that was held at the Middle School's snack shack. The first 5 years of this event raised enough money that we were able to re-do the playing field at the Middle School. There were over 500 yards of dirt brought in, all of it donated, as were the trucks and truckers who hauled the dirt in. A complete sprinkler system was installed and hooked up to recycled water to irrigate the lawn.

As time went on this pancake breakfast was continued in cooperation with the Scotts Valley Little League. Players would sell tickets and our members would cook the breakfast. We'd borrow the grills from the Felton Fire Department. And the little leaguers would show up in uniform to serve the 1200 people who attended. This was a major fundraiser for us for over 10 years.

Our annual Crab Cioppino dinner was started back in 1970. The first two years' menu was cracked crab and only men were invited to attend. This changed in 1972, when sauce was added to the crab and women were invited to attend. The first dinner had about 75 people in attendance and we've grown to an average of 500. We had an all time high in the early 2000's of 600 guests in attendance. This event is now one of our two largest fund raisers. 100% of our proceeds go to your Youth and Community budget.

The 1992-1993 year we had our first woman president. Lion Janet Powell was a true pioneer for our club. At the district convention in Santa Rosa during the luncheon a convention official asked that all women leave the room and join the spouse's tea. When Lion Janet did not get up, she was singled out and asked to leave. Lion Janet refused, stating she was not only a Lion, but a club President. She was later approached by the visiting International Director and praised for taking the stand she did. That was the last year our district separated genders at the convention events.

In 1999 one of our newer members (and incidentally the son of one of our charter members) approached our Board of Directors with an idea of a new fundraiser...a charity golf tournament. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the event and is the other of our two largest fund raisers. Good ideas do come from newer members!

In 2001 one of our members approached the Board of Directors for our clubs support for his run for Vice District Governor. Approval was enthusiastic and unanimous. Our club had our first ever District Governor in 2003-2004. PDG Steve Brown is still a very active member in our club and district. Club member Lisa Bustichi was appointed and served as the District Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer for the 2003-2004 year.

Some of the other activities our club participates in are:

The annual 4th of July celebration put on by the city of Scotts Valley. We have a float in the parade and then continue the celebration at the park where we have an apple pie booth. The evening is capped with an awesome fireworks display.

The annual Art and Wine Festival the city sponsors. Our club is at the bar-b-que where we sell hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage sandwiches and soft drinks.

We also participate in the annual October White Cane Days which supports our eye exams and glasses for community members in need of these services. One of our members is an optometrist who graciously donates a portion of his services and products. He bills us and we pay through the Sight and Hearing fund.

We are members of the Lion Eye Foundation (31 of our members are Life Members and 2 are Helen Keller Fellows), Ear of the Lion Foundation and we support the AJ Robinson Unit. Some years back we sent a local young boy to the Eye Foundation as his parents were told he needed an eye transplant. The Foundation was able to correct the problem without any surgery. To this day his dad still thanks us when he sees us on White Cane Days and donates a large sum to the fund.

At one time we were known as "The Gypsy Club" as we moved meeting places as frequently as twice a year. We have now been meeting at the Scotts Valley Senior Center for 20 years.

One of our members hosted an exchange student from Japan. Before the students left to return home, our club hosted a dinner for all of the exchange students and host families in the region

Six of our members have Melvin Jones Fellowships.

Some of our service projects over the years include:

Building of bar-b-ques in the city. There are two in Scotts Valley that our club has helped build. We both purchased materials and donated labor. We also paid for and erected the smoke hood over the bar-b-que we built at Siltanen Park. One year had us cooking and serving hamburgers and hotdogs for our Navy servicemen who were anchored in Santa Cruz. We invited them as our guests and community members came to the event to spend an afternoon with them. They really enjoyed the afternoon.

1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake. We received a grant from LCIF and with this money our club members built 40 wood storage containers. We gave them away to people in our community who had damage to their homes and needed a place to store their belongings.

We assisted with the labor and purchase of materials for a retaining wall at the Glen Canyon Fishing Park. This fishing park is for 16 year olds and under to fish (with parental supervision). We paid for the initial stocking of fish, which the Department of Fish and Game now stocks.

We planted a Christmas tree some years back in memory of one of our members. This Christmas tree is now used as the City's Christmas tree that is lit at the beginning of the Chamber of Commerce's annual tree lighting ceremony. The cost of the tree was \$800.00 and we were able to get time and equipment donated to get the tree planted. PG&E also donated time in getting electrical to the tree.

A recent project came about when one of our members donated a trailer for use by Scotts Valley High School. Our club built a storage shed on the trailer, painted it and presented it to the High School's Athletic Program. They use it to sell tee shirts and other items to raise money for the Athletic Program.

Santa Cruz Host Lions Club

The Santa Cruz Host Lions Club was chartered April 20, 1929 with 28 members. Meetings were held in the Pioneer Room at the Palomar Hotel until 1967, when the Lions moved to the Elks new building on Jewell Street. The Club meets every Thursday at noon. The Club has 87 members on the roster, with 10 Life members and 7 privileged members. The Club motto is, "We Serve!" This service is focused on hearing and sight conservation, as well as on the development of our community's youth. The Santa Cruz Host Lions has never turned down a youth in need of eye care for lack of funds! The Club raises funds through a variety of activities, including White Cane Day, Lions' Christmas Tree Lot, Nicene Marks Marathon and the Lions Bowl All-Star High School football game. 100% of the funds raised are given back to the community. The Santa Cruz Host Lions Club is somewhat unique in that it has dozens of Past Presidents still active in the club.

Charter Members:

<i>Arnold C. Almason</i>	<i>Jay Gates Jr.</i>
<i>Cecil A. Anderson</i>	<i>C.G. Hammer</i>
<i>Phillip B. Beggs</i>	<i>D.J.T. Harrington</i>
<i>John E. Bias</i>	<i>Hobert A. Harvey</i>
<i>C.R. Blodgett</i>	<i>John Johnson</i>
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<i>John Costello</i>	<i>Samuel Leask Jr.</i>
<i>Jack F. Enns</i>	<i>C.P. Manion</i>
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– Al McCommon

San Martin Lions Club



"Newly organized San Martin Lions Club received its charter at a ceremony in the Morgan Hill Grange Hall.

Seated left to right are Loren Critser, Redwood City, international counselor; William Agler, San Martin, president of new club; and Leslie R Olsen, Lions' district governor from San Jose. Standing are vice-president of Morgan Hill club, and Lewis Downer, secretary.

San Martin Lions Club was Chartered in December 1951 by Lions Clubs International. The Club leased a parcel of land from Santa Clara County on Murphy Ave across the street from the South County Airport, and built with volunteer labor and donated supplies a building now known as San Martin Lions Community Hall. This property is our major project, we make the hall available to several community organizations, local 4-H groups, Cal Fire, League of Women Voters, a local Country Western Dance Club, etc, and to cover the extreme costs of maintaining the property we operate a weekly BINGO game every Wednesday.

LOS GATOS LIONS CLUB

The year was 1946. World War II had just ended and the country was in the process of demobilization. President Truman had recently declared an end to rationing and coffee was now available for .31 cents a pound. Meanwhile, at the foot of the Santa Cruz Mountains stood the Town of Los Gatos with a population of 3,500 centered in a small downtown consisting of business's fronting the Santa Cruz Highway (now N. Santa Cruz Ave.) and Main Street, all of which was surrounded by bountiful fruit orchards.

Los Gatos already had a well organized business community with most of its more active participants serving as members of the well established Kiwanis Club or Rotary Club. Some younger members of the community, discouraged by the high fines and assessments of these Clubs, began to meet informally on Wednesday nights at the Hotel Lyndon with the goal of starting a new type of local service club. Spearheaded by Le Roy H. Halverson, Jim Thompson, Harry Lincoln, George C. Gianola, John L. Sublett and Dr. Ed Kilbourne Jr., this group grew to over 38 members, and under the sponsorship of the San Jose Host Lions Club, proceeded to form a Los Gatos Lions Club.

On February 23, 1946, over 200 members and guests attended a Charter Dinner at the recently refurbished La Rinconada Golf and Country Club for the newly organized Los Gatos Lions Club. Thereafter, the Club met every Wednesday night at the Hotel Lyndon.. Examples of initial Club activities included the installation of Lions Club signs at the highways entering town, sponsorship of a local Sea Scout youth organization and support of a local "pet parade." Initial fundraising efforts were also limited in scope. For example, Club records show that in August, 1947, the Club held a "ladies night barbecue" wherein they "sold beer and had a chuck-o-luck game" all of which netted \$107.00. The following month the Club held a "Street Dance" for which the Secretary merely commented that the Club "made a profit." Early on, funds were raised primarily from the members themselves, most of which were put right back into the community as evidenced by a \$1,500 donation by the Lions in 1947 to help build the Los Gatos War Memorial Building (now the Recreation Department Building).

The spring of 1947 saw the Los Gatos Club send a contingent of Lions to the annual "Spring Conference" held by the District Lions at Hobergs in Lake County. The annual District Convention in Hobergs continued for over 30 years and tales of fun and frolic engaged in at this annual gathering continue to this day. When Hobergs was sold, the District Convention was held at Clear Lake for two years before finally settling in at the Rancho Tropicana in Santa Rosa. It was here that the Los Gatos Lions continued their tradition as chief rabble rousers by "allegedly" engaging in such acts as dropping another Club's boat into the swimming pool, surreptitiously painting another Club's prized red fire engine "white", and generally ensuring that nobody would escape the annual gathering without a good-time. The convention has now left Santa Rosa for Sacramento but Los Gatos continues to send a large group each year that remains committed to carrying on the tradition of prank and merriment.

Instrumental in early fundraising efforts was the recruitment of local car dealer Jim Countryman into the Club in 1949. After joining Lion Countryman made annual donations to the Club in excess of \$1,000 which was used to support ongoing club activities such as providing transportation for the blind, hosting student speaker contests and participating in the town's recreation fund. From its inception, the Lion's Club took a special interest in the youth of Los Gatos. In 1949, the Club purchased an electric scoreboard for the sports field and during the summer of 1949 treated over 600 kids to a free movie and candy at the local theater. This same year a few Lions members had the audacity to propose a softball tournament with the other local service Clubs. The upstart Lions walked away with the first place trophy in a tradition that continues to this day.

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Los Gatos Lions have historically committed themselves to providing "hands-on" improvements of the town as the need arises. In conjunction with its annual use of Oak Meadow Park, the Lions Club members have built the stationary barbecues, constructed the bandstand (1962), donated the Red Fire engine (1961) and most all of the playground equipment, and supported with time and money the Billy Jones Railroad and Carousel all of which remain fixtures in the Town Park to this day. In 1984, many Lions worked long days to complete the construction of K- Cat, the local public access TV Station. Over the years, Los Gatos Lions Club members have helped paint and repair virtually all of the schools in town and have donated hours of time and money constructing and improving the Town's youth athletic facilities. In addition, the Los Gatos Lions Club has used its resources to assist victims of disasters throughout the world. Emblematic of this was a 1965 "Mercy Mission to Pleiku, Vietnam" wherein, under the direction of President John Lochner, over the course of a year, the Club gathered a warehouse full of clothing and medical supplies and shipped them to the destitute of Pleiku in response to an urgent plea for help.

In 1957, Lion Bus Benson became President and the Club moved to weekly noon meetings at the Live Oak Inn at the corner of N. Santa Cruz Avenue and Highway 9. Unwilling to sit on the sidelines, Lion Bus' wife Ruby gathered most of the other Lion's wives together and formed an auxiliary known as the "Ellionettes" which was named in honor of Lion Harry Richard's deceased wife Ellen. In 1988, the Lions welcomed women into its membership, the first being Carol Musser, who went on to become President in 2004. The first woman President was Jan Morris in 2001. The Club now counts many women as its most active members.

While community service remains the foundation upon which the Los Gatos Lions Club has built its reputation, no history of this Club would be complete without mention of service provided by the Club to its own members. A few examples bear noting. In 1970, long time member Lion Dick Wall injured his back at convention. At the time he was in the process of remodeling his home. Under the leadership of Lion John Lochner, over 40 Lions and their wives unexpectedly showed up at Lion Dick's house with lumber, supplies and tools, and in one weekend closed the house up with roof and all. Likewise, in 1974 Past President Bill Zilliox was stricken with cancer. In an effort to help Lion Bill, over 50 Lions showed up at Lion Bill's door one Saturday morning and completely stripped and repainted both the inside and outside of his home and completely re-landscaped his yard. In 1978, Lion John Lochner's son, Jeff (now a Lion himself), was paralyzed in a diving accident. Soon thereafter, the Lions helped raise funds for Lion Jeff's medical expenses, and over the course of three days many Lions participated in a work party wherein a new, handicapped accessible room was added to the Lochner household. These are just a few examples where the Lions "helped their own." This tradition is ongoing, leaving all Lions with the comfort of knowing that if in need, they can turn to their Club for help.

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The Club continues to support youth, the visually challenged and the needy of the Town of Los Gatos. Over \$65,000 has been donated over the years to local schools to support their "Quest" drug awareness programs and similar funds have been donated to the Lions Santa Clara Valley Blind Center as well as members of the community in need. The Club sponsors an active youth group known as the Leo's, provides youth scholarships, and continually provides local civic improvements. In 2010, at the District 4-C6 Convention, the Los Gatos Lions Club was awarded the Frank Granito Award, the most prestigious award given by the District, for the Clubs contribution to Lions and the Community. One of the most notable was the remodel and reconstruction of the Lion Ted Simonson Fitness Center at Los Gatos High School. When not conducting business, weekly Club meetings are known for their raucous spiritedness all of which has made the Los Gatos Lions Club the most productive and lively community service organization in Santa Clara County.

East Valley Lions

Our Lions Club was chartered in February 1948 in an unincorporated area of San Jose, then known as the Mayfair area because of the phone prefix, hence the name, Mayfair Lions Club. Within a year however, the name was changed to Alum Rock Lions Club, because the membership was comprised of merchants along Alum Rock Avenue. Alum Rock Avenue, at the time, was the only commercial area in the East Valley. The balance of the land mass was primarily agricultural.

In 1968, in order to broaden our appeal for membership and to accurately reflect our service area, our name was changed to San Jose East Valley Lions Club. Some of the community leaders associated with our club include Bill Grace, Ron Paterson, Herb Terrell, Thomas P. Ryan, Senator Jack Thompson, Dr. Frank Fiscalini, Jack Emery and many more. Over the years, we have been active in District 4-C6 affairs and activities: Providing leadership on numerous committees, zone and regional chair positions. We are also proud to have amongst our membership two Past District Governors: Lion Tony Pisciotta and Lion Roger Hartsell and District 4-C6 Lion of the Year 2004-2005, Cliff Cooper.

Immediately upon formation, the Lions club began filling a need as an unofficial Chamber of Commerce, a political action committee, a community conscience and a promoter of education and friend of the needy. Community projects have included the Jack Emery Christmas Basket Drive (since 1949), started Pop Warner Football, started East Hills Little League, sponsored Boy Scout Troop 13 (since 1950), Girl Scouts, scholarship funds, Student Speaker contests, the Youth Exchange and lighting the athletic field at James Lick High School. We have helped fund and construct the Santa Clara Valley Blind Center and continue to help maintain the facility. We provide financial support for Canine Companions for Independence, the Lions Eye Foundation, the Lions Ear Foundation and have started and funded our own San Jose East Valley Lions Charitable Foundation.

Each member is most proud of our efforts in supplying eye exams and eyeglasses for each and every needy child recommended by the school nurses of our East Valley schools. These good works have been funded through the years by donkey baseball games, the Christmas Amateur Show, Annual Pancake Breakfasts, Casino Nights, Western Dances and BBQs, firework sales, light bulb sales and many other events. These events are made possible by our membership: Volunteering their time and talent and sometimes the time and talent of their spouses and friends to raise the funds necessary to accomplish our lofty goal of SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY.

West San Jose - Campbell Lions

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West San Jose - Campbell Lions Club celebrates a Legacy - 50 years of Community Service! May 1952, fifty years ago, a small group of businessmen, led by Enoch A. Davis Jr., established the Hester Lions Club in San Jose to do community work. In 1998, a recently retired military woman was inducted into West San Jose-Campbell Lions Club. Little did she know that the Lions Club she joined was the same club her father established in 1952.

Lois Davis Murray became the 51st president of the West San Jose-Campbell Lions Club following in her father's footsteps. The club celebrated its 50-years Legacy Anniversary at The Three Flames Restaurant in May 2002; Lois Davis Murray celebrates her history making term July 1, 2002. "A legacy, a look back, fifty years of service in our community helping men, women, and children," said Murray. "Lions give back to the community because so much has been given, so freely, by the same community over past years."

Back in 1953, the Lions in the area established the Santa Clara Valley Blind Center. In 1991, the organization assumed its present name of Lions Silicon Valley Center for the Blind & Sight Impaired. The center is open to all people who are sight impaired. Some clients were born blind; others become blind after having an accident, acquiring a disease such as retinitis pigmentosis, macular degeneration or diabetic retinopathy. The center trains its clients in new skills such as using a cane, walking to the bus stop, getting in a car, reading Braille, weaving baskets and even performing everyday activities such as eating and doing laundry.

Not only does the West San Jose-Campbell Lions' Club work with the visually impaired in the local area, one of its most recent projects involves donating used eyeglasses to other countries. Each year Lions Clubs throughout the state brings thousands of pairs of used glasses to other countries, such as Mexico, for people who cannot afford vision care or supplies. The San Francisco based organization Lions in Sight receives donated prescription glasses, categorizes, sterilizes and packages the glasses. Accompanied by an eye surgeon and an optometrist, Lions Club members travel to many countries to test eyesight and find suitable glasses for those in need. One of the groups most rewarding experiences was giving a pair of glasses to a sight impaired grandmother, with her new glasses she saw her grandchild for the first time, said Murray."

West San Jose-Campbell Lions Club founded two organizations, Books Aloud, which supplies books on tape for those with visual impairments, and Lions' Free Cell Phones for Emergency Use. West San Jose-Campbell Lions participate in Books Aloud volunteering to record book readings. Lions' Free Cell Phones for Emergency Use is a program in which Lions Club members give free cell phones to use in the case of an emergency. The phones are programmed to dial only 911. "We have given away thousands of cell phones. This year our club alone donated 1,500." The Blind Center started their own Lions Club called Visionaries," said Murray. "Even those who are blind are finding ways to get involved, giving back to the community that has helped them so greatly."

West San Jose-Campbell Lions volunteer in the A. J. Robinson Mobile Health Screening Van providing the community with diabetes screening. "Last year we were able to tell several people, whose sugar levels were high, they needed to see a doctor. Most people don't know they are candidates for the disease," said Murray.

The Lions Club Foundation is an international organization, with clubs in interesting places as Turkey, Istanbul, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Denmark. "It is kind of nice to follow my father down the road in Lions' service," said Murray. "Who would have known that 50 years later I would be at the same podium leading community service as he did"? "We Serve" has a deeper meaning to me".



Sunnyvale Host Lions Club



The original Sunnyvale Host Lions Club Historian was Chas A. Golick. Most of my information is taken from the old anniversary programs that have been saved over the years and a few news paper articles.

The club was organized in **March 1932**, and chartered on **April 28, 1932**. It was the second club formed in Santa Clara County. It started with 20 members. In the historical documents we are proud to have a telegram of congratulations sent to the club on our charter night by Lion Founder Melvin Jones.

The charter celebration was held at Sunnyvale City Hall, with the charter being presented to the club by Dudley Fagerstrom, from the sponsoring club San Jose Lions Club. Our Charter president was Rudolf W. Pedersen. The American Flag was presented to the club by George Smith, representing San Jose Lions Club. The gavel was presented by H.H. Mylander from the Golden Gate Council.

California started a Student Speaker Contest in 1937-38. Sunnyvale had the wining speaker, Emerson Arends, in **1942-43**. He was a 15 year old student from Fremont High School. The subject for the contest was 'AFTER THE WAR-WHAT?' He grew up on Arques Ave and his father, James Sr., owned a lumber company.

By the year **1960** we boasted of having had three Deputy District Governors, Clarence Kay, Fred J. Logan, and Sid Carter Sr. We have had several other district officers from our club during our many years and one District Governor, Bob DeUnger, in 2007-08. The same year Bob's daughter, Jennifer Bates, was the first woman president of the club.

For our 20th Anniversary celebration, held in **March 1952**, there was a special dinner and program held in the City Hall meeting room. The club members, numbering over 100, were addressed by DG Leslie R. Olsen. There were three charter members present: Gene Wahl, manager of Frank X. Ferry Hardware, Thomas C. Knife, sales manager at Kay Motor Co., and Joe Stanich, Sunnyvale's assistant postmaster. Lion Joe Stanich was be our last remaining Charter Member.

One huge club project in **1952** was to provide raincoats and storm caps for grammar school street patrol crews. There was a scholarship fund, a student speaker's contest, and an annual football banquet along with other educational activities.

In a newspaper article there is a quote from then DG Leslie R Olson. He states, "There are now 9,200 Lions Clubs with 420,000 members in 34 different countries." We have come a long way since 1952!

On **March 26, 1957**, our 25th Anniversary celebration had, as president, Charles Golick and our MC was Fred Logan. Special guests consisted of Thomas McQuarrie, from SJ Lions Club, International Counselor Maurice Perstein and DG L. Bacci. Newspaper articles boast of community services, some which were the Junior Traffic Patrol, free glasses for needy children, providing a wading pool at the city park and the continuing of scholarships for the local students. A special piece of equipment was needed desperately so the Sunnyvale club purchased a resuscitator and donated it to Public Safety Department. Our Lions Club continued to be an important part of the community.

The next document is the celebration of the club's 50th anniversary. The event was held April 10, 1982, at Moffett Naval Air Station's Officers Club. Special guests consisted of the Mayor of Sunnyvale, assemblyman, Past International Director and the sitting District Governor John Preovolos. At this time there were 46 club members who supported the many projects for the Sunnyvale Community.

In March of 2002 the club celebrated its 70th Anniversary with a huge party at The Historical Del Monte, in downtown Sunnyvale. There were many guests at this party, from the city officers as well as many lions from the district. The party was to be a celebration of success in providing continued services and support of our city. Though the 70th is not an anniversary number noticed by many it turned out to be one that the club members will remember always. It was to be the last celebration for many of our older Lions. The next five years would hold heartbreak and sadness as we said goodbye to many of our senior Lions. The club number dwindled down but the heart of our club was strong and we continued to hold a few fundraisers that would enable us to continue our projects.

One of the best projects we have going is our great Flag Day Presentation. The chair for this program has been shared by different club members over the years but is now greatly enjoyed by the delivery from Lion Dennis Moreno. He engages the students in conversation and learning. He has recently thrown in a little Hawaiian song which keeps the students totally entertained.

We represent the Lions at the Sunnyvale's Fit and Fun Fair. We get the AJ Robinson Health Screening Unit to the site, man it with Lions and a Diabetes specialist, and do a community screening for free. We check weight, body mass, hearing, eye sight and a glucose check. We do all ages, using some of the children to interpret for their non-English speaking parents. It is a screening that alerts people to potential health issues. Our participation in this event continues to be a hugely successful way to connect and help the public.

We have associated ourselves with the Sunnyvale Senior Center, sponsoring part of their holiday celebration and doing all the cooking for their Breakfast With Santa event. We have also become close with the Sunnyvale Community Services. Through the District's Back-Pack for Kids program we continue to purchase many filled back-packs for children starting school in the fall. Our packs are stuffed with all the materials the children will need to start school successfully. The Sunnyvale Community Services distributes these packs to the children in need. We also have an auction at our annual Christmas dinner with all proceeds going to the purchase of gifts that are donated to the community services. From toys to hand made blankets, and scarves, we continue to give.

Our club now brags on having a Leo Club at the Mountain View High School. Lion Judie Lee, a teacher at their school, is their Lion Councilor. She makes it possible for the club to exist and guides them in the right direction, when needed. The club is six years old and has the African Library Project as their focal point. They raise funds, collect books and then ship them to Africa, where a preselected location will receive these gifts and start a library. Without the tireless work of these LEOS the lucky villages would not have access to books, much less their own library. The club is very proud of these students as they see the world and the needs of others.

Our 80th Anniversary was held at our Annual Family BBQ, our biggest fundraiser for the year. It is a BBQ that caters to families and children. With the huge back yard facility of the Santa Clara Elks Lodge we set up a play area dedicated to children. We have a bounce house, face painting and craft tables that promise to keep the kids busy and happy. As their young ones enjoy all that is provided in the kid's area the parents and other adults are able to sit and join in conversations. Dinner consists of pre-dinner treats and then the traditional BBQ Tri Tip and Chicken, with all the extra side dishes. There is a huge assortment of raffle prizes and silent auction items arranged to entice people to bid. We price our tickets to be sure all children are welcome. (They are free!) Again, the focus is on families.

We have also started a program cater a BBQ for the **1959** Sunnyvale High School Alumni. This will be our second annual BBQ for them, being held in August at Sunnyvale's Washington Park. With some of the Lions being Sunnyvale High School alumni it is fun to spend the afternoon with these folks!

We were present in the city of Sunnyvale's 100 year Anniversary. We marched in the parade, entered a Lion Scarecrow in the contest and manned a Welcome Booth. One of our Lions is a band alumnus and actually got to march in the parade with the Sunnyvale High School's marching band. She usually would have played a flute but this time she carried a letter with the other Letter Girls, some being her high school friends.

In **2013** we had a St. Patty's Dinner that was very successful. We have visited 30 clubs this year, attended all the cabinet meetings, participated in other club projects and fundraisers. We have three new members that are just amazing people with the desire to help. When inducted into our club there are three T's they promised to support: Time, Treasury and Talent. Our club members are all dedicated citizens who support the causes and areas that Lions focus on. They are also free thinkers who look for the needs of others and challenge us to find solutions.

2013 Club Members and their years of service

Ruben Alba	3.5 years	Judie Lee	6.5 years
Jennifer Bates	9 years	Judy Mallory	1 month
Jeff Bautista	22.5 years	Paul Mallory	1 month
Debra Betz	9 Years	Matt Miholovich	36 years
Will Camacho	2.5 years	Dennis Moreno	26.5 years
Peter Cassara	10 years	Elena Perez	1.5 years
Gosia Czajka-Hernik	1 month	Jesus Pacheco	2.0 years
Bob DeUnger	20.5 years	Dagmar Paul	7.0 years
Suzie DeUnger	5.5 years	Ken Popovich	34 years
Christine Kang	1 year	Irving Tupe'	1.5 years

Sunnyvale Host Lions club is **small but mighty**.

Some trivia worth mentioning: We have a few second generation Lions in our club. Matt Miholovich's dad, Donald, was a Sunnyvale Lion and president of the club in 1986. Ken Popovich's dad, Anthony, was club president in 1947. Jeff Bautista's father-in-law, Rusty Alario, was president in 1984 and Bob DeUnger's father-in-law, Marvin Monsees, was the president in 1992. Bob DeUnger invited his daughter Jennifer Bates and sister-in-law Debra Betz to join the club in 2000, and his wife Suzie, in 2007.

We had a long standing club secretary, Charles Golick, until 1991. This job was then taken over by Ken Popovich, who did the job until his move to Carmel Valley, in 2010, when Bob DeUnger took over. In 1998 Jeff Bautista took over the position of Treasurer. In 2010 he took a three year hiatus with Dennis Moreno sitting in for him. This year, 2013, Jeff will once again be our moneyman.

There are many stories for each Lion, of their selfless giving of time and energy to insure the club's continued success. There are funny stories that have helped keep the fun in our meetings and events. From our annual Halloween parade to antics at the Family BBQ.. We will continue to honor the rich history that was started in 1932, a history of helping our communities, both locally and worldwide.

This information is proudly submitted by the seated club president Suzie Monsees DeUnger

Some more memories:

Here are some memories that have been shared by Lion Ken Popovich. These are things his father, Sunnyvale Lion Anthony Popovich, had shared with him. Anthony was president of the club in 1947. Charlie Golick served as club secretary for 50 years, except for the one year he served as president in 1957, when Fred Logan took his place.

Sunnyvale Lions club has had seven city Mayors as members. Lion Sid Carter Sr. was a Deputy District Governor and had a big presence in the SC Valley Blind Center.

Club fines used to be a quarter but John Bielski only put in a nickel. The club then started calling a nickel a Bielski quarter.

Fred Logan was Mayor when Lockheed came to Sunnyvale. There is film of him at the ground breaking. Before that he got the nickname of Flare Gun Fred. I was there. Before he was married he and his friend Bill Colesberry lived on Bear Creek Road in Los Gatos, on a hilltop. I was there with my cousins. Fred was a supply sergeant in the war and had some stuff. He had a flair gun and all of us kids wanted to see it go off. He fired it at night and set the hillside on fire. They called the fire department to put it out and put us kids in the car and told us to stay there until the firemen left so we wouldn't talk to them. Thus the name Flare Gun Fred

Eddie Cornell was an electrician and president in 1974. He retired to Discovery Bay as this area when was just getting developed. He founded a Lions club there and later became mayor of the city.

The club use to meet in the basement of city hall. Meals were 50 cents. The room was long and narrow. I remember Xmas parties there with all the kids.

Bill Gilmore was Fire Chief of the Sunnyvale Volunteer fire department

The club use to put on minstrel shows.

But the most notorious event was the visitation to the Mtn View Lions at Chez Yvonne in the '50's. Everyone dressed up like Indians. Chief Oxindine had an electric tomahawk and would give an electrical shock to the Mt.View members. The Sunnyvale group was generally rowdy. But the final straw was Oscar Liebert setting off a smoke bomb. The restaurant had to be evacuated and needless to say, it was a long time before the club had another invite. Not sure if anyone is around to verify the story, but as far as I know it's true.

Lion Ken

Lions Clubs of 4-C6

The First 50 Years



*A History of Clubs Pins in the
4-C6 District*

San Jose Host



Valley of Hearts Delight #1

1978



Valley of Hearts Delight #2

1979



Valley of Hearts Delight #3

1979



Valley of Hearts Delight #4

1981



Valley of Hearts Delight #5

1982



California Wines

1987



Great California Wines

1987



60th Anniversary Pin

1979

107



65th Anniversary Pin

1985



70th Anniversary Pin

1990



75th Anniversary Pin

1995



85th Anniversary Pin

2005

Santa Clara Host



Club Pin



35th Anniversary

1981



40th Anniversary

1986



Club Pin

1987



45th Anniversary

1992



60th Anniversary

2007

Salinas North



Steinbeck Series

1981



Steinbeck Series



Steinbeck Series

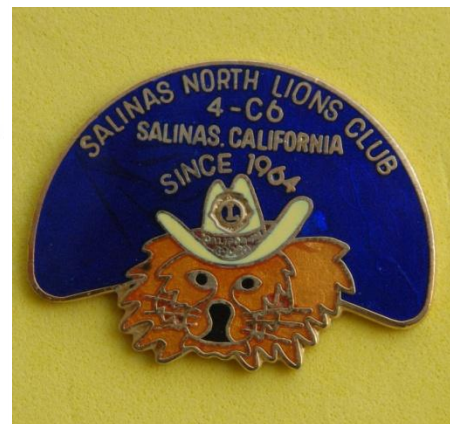


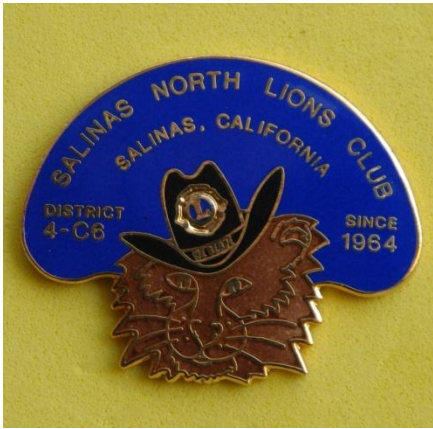
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1984

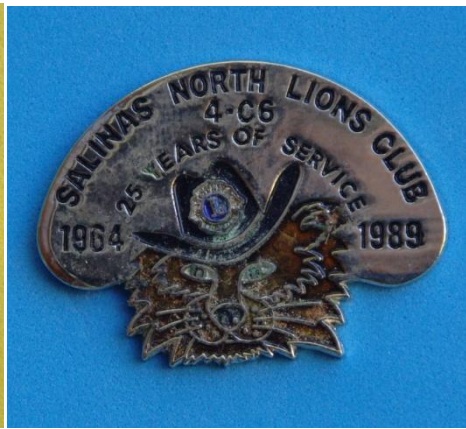


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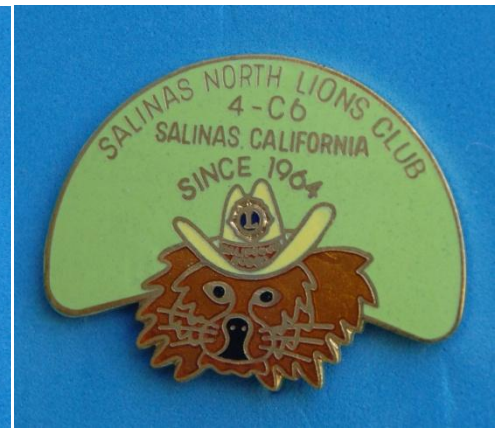




1984



25th Anniversary



1989



Santa Cruz Host



50th Anniversary

1979



60th Anniversary

1989



80th Anniversary

2009

Scales of Justice



Shield Club Pin #2



Shield Club Pin #4



10 Year Anniversary

Almaden Super



55 th Anniversary

2011

Milpitas Host



1980



1991



1991



1986



1987



1988



1989

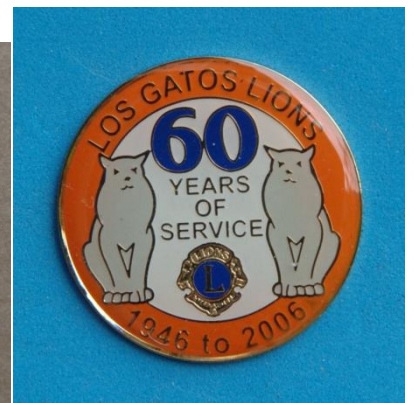
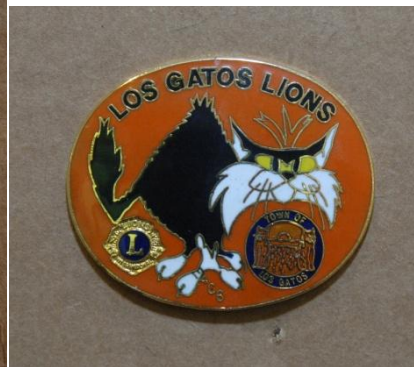


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Sunnyvale Host



Los Gatos Host



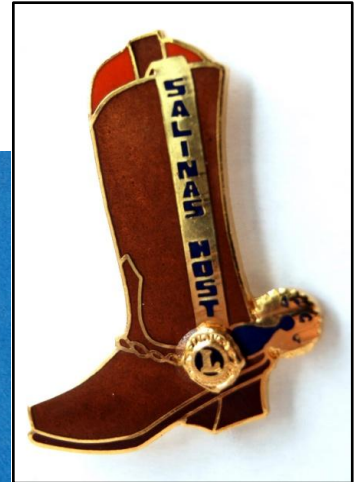
Salinas Host



50th Anniversary



70th Anniversary



Cupertino Host



Flag Day Pin 1985-1990



Wild Game Feed 1980-1984



40th Anniversary 1991

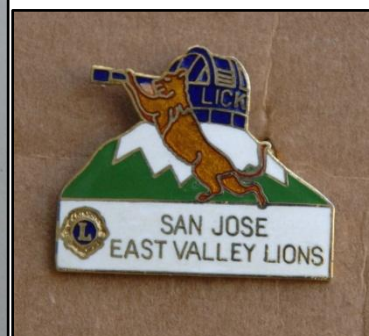


50th Anniversary 2001



60th Anniversary 2011

San Jose East Valley



Pacific Gove



25th Anniversary 1977



30th Anniversary 1982



35th Anniversary 1987

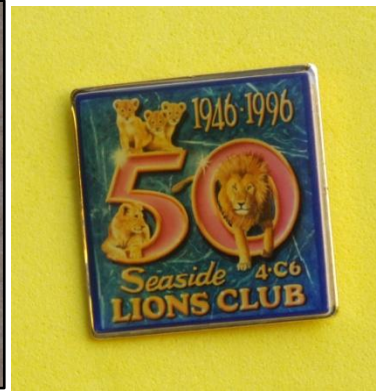




Seaside



Seaside



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35th Anniversary 1981

50th Anniversary 1996



Carmel Host



Gilroy



Monterey Old Capitol



Prunedale



Prunedale



Los Amigos



San Martin



San Martin



San Jose North Valley



Monterey Lighthouse



Greenfield



San Jose Maharlika



Watsonville Pajaro Valley Host



Monterey Peninsula Host



Willow Glen



San Jose JapanTown



San Jose Pioneer



Milpitas Executive



King City Mt



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Charter Night Pin 2009



Scotts Valley



Cabrillo Host



West San Jose



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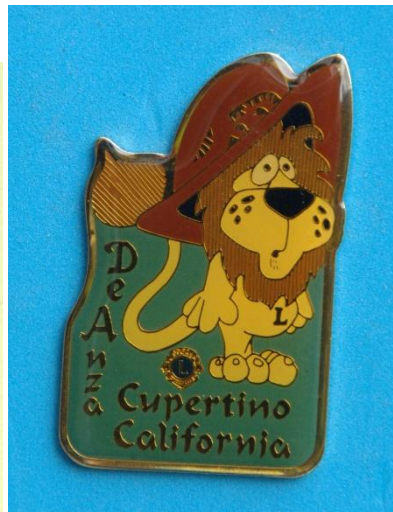
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Clubs of the Past



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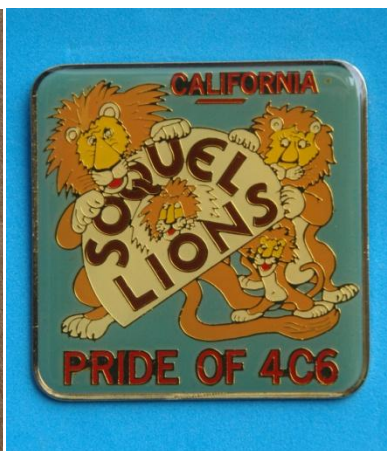
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Campbell Golden



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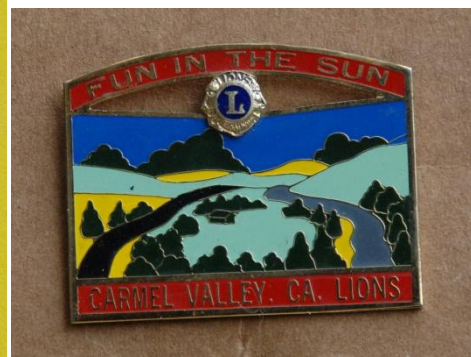
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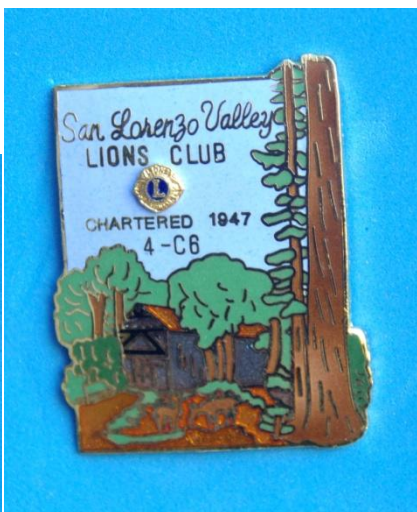
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Carmel Valley



San Jose Evergreen



San Lorenzo Valley



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Capitola Host



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Milpitas Golden Triangle



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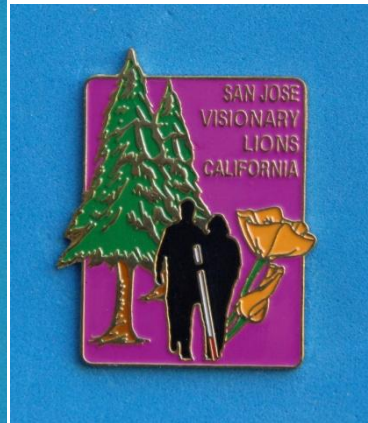
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San Jose King of Clubs



San Jose King of Clubs



San Jose Visionary



Monterey County Council



Monterey County Council



Monterey County Council



Greater Santa Cruz Lioness



Milpitas Mabuhay



San Jose Latin American



San Jose Latin American



Salinas Barangay



Salinas Barangay



Salinas Barangay



Salinas Barangay