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Blessings of the Season

I would like to wish everyone **HAPPY HOLIDAYS** from my family to yours. I hope each one of us had a great Thanksgiving, had a lot of turkey or ham to eat and was with your families during this time of the year.

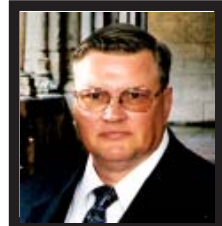
On behalf of DG **Gary Dapelo**, RC **Fred Handley** and ZC **Tim Watts**, I would like to pass on their THANKS to all of our club members who assisted with the District Cabinet Meeting in Galt on Nov 19th. We had 13 lions under the leadership of Lion **Jim Parino** cook and serve breakfast and lunch for all of the District 4C5 Lions who attended the Cabinet Meeting. From the visiting District and Vice District Governors, all of the region and zone chairmen all echo the same comments to RC Lion Fred and myself of **great meals, excellent food and service, outstanding support** our club gives our District Governor Gary and our hospitality. I cannot thank each and everyone enough for making the Elk Grove Lions an outstanding club.

Since our last newsletter, we have completed seven events totaling over 300 hours of service. We started off with PDG **Mel Oneto** chairing the EGHS Drill Team and PGHS Cheerleaders and PGHS Dance Team Dinners followed by Lion **Jim Parino** hosting both the Senior Center Breakfast and Veteran's Day Parade assistance with food. Joining the group for his first major event was Lion **Dan Pearson** chairing a dinner for the EGHS Band and finishing out with Lions **Pancho Sanchez** and **Bill Hibbard** willing in for Lion **Rick Schriver** and chairing the SHS Basketball Dinner.

We have another Lion getting ready to host his first major event for our club and that is Lion David King. He has been working hard to get the word out about Toy for our Troops Drive that he is chairing.



We will be collecting toys on Sat Dec 8th in the CSD parking lot. Please pass that word around that we are looking for new unwrapped toys. All of these toys will be going to the families of service men and women in uniform who are serving in Iraq or Afghanistan or for families that have lost a parent and are from the Elk Grove area. I would like to see each member bring in one toy for this drive to help make this a successful event.



*Lion President
Andy Anderson*

As this goes to press, we would have finished our December Crab Feed and I would again like to thank everyone for their support and help.

Remember for December we have reverse our general meeting and board meeting. Our board meeting will be the second Monday (10th) with our general meeting with Santa on the 17th.

Lion President Andy



ELK GROVE LIONS Board MEETING

November 19, 2007

Call to order Lion President Andy Anderson 6:30 PM

Attendance:

P President: **Andy Anderson**
 P Secretary: **Jerry Salamy**
 P 1st VP: **Jim Switzgable**
 P Bulletin Ed: **David Simpson**
 P 2nd VP: **Pancho Sanchez**
 P Tail Twister: **Matt Switzgable**
 P 3rd VP: **Danny DiBenedetto III**
 Ex Treasurer: **Bob Brewer**
 P Lion Tamer: **Heinz Leonhardt**
 P 1 yr Director: **Danny DiBenedetto**
 P 1 yr Director: **Jack Megna**
 P 2 yr Director: **Bill Hibbard**
 P 2 yr Director: **Jim Parino**
 P Membership Director: **PDG Mel Oneto**
 P Immediate Past: **Tim Watts**
 P Public Relation Cord: **David King**

Also present:

Lions **Joe Tallerico, Heston, Robert Hillyer, Ellard Whisman, Rod Dixon, Al Jaugui, Jack Edwards.**

Introduce guest:

None.

Secretary Report: Lion **Jerry Salamy** – No Report.

Motion to approve Board Minutes of: Approved with Changes.

Treasurer Report: Check with Lion **Bob Brewer** for details.

Special Announcement:

Tax returns and report on last year's funds Lions **Andy Anderson & Jim Salamy**. – Two checks to be changed from project account to administrative account.

Correspondence:

- ☐ Liquor (ABC) License – Received liability policy invoice.
- ☐ Chamber of Commerce Dues – Received invoice.
- ☐ NCLSA VIP dues – Paid invoice.
- ☐ Sign Shop Bill – Received invoice.
- ☐ District 4C5 Christmas Party – Dec 9 – Received invitation.
- ☐ City of Hope Fundraiser – Pride of LC Lions – Received tickets for fundraising for City of Hope, raffling off Thomas Kincaid Gallery painting. **Motion to purchase 18 tickets for \$90 by Lion Jerry Salamy, 2nd Lion Jim Switzgable. Motion passed.**
- ☐ Misc – folder – Passed folder to board members for review. Received Retention Banner for 2006/2007 year. No other comments on folder.

Old Business and Chairman's Reports:

- ❖ Ramp for old school house – Elk Grove Park - Lion **David Simpson** – CSD can finance work and has ownership of building. CSD will assume liability for construction of ADA ramp. To be discussed at November 26 dinner meeting.
- ❖ Peace Poster Contest - Lion **Matt Switzgable** – Could not find schools with interest in participation. Will try again next year with an earlier start on solicitation of school participation.

- ❖ Elk Grove Band Dinner - Nov 10 - Lion **Dan Pearson** – No report.
- ❖ Veteran's Day Parade Food Request - Nov 11 - Lion **Jim Parino** – Provided 1,000 hot dogs and buns.
- ❖ PG HS Dance Team Dinner - Nov 16 - PDG Lion Mel Oneto – Five Lions served 27 hours.
- ❖ District Cab Meeting - Nov 18 - ZC **Tim Watts** – Cooked breakfast and lunch for Meeting. Made \$148 net profit.
- ❖ December Crab Feed - Dec 1 - Lion **Jim Switzgable** – Need raffle prizes and workers.
- ❖ Toys for the Troops Kids - Dec 8 - Lion **David King** – KFSH radio doing remote broadcast. Need help. **Motion to donate up to \$350 for Toys for Troops advertising by Lion Jack Megna, 2nd Lion Jim Switzgable. Motion passed.**
- ❖ Guns and Hoses Crab Feed - Jan 5 - Lion **Chuck Woodson** – Still working on details. Galt/EG Joint Crab Feed - Jan 12 - Lion **Andy Anderson** – Need head cook.
- ❖ Student Speaker Contest - Jan 14 - Lion **Joe Tallerico** – Have packets and need to distribute to schools on 11/26. **Motion to provide up to \$200 for Zone and Region Student Speakers Contest by Lion David Simpson, 2nd Lion Jim Parino. Motion passed.**

Special Reports:

- ◆ Wellness Chairperson - Lion **Danny DiBenedetto** – Nothing to report.
- ◆ Public Relations Chairperson - Lion **David King** – District Bulletin had coverage of our Signature Project Award.
- ◆ Application for Membership - PDG Lion Mel Oneto – PDG Oneto to put on a new members orientation breakfast sometime in early next year.
- ◆ Senior Center - Lion **Jim Parino** – **Motion to donate \$700 to Senior Center from the proceeds of the October 31st Shrimp Feed by Lion DiBenedetto, 2nd Lion Megna. Motion passed.**
- ◆ Eye Sight - Lion **David Ogden** – No report.
- ◆ Visitation - Lion **Pancho Sanchez** – Need members for Galt, Laguna, and Delta Lions Club visitations.

New Business:

- Community Service Award - Lion **Andy Anderson** – Award presented to EGHS football player active in the community.
- Hoop for Homeless (Jan 21) - Lion **Andy Anderson** – At Capital Christian Highschool – Tabled.
- Blue and Gold Banquet - (Feb 21) - Lion **Andy Anderson** – Event at Elk Grove Elementary.
- VIP request for support - (May 1) - Lion **David Ogden** – Event at St Vincents – Tabled.

- Fire Works Booth - Lion **Jim Switzgable** - EG Lions worked 357 hours last July and generated \$4,000 in profit. **Motion to discontinue fire works booth by PDG Mel Oneto, 2nd Lion Jim Switzgable. Motion passed.**
- Club business cards – Passed club business cards. Available for general members to pass out to prospective members or interested persons.
- Dinner Meeting Bar Prices – **Motion to raise drink prices as of January 1, 2008 to \$2.00 by PDG Mel Oneto, 2nd Lion David Simpson. Motion passed.**
- EG Police Dept Disaster Drill – EGPD requested Lions support for drill early next year. Lion **Jim Parino** to get more information.
- EG Police Dept Crab Feed (March 8) – Lion **Jim Parino** to get more information. **Motion to support the event with Lion Jim Switzgable as Chair by Lion Tim Watts, 2nd Lion Im Switzgable. Motion passed.**
- EGHS Dance Team Spaghetti Dinner – PDG Oneto to discuss a January 19th date. Motion to support the event by PDG Oneto, 2nd Lion Switzgable. Motion passed.
- Lion **Jack Megna** has access to bikes and wanted to know if the Lions were interested in repairing them and donate them. No action taken.
- Support of community organizations – Motion to request 10 hours of support by local organizations requesting EG Lions support of an event as a condition of EG Lions participating in the organizations event by Lion Watts, 2nd Lion Sanchez. Motion passed.
- Lion **Danny DiBenedetto** discussed a local club (SIRS – Senior In Retirement Society) that EG Lions participate in. The club is in need of funding for administrative uses (postage, printing, etc.). **Motion to donate \$200 to SIRS by Lion Bill Hibbard, 2nd Lions Jim Switzgable. Motion passed.**

Upcoming Events:

December Crab Feed - Dec 1 - Lion **Jim Switzgable**

Toy for the Troops - Dec 8 - Lion **David King**

Guns and Hoses Crab Feed - Jan 5 - Lions **Jim Parino & Chuck Woodson.**

Galt/EG Joint Crab Feed -Jan 13 -Lion **Andy Anderson.**

Good of the Order: None

Adjournment @ 8:25

Items to address during our next General Membership Meeting:
 1. Discuss Ramp for old school house for CSD.

Items to address during our next Board Meeting:

None.

District Meeting . . . So how did it go?

- ✕ The morning of November 19, 2007 started off for me at 4:30 am. As the Sacramento Region Chairman, it was my duty to host the 2nd District 4 C 5 Cabinet Meeting. Individuals up at that time were greeted by a chilling cold and the roads were socked in with fog. My mind wondered as I flew down 99 at 45 miles an hour on my way to Galt High School, the location of the meeting. As Chairman, my thoughts raced, as I tried to remember if all my responsibilities were covered. Events of this nature always seem to confront you with last minute changes and forgotten details.
- ✕ I pulled up to the school and was greeted by Lions **Ellard Whisman** and **Lewis Flint**, as they asked me, "Why are you late?" I had told the club that the janitor would open the doors at 6:00 am and it was already 6:08 am. Right then I knew everything would go well that day.
- ✕ Before long, a caravan of vehicles pulled into the parking lot and the work began in short order. Lion **Jim Parino** had agreed to be the Head Cook. In minutes, the crew had set up the equipment and the Pancake Breakfast cooking was started. The crew consisted of the following Lions, **Andy Anderson, Lewis Flint, Bill Hibbard, Bob Hillyer, Dave King, Jim Parino, Dan Pearson, Jerry Salamy, Pancho Sanchez, Jim Switzgable, Joe Tallerico, Ellard Whisman, Chuck Woodson**, and our newest Lion **Bill Heston**. If you count DG **Gary Dapelo**, PDG **Mel Oneto**, Zone

Chairman **Tim Watts** and myself, then the Elk Grove Lions, all 18 of us showed the District how we cook.



- ✕ The Pancake Breakfast started the day. We served around **125** of the Lions in attendance. After the breakfast, the meeting was called to order and the seminars started. The cooks then started lunch, which consisted of Pork Loin, mashed potatoes, salad, beans, and rolls. The lunch was a great success, as the cooks even remembered to prepare a 5 cheese lasagna for those in attendance that did not eat meat or pork. We served around 125 at lunch. All in all, the food was great and the meeting went smoothly. We were out of the building by 3:30 in the afternoon.
- ✕ I want to extend my personal thanks to all the workers. Over the next week, I attended a couple of District functions, and the conversations were dominated by how wonderful the food was. Not only did the Elk Grove Lions look like pros, but the end financial results were that we even made a couple of dollars profit for our efforts.
- ✕ Thanks again, fellow Lions. Your efforts showed how the Elk Grove Lions support our own DG Gary's efforts and your work made Zone Chairman Tim Watts and myself look good too. Once again, the Elk Grove Lions showed how we live up to our motto, "We serve".

Respectfully submitted,
RC **Fred Handley**



Thanksgiving Dinner



**What? Me Worry?
I didn't do anything, but
COOK . COOK . COOK.**



**Tina, this is one of the
best dinners I think have
ever had!**



**How many 'cooks' does it
take to prepare dinner?
As many as show up!**



**Two guys waiting for the
call . . . dessert time!**



**Past President Lion Tim
Watts receives membership
award from DG Gary Dapelo
for his year as president.**



**Lions Joe Tallerico & Jim
Switzgable receive individual
membership awards**

District Cabinet Meeting



**District 4C-5 Cabinet Meeting was a success! For attendees, For Lions of DG Gary's home club,
For this District and shown that our district is well under DG Dapelo's leadership and guidance.**





Visiting President Dale Thomas Isn't Oregon a long way to get "visitation" points? But then again I don't think he had enough club members with him to make it official.



Lions Joe Tallerico & Jim Switzgable receive individual membership awards.

There's never enough recognition for bringing in new members!

ON-LINE!



A revised form of each month's STAG is available for your friends and neighbors.

If you have family located ANYWHERE in the world, they can see "via the Internet" all the good things that your Elk Grove

Lions do.

Check it out at: elkgrovelions.org. The page is still in the development stage and Lion Jack would love to hear your thoughts, ideas and suggestions in making it the BEST!. You can contact him at jack@TeamEdwardsRealEstate.com

or calling him at 683-2241.



COOKS List!

Cooks Schedule

- 12/17 Jim Parino, & Dan Dibenedetto
- 1/14 Bill Hibbard
- 1/28 Jack Edwards
- 2/11 David DiBenedetto
- 2/25 Paul Betschart (Swiss Nite)
- 3/10 Ellard Whisman (Cornbeef/cabbage)
- 3/24 David King
- 4/14 Joe Tallerico & Bill Heston
- 4/28 Bob Hillyer
- 5/12 Ray Martinez
- 5/26 Randy Fiest
- 6/9 Mel Oneto
- 6/23 Andy Anderson (Vince's Installation)

December



Lions Club Anniversary



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| Lion Keith Heuer 10th | Lion Jack Dalton. 16 Years |
| Lion Rodney Grossman 13th | Lion Don Veninga 40 Years |
| Lion Robert Turner 29th | |
| Lion Matt Salamy 31st | |

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Attendance Make-up Clubs

Delta Lions Club

2 & 4 Thurs, 7 am
Courtland Church
147 Primasing Ave.
Courtland

Pride of Laguna

Thursday 2 & 4 7 pm
Cassidy's Restaurant
9625 E. Stockton Blvd.
Elk Grove

Galt Lions Club

2 & 4 Thurs,
6:00 pm Social
7:00 pm Meeting
Papa's Pizza
505 C Street, Galt

Valley Hi Lions Club

1 & 3 Thurs, 7:30 pm
South Villa Restaurant
7223 - 55th Street
Sacramento

Dinner Meeting on

2nd and 4th Monday, 6:30 p.m. social, 7:00 p.m. dinner.
Board of Directors meet 3rd Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m.
Bulletin Information due to Editor by the last Monday of the Month.