



# ELK GROVE LIONS CLUB STAG



*"WE SERVE OUR COMMUNITY"*

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS



*Lion President Jim*

Hello fellow Lions! The holiday season is in full gear but the economy is falling through the floor. All over people are talking about making-do with less. It is times like these when a strong network of community-based

Lions at the 1-mile mark. I hope more of you join us next year. Our contribution goes to a shelter for battered women located in Land Park.

On Veteran's Day Lion **Jim Parino** led the effort to provide 1,000 hot dogs and buns for the Elk Grove Veteran's Day Parade. A number of Lions waked in the Parade. Thank you to all veterans for your service to our country.

We held a Peace Poster contest for the first time in many years. Winners included **Taylor Gallagher** of Arthur C Butler Elementary and **Taylor Schmidt** of Arnold Adreani Elementary. Our candidates did not move on past the District contest but the most important goal is to allow our children to express their vision of World Peace. We thank the teachers, **Jennifer Ilejay** and **Cassie Dowdle**, for successfully holding contests and to Lion **Matthew Switzgable** for sticking with this program until he found the right support groups.

I also want to recognize Lions **Vern Vincent**, **Bill Heston** and **David King** for stepping up as club leaders this month. Lion Vern will be chairing the Student Speaker Contest; Lion Bill will be chairing our June Wine Tasting fundraiser and Lion David has accepted the Third Vice President role with the club. Thank you all for making these commitments which are critical to the continued success of the club.

Finally, please give Lion **Danny DiBenedetto III** your support on the Fall Crab Feed. Think of raffle prizes you can contribute as well as your time on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

*Lion President Jim*

organizations are needed to support those individuals and groups who are facing hard times. The Lions are here to help bridge the gap whether it is direct support of the public or support of other community service organizations. If you know of an individual or group that we can help, please present it at our next board meeting.

We started November with our breakfast at the Senior Center. Members had to shift roles as two regular cooks, Lions **Don Thompson** and **Ellard Whisman** had to miss the event. Lion **David King**, **Rod Dixon** and I took over the cooking chores. Lion David received particular complements on his perfect pancakes.

I'd like to wish Lion Ellard's wife **Bonne Whisman** a speedy recovery after her surgery. We all missed her at the Thanksgiving dinner meeting.

The following week we assembled an awesome running team of **Pearson**, **King**, **Brewer**, and **Switzgable** to complete in the My Sister's House Fun Run. The team was rounded out by Community Lions President **Laurie Dapelo**, her sister and Lion wives **Julie King** and **Debbie Switzgable**. We finished the grueling 3-mile course in less than 90 minutes. We couldn't have achieved this record without the cocktails provided by the Embarcadero

## Crab & Shrimp Feed

Saturday December 6th

Social Hour: 6:00 P.M. !!!

Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Head Chef: Jim Parino

Crab Feed Tickets: Jack Edwards 683-2241

Sell & Reserve you tickets early!

\$35



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LAST CALL

## ELK GROVE LIONS BOARD MEETING

**November 20, 2008**

Call to order:

Lion 1<sup>st</sup> VP Danny DiBenedetto III 7:00 PM

Attendance:

Ex President: **Jim Switzgable**X Secretary: **Fred Handley**X 1<sup>st</sup> VP: **Danny DiBenedetto III**Ex Bulletin Editor: **David Simpson**X 2<sup>nd</sup> VP: **Jerry Salamy**X Tail Twister: **Bill Heston**X 3<sup>rd</sup> VP: **David King**X Treasurer: **Bob Brewer**Ex Lion Tamer: **Matthew Switzgable**Ex 1-Year Dir: **Bill Hibbard**X 1-Year Dir: **Jim Parino**Ex 2-Year Dir: **Randy Feist**X 2-Year Dir: **Dan Pearson**Ex Membership: PDG **Mel Oneto**X IPP: **Andy Anderson**

Public Relations Coord: Open

Other Lions Present:**Bob Hillyer, Don Thompson, Al Jauregui, Ellard Whisman, Danny DiBenedetto, Pancho Sanchez, Warren Weaver.**Guests:

Cassie Dowdle, Looking into details. Dinner to send motor patrol to Washington D.C.

**Warren Weaver**, voted in as member.Secretary Report - Lion Secretary**Fred Handley - Motion to approve Board Minutes by Lion Jim Parino and second by Lion IPP Andy Anderson - Motion passed.**Treasurer Report: - Contact LionTreasurer **Bob Brewer** for details.Correspondence: (folder passed around)

Thank you letter from Lions Project for Canine Companions for Independence plus 10-year support bar for banner Friends of the Library-Thank you letter

Old Business / Chairman'sReports:◆ Senior Center Breakfast - Nov 3 Lion **Jim Parino** - Lion **David King** did good as helper.◆ My Sister's House Fun Run - Nov 8 - Lion **Jim Switzgable** - 6 Lions/Partners walked. Enjoyed "water" station manned by Landpark Lions.◆ Peace Poster Contest - Nov 10 - Lion **Matthew Switzgable** No report. EG Lions entry did not win.◆ Veterans Day - Nov 11<sup>th</sup>- 1000 Hot Dogs - Lion Jim Parino - Club provided 1000 hot dogs & buns.◆ EG Lions Crab Feed - Dec 6 - Lions **Danny DiBenedetto III** - Sell tickets. Need raffle items. In motion.◆ **Toys For Troops Kids** - Dec 13 - Lion **David King** at EG Auto Mall. National Guard to help. 9am-2pm. KNCI Radio will cover.◆ Elk Grove Community Assistance - traffic control - Dec 17 - Lion **Joe Tallerico** - 7am - 2pm In motion. No report.◆ Student Speaker Contest - Feb 23 - Lion Vern Vincent - In motion.◆ April Fool's Charity Raffle - Apr 4  
Lion **Fred Handley** - In motion.◆ Good Friday Cioppino Feed Fundraiser - Apr 10 - Lion **Jim Parino** - **Motion by Lion Jerry Salamy, second by Lion Bob Brewer. - 100 tickets sold \$35.00.**December Meeting Dates

- Board meeting Dec 8, 2008.
- Xmas dinner Dec 15, 2008. Need head count by Dec 12, 2008.

Special Reports:

- ❖ **Wellness** - Lion **Danny DiBenedetto** - Bonnie Whisman home after surgery.
- ❖ **Public Relations** - Lion **David King** - Ad for Crab Feed in Citizen.
- ❖ **Membership** - PDG Mel Oneto Motion to accept Warren Weaver-Dave King-second Bob Brewer, Accepted. New potential member Ben Hampton.
- ❖ **Senior Center** - Lion **Jim Parino** - No action.
- ❖ **Visitation** - Lion **Danny DiBenedetto III** - No up-dates.
- ❖ **Vision** - Lion **David Ogden** - 1 new referral.
- ❖ **Policies and Procedures** - Lion **Jack Megna** - No report.
- ❖ **Club Assets** - Lion **Don Thompson** - **Motion for \$600.00 for replacement items. Fred Handley-second Bill Heston. Passed.**

New Business:

- ✓ **Gift to the Members of the Senior Center of Elk Grove** - Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> - **Motion to fund \$500.00 by IPP Andy Anderson, seconded by Lion Jerry Salamy - Passed.**
- ✓ **Elk Grove / Galt Crab Feed** – January 10<sup>th</sup> – We need a chairman Lion **Jerry Salamy** has stepped up.
- ✓ Hoops Tournament – January 17<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> - We need a chairman - Lion **David Odgen** has stepped up.
- ✓ **Creek Clean-up** - April 29<sup>th</sup>– Lion **Danny DiBenedetto** - Tabled for Dec. Board.
- ✓ **Senior Center Health Fair** - May 27<sup>th</sup>- \$100 for NCLSA Sight Van / 3-4 members – Lion **David Ogden** **Motion to fund \$100.00 by Fred Handley, seconded by Lion Jim Parino - Passed.**
- ✓ **EG Lions Wine Tasting Fundraiser** – June 12<sup>th</sup> – Lion **Bill Heston** - Tabled for Dec. Board.
- ✓ **MD 4 Student Speakers Foundation- 8 raffle tickets @ \$20/ ticket** **Motion to fund \$160.00 by Fred Handley, Seconded by Jim Parino - Passed.**
- ✓ **MD 4 Youth Exchange Foundation** – 20 raffle tickets @ \$5/ticket - No action.
- ✓ **Sierra Regional Ski For Light** – Cross Country Skiing for Blind and Visually Impaired Children and Adults- donation request - No action.
- ✓ **Lions In Sight** – PDG Joe Ahearn Memorial Fund used for benefit of improving eyesight of children - No action.
- ✓ **2009 District 4C-5 Convention program advertisement.** ¼ page=\$25, ½ page=\$40, 1 page=\$75. - No action.

- ✓ **District Cabinet Meeting**-Cook lunch -February 22,2009 - Tabled for Dec meeting.
- ✓ **Community Service Award**- Lion IPP **Andy Anderson** - Chris Solorzano Pinewood Derby-Troop 179 - **Motion to fund \$200.00 by Lion Jim Parino, seconded by Lion Dan Pearson - Passed.**
- ✓ **Franklin High Pancake B/Fast** - Feb 21, 2009 - Tabled.
- ✓ **Marching Band** - Need date - Just labor.
- ✓ **Hockey outing - Feb 28,2009** - Tabled for Dec board.

Upcoming Events:

- ① **Senior Center Breakfast** - Dec 6 - Lion **Jim Parino.**
- ② **EG Lions Crab Feed** - Dec 6 - Lions **Danny DiBenedetto III.**
- ③ **Toys For Troops Kids** - Dec 13 -Lion **David King.**
- ④ **Gift to Members of the Senior Center** - Dec 16 - Lion **Jim Parino**
- ⑤ **Elk Grove Community Assistance** –traffic control - Dec 17 - Lion **Joe Tallerico.**
- ⑥ **Elk Grove / Galt Crab Feed** - Jan 10 - Lion **Jerry Salamy**

Adjournment @ 9:05 PM

Items to address during our next Board Meeting:

- Wine Tasting
- Creek Clean Up
- Motor Unit Dinner -
- Cooking /Cabinet Lunch/ Feb 22,2009
- Marching Band event -
- Hockey outing



# Cooks List!

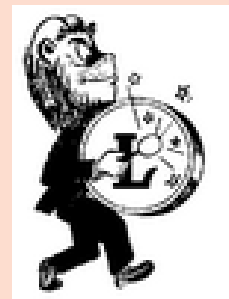
## Cooks Schedule

- 12/15 **Christmas Dinner** - Lion **Jim Parino**  
January thru June 2009
- 1/12/09 Lion **David Ogden**
  - 1/26/09 Lion **Bob Hillyer**
  - 2/9/09 Lion **Randy Fiest**
  - 2/23/09 Lion **Paul Betschart** (Swiss Night)
  - 3/9/09 Lion **Ellard Whisman**  
(Cornbeef & Cabbage)
  - 3/23/09 Lion **Chuck Woodson**
  - 4/13/09 Lion **Rod Dixon**
  - 4/27/09 Lion **Rick Schriver**
  - 5/11/09 Lion **Jack Megna**
  - 5/25/09 Lion PDG **Gary Dapelo**
  - 6/8/09 Lion **Don Thompson**
  - 6/22/09 Lion **David King**

## December Happy Birthday



- Lion **Rodney Grossman** . . . . . 12th
- Lion **Keith Heuer** . . . . . 10th
- Lion **Matt Salamy** . . . . . 31st
- Lion **Robert Turner** . . . . . 27th



## LIONS ANNIVERSARY



- Lion **Jack Dalton** . . . . . 17 Years
- Lion **Don Veninga** . . . . . 41 Years

### My Sisters House

*My Sister's House is the first and only non-profit organization to specifically identify and address the unique needs of women and children impacted by domestic violence in the Central Valley's highly diverse Asian and Pacific Islander community.*

*My Sister's House offers:*

- \* *A 6-bed Safe Haven shelter for women and children;*
- \* *Culturally and linguistically appropriate domestic violence intervention services;*
- \* *Women at Work Program for domestic violence survivors of all backgrounds;*
- \* *New Beginnings women's learning and support group;*
- \* *Community outreach and education; and*
- \* *24-hour multilingual crisis line*

*Two Chief Executives meet to plan the future of their respective organizations*



*There were 5 Marx Brothers - so who's missing?*



#### *Vision Statement*

*My Sister's House seeks to eliminate domestic violence in the Asian and Pacific Islander community through family education, and by increasing the self-determination of Asian and Pacific Islander women.*



*How do these goofers think they can actually "run" 3 miles?*



*This picture must have been taken before the race! They're sanding up?*

#### *Mission Statement*

*The mission of My Sister's House is to serve the needs of Asian and Pacific Islander women and children impacted by domestic violence by providing a culturally appropriate and responsive safe haven and community services.*



*Is she walking for "their" inspiration?*

## Lions International Peace Poster Contest

Lions clubs around the world proudly sponsor the Lions International Peace Poster Contest in local schools and youth groups. This Contest encourages young people worldwide to artistically express their visions of peace. The theme of the 2009-10 Peace Poster Contest is **"The Power of Peace."** Students, ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate.



**Winner:** Taylor Gallagher  
Arthur C Butler Elementary School  
5th Grader

**Contest Leader:** Jennifer Ilejay  
5th Grade Teacher

**Family at the award:** Melissa Gallagher (Mom)  
Lauren Gallagher (Sister)

**Winner:** Taylor Schmidt  
Arnold Adreani Elementary  
School  
5th Grader - GATE student

**Contest Leader:** Cassie Dowdle  
GATE Teacher

**Family at the award:** Tina Schmidt (Mom)  
Mark Schmidt (Dad)  
Will Schmidt (brother)



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](http://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](mailto:jack@TeamEdwardsRealEstate.com) or calling him at 683-2241.

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**Attendance**  
**Make-up Clubs**

<b>Delta Lions Club</b> 2 & 4 Thurs, 7 am Courtland Church 147 Primasing Ave. Courtland	<b>Pride of Laguna</b> Thursday 2 & 4 7 pm Original "Mikes" Market Place 99 Elk Grove
<b>Galt Lions Club</b> 2 & 4 Thurs, 6:00 pm Social 7:00 pm Meeting Papa's Pizza 505 C Street, Galt	<b>Elk Grove Community Lions Club</b> “ Looking For a Home”

**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.**