



ELK GROVE LIONS CLUB

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“We Serve our Community”



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Ho, Ho, Ho Merry Christmas Mates

Well we have just completed an unbelievable November! The most amazing event was the coming together as a community. It was truly impressive to see Rotarians, Lions, Optimist, Soroptimist, Kiwanis and members of the community working side-by-side for a common goal. Through this joint effort, we called “*Operation Sandy Relief*”, WE were able to raise over **\$10,000.00** that through the Lions International LCI Relief the survivors of the storm, Hurricane Sandy will be helped. Now it might seem a small amount when considering the enormous amount of devastation that resulted as a result of the Hurricane, but when considering the funds that have been raised nationwide through Lions Clubs and Lions International, the people of the areas surrounding New York and the Jersey shore will long remember the Lions Clubs giving them a helping hand.

We came together to celebrate the Thanksgiving season. We then started off the month of December with our Winter Crab Feed. My congratulations and heartfelt thanks to Vice President **Lion John Zehnder, Jr.** and his crew. Especially to PDG Lion **Gary Dapelo** for the tremendous job that he and his hearty kitchen crew managed. What a fantastic job they did, the evening turned out **GREAT** and was enjoyed by all.

As we approach the holiday season and also the middle of my year and reflect on what has been accomplished. Over the past six months, Lion Richard Woods presented a Student Speaker contest; Lion PDG **Gary Dapelo** was named “**Citizen of the Year**”; We helped park cards for the Strauss & Pumpkin Festivals & Spotlight on Excellence, (*we’re good at parking*); We hosted a “**New President**” BBQ for the incoming Presidents of the District; Lion **Jack Megna** hosted a “**Bocce Ball**” party and thank you to out-going President Rick Shriver; they was a Dinner that we catered for the Elk Grove Rotary’s anniversary party; Lion **John Zehnder, Jr.** chaired a very successful Chili Cook-off for the Old Town Association; Let’s not forget, getting up at o-dark-thirty to cook breakfast for the kids at the Child Spree; and speaking of breakfast, besides our monthly Senior Center breakfast, how many other breakfasts did we serve? Lion Bob Turner again brought us “**Pot-o-Gold**”, which provided a nice **\$5,000.00** profit. With the Club’s help, Barbara and I were able to host two foreign exchange students, along with Lion **Rego** hosting one. And believe me, nothing was better than rallying our community for the folks than suffered from Hurricane Sandy, a big thanks to Lion Jim Switzgale.

We have really had a fantastic start to my year. I, with your help, will be looking forward to the next six months and have it turn out as fantastic as the first! Thank You

Now I am truly understanding that when I am told that a project is on “**cruise control**”, it is! So, let’s keep on “**Cruising**”.

Lion Captain Randy

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday-December 8th
Monthly Senior Breakfast
Senior Center

Saturday-December 8th
Breakfast With Santa
Holiday Inn

Monday, December 10th
Christmas Dinner w/Santa
Senior Center

Saturday, December 15th
Breakfast with Santa
Phoenix Park

Monday,
December 17th
Board Meeting Senior

MERRY
CHRISTMAS



E-mailed - December 9, 2012

Next Meeting: December 10, 2012

ELK GROVE LIONS Board/Foundation Meeting

November 26th 2012

Elk Grove Lions Club
P.O. Box 465,
Elk Grove, CA. 95759

Meetings:

2nd & 4th Mondays
(except November & December)

Location:

Senior Center
of Elk Grove

8830 Sharkey Avenue

Lions are in 200 countries and
geographic areas.

We have a dynamic history. We are best known for fighting blindness— it's part of our history as well as our work today. But we also volunteer for many different kinds of projects including disaster relief— across many borders. We serve youth. Our community projects often support local children and schools with new programs and resources. Internationally, we offer many programs.

◆ We hope you will consider joining our club.

◆ To become a Lion, you must be of good moral character and good reputation in our community.

◆ Membership is by invitation.

◆ If you're interested in being invited to join Lions Club of Elk Grove, you may want to consider some of the following facts about Lionism:

◆ We have 1.3 million members in 45,000 clubs worldwide.

◆ Lions are active.

Our motto is "We Serve."



John J. Eliopoulos, O.D.

Doctor of Optometry

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Call to order:
President Randy Feist 7:00 PM

Lion

paid for some eye tests and glasses for those that did not qualify for VSP vouchers. Dr. E is giving us discounts reflecting the amount of work we have passed to him.

Attendance:

X President: Lion **Randy Feist**
X 1st VP: Lion **John Zehnder, Jr.**
X 2nd VP: Lion **Teresa Rodriguez**
X 3rd VP: Lion **Bob Brewer**
X Secretary: Lion **Jim Switzgable**
X Stag Editor: Lion **David Simpson**
X Tail Twister: Lion **Matt Switzgable**
X Treasurer: Lion **Fred Handley**
Ex Lion Tamer: Lion **Charlie Brummer**
X 1-Yr Dir: Lion **Jack Edwards**
Ex 1-Yr Dir: Lion **Ray Martinez**
X 2-Yr Dir: Lion **Taka Blackburn**
Ex 2-Yr Dir: Lion **Marv Neill**
X Member Dir: Lion PDG **Gary Dapelo**
X IPP: Lion **Rick Shriver**
Ex PR Cord: Lion **Richard Woods**

Other Lions Present:

Dave King & Andy Anderson

Guests:

* Hope Weston (Sims Elementary)

* Suzanne Mifsud (Sims Elementary) Request for support for their 2013 Crab Feed on Friday, March 8. Run the Kitchen. 200 - 250 guests. Tickets are \$35 - 40. They will handle bar.

Secretary Report - Lion Secretary **Jim Switzgable**

Motion to approve Board Minutes By Lion Fred Handley and seconded by Lion John Zehnder Jr - PASSED.

Treasurer Report: - Lion Treasurer **Fred Handley.**

Motion to accept of Treasures by Lion PDG Lion Gary Dapelo and seconded by Lion David Simpson - PASSED.

See **Lion Treasurer for details.**

Club Issues and Correspondence

◆ Walk in cooler repairs. Invoice from CCSD for **\$1,304.13** - **Motion by Lion PDG Gary Dapelo for \$1,000.00, seconded by Lion Fred Handley. PASSED.** We will present it at the SCEG Board meeting. This money is taken from the Admin account.

◆ Application for EG Lions Support from Lion Don Thompson: "Christening Dinner at Short Line Lake for the Bush Family": Admin event on **6/22/2013** - **Motion by Lion Fred Handley with second by John Zehnder Jr to support the event. PASSED.**

◆ Chamber of Commerce membership dues of **\$75.00** - Lion **Fred Handley** to investigate the increase in price.

Committee Updates: -

□ Lion **Fred Handley** will bring prospective members to Christmas dinner. Lion **Taka Blackburn** has prospective member.

Motion from Lion Fred Handley to drop 4 non-paying members: Dale Gangl, David DiBenedetto, James Mullins, David Thomas. Seconded by Lion Rick Shriver - PASSED.

□ Sunshine: Lion **Fred Handley** - Plant went to Shelli Pe Lion **Rick Shriver** arson and earlier to Blackburn family.

□ Visitation: - Lion **Pancho Sanchez** - Fort Sutter visitation with 7 EG Lions Club members.

□ Eyesight: - Lion **Dave King** - NCLSA received some VSP vouchers from Lion **David King** - supply. We

□ Assets: - Lion **Don Thompson** - Not present

Elk Grove Lions Foundation

● Franklin Elementary Harvest Festival - 10/19/2012 - Lion **Fred Handley** - 5 Lions worked 25 hours.

● Pleasant Grove HS Boys Soccer - 10/20/2012 - Lion **Teresa Rodriguez** - 6 Lions worked 37 hours. Approximately **\$3,000.00** raised.

● White Cane Day (Saturday) - 10-20-2012 - Lion **Jim Switzgable** - 13 Lions worked 35 hours. Spent **\$168.00** and raised **\$90.00** This was not meant to be fundraiser. Primarily an event for educating the public.

● My Sisters House Run / Walk - 10/27/2012 - Lion **Randy Feist** - 1 Lion and spouse participated in the event.

● City House Refurbish - 10/27/2012 - Lion PDG **Gary Dapelo** - 19 Lions worked 152 hours.

● EG Adult Education Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser - 11/3/2012 - Lion David Simpson - 11 Lions worked 65 hours. Served approximately 125.

● Peace Poster Contest - 11/5/2012 - Lions **Sharon Mika & Matthew Switzgable** - 4 contestants. Three from Joseph Sims Elementary. One from Adreani Elementary. None selected to move on past district.

● PDG Gary Dapelo Citizen of the Year - 11/5/2012 - Non-Lion event - Dinner put on by Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce.

● Sutter Zone Meeting - 11/6/2012 - Lion **Randy Feist** - At the Feist Estate, Randy cooked dinner.

● SCEG Pancake Breakfast - 11/10/2012 - Lion **Don Thompson** - Served 139. Raised **\$696.00** for the Senior Center.

● EGHS Drill Team Spaghetti Feed - 11/10/2012 - Lion PDG **Gary Dapelo** - 10 Lions worked 45 hours. Spent **\$126.11**. Used sauce made during previous Spaghetti feed.

● Phoenix Park - 11/17/2012 - Lion **Taka Blackburn** - 6 Lions worked 30 hours.

● Hurricane Sandy Relief - 11/17/2012 - Lion **Jim Switzgable** - 22 Lions worked 272 hours and we raised net **\$10,200.02** (including **\$1,900.00** EG Lions pledged to cover expenses).

● Dinners for 2 needy "Health Start" Families - 11/17/2012 - Lion **Teresa Rodriguez** - 2 Lions bought full Thanksgiving dinners and took them to the 2 families identified by Healthy Start. Spent **\$285.00**.

● Turkey Cooking for Wellspring - 11/19/2012 - Lion **Gary Dapelo** - Need a report.

● Visitation: (Amended) Fort Sutter Lions Club - 11/20/2012 - Lion **Rick Shriver** - 7 Lions visited and discussed the results of the Hurricane Sandy Fundraiser. Fort Sutter will consider a donation.

● Dickens Fair - 11/24/2012 - Lion **John Zehnder Jr.** - 12 Lions worked 29 hours.

New Business:

◆ Lost Cooler - One casualty of the Tri-tip fundraiser

was losing an ice chest of Lion **Jim Parino** for his company EG BBQ. I have not been able to locate it. We should vote to confirm replacing it for Jim's business –

Motion by Lion Jim Switzgable to replace the ice chest. Seconded by Lion PDG Gary Dapelo – PASSED.

◆ **Credit card** “square register” for swiping Visa, MC, Amex, Discover cards for 2.75%. Lion Jim Switzgable signed us up. Available during the Hurricane Sandy Fundraiser. Other Lions with Smart devices can also sign up for the square. Now have square services for the Foundation.

◆ **EGHS Cheer End of Year Banquet** - Jackie Baker - **Motion by Lion Fred Handley to support the event with help in the kitchen. Need a chair seconded by Lion Jim Switzgable – PASSED.**

◆ **Youth Exchange Foundation** selling raffle tickets (20 tickets x \$5= \$100.00) to be drawn at MD4 Convention on 2/10/2013 - **Motion by Fred Handley to support by buying \$100.00 worth of raffle tickets. Seconded by Lion Rick Shriver – PASSED.**

◆ **Transfer EGLF account** from Mechanics Bank to Elk Grove Commerce Bank. Hold until January. **Motion to change Bank to Elk Grove Commerce Bank by Lion Fred Handley Seconded by Lion Taka Blackburn – PASSED.**

◆ **An Event that Rotary Club of Elk Grove will do for Elk Grove Lions Club.** Tabled for another month.

◆ **Donation to Lions Medical Emergency Assistance Fund** - Continuing donations during meetings through February.

◆ **Do we want to get involved with the Club Excellence Process?** To be bought before the membership in January.

◆ **December support for families** in need must be defined. **Lion Rick Shriver makes motion to have members bring \$10.00 to Christmas dinner for Raleys program to feed the hungry. (Lion Taka thinks it's a great idea). Seconded by Lion Bob Brewer – PASSED.**

◆ **Resolution supporting Lion Andy Anderson** to run for District Governor for district 4-C5 **Motion by Lion Fred Handley to support Lion Andy's campaign for DG. Seconded by Lion PDG Gary Dapelo – PASSED.**

◆ **Consideration for our club to be involved with "Handyman" support** for SCEG member needs Concern from many Lions as to the Liability risk involved with this work. Tabled.

◆ **FFA / 4H Golf Tournament.** need approval. **Motion to approve the event by Lion Fred Handley Motion by Lion Fred Handley to use the Lions Foundation to bring in grant money for the FFA/4H Seconded by Lion PDG Gary Dapelo – PASSED.**

◆ **Joseph Sims Crab Feed - Motion by Lion Jack Edwards to support the event with labor. He is willing to serve as chairman if Lion Warren Weaver does not. Seconded by Lion Taka Blackburn – PASSED.**

Upcoming Events / Approved / Follow-ups:

👉 **EG Lions Crab Feed - 12/1/2012** – Lion **John Zehnder Jr.** - EG Lions Crab Feed.

👉 **SCEG Pancake Breakfast - 12/8/2012** – Lion **Jim Switzgable** - SCEG Pancake Breakfast.

👉 **Breakfast with Santa-Rotary Club of E.G. -**

12/8/2012 – Lion **Fred Handley** - Breakfast with Santa-Rotary Club of Elk Grove.

👉 **Toys for Troops Kids** - District effort - Lion's **Gary Dapelo, & Randy Feist** - Collect at Christmas dinner meeting.

👉 **Phoenix Park - 12/15/2012** – Lion Taka Blackburn - Breakfast with Santa. Need truck to pull.

👉 **Catering a Crab Feed in Stockton - 1/18/2013** – Lion PDG **Gary Dapelo** - Admin fundraiser. Pulled pork and Crab.

👉 **Strauss Dinner Event - 1/26/2013** - Lion **Dave King** - Cooking by Brett of Blvd Bistro. - two-thirds have been requested. Two tables held for Lions right now.

👉 **Student Speaker Contest - Feb 2013** - Lion **Rick Shriver** - Helping are Lion **Richard Woods** & Lion **Marina Galves** - Two contestants from Sheldon High and working on getting contestants from EG High School.

👉 **XP Family Support Group - December** - Lion **Teresa Rodriguez** - Donation of **\$300.00** made to XP.

👉 **Donation to Lions Quest - December** – Lion **Jim Switzgable** - Donation of **\$200.00** made to Lions Quest.

👉 **Lion Andy Anderson's Governor Installation - July 2013** – Lion PDG **Gary Dapelo** - Club to cook the dinner, Where?

👉 **International Literacy Program** - All Year – Lion **David Simpson** to chair - Club to look into a new program. Becky Davis to speak on subject in January.

Items to address during our future Board Meetings:

❖ City of Hope Donation (Feb)

❖ Flag Day Participation (Feb)

Good of the Order:

❖ Saturday, December 8th- Christmas party at Edwards House.

Adjournment @9:07 PM



THE OSTRICH

A man walks into a restaurant with a full-grown ostrich behind him. The waitress asks them for their orders.

The man says, "**A hamburger, fries and a coke,**" and turns to the ostrich, "**What's yours?**"

"**I'll have the same,**" says the ostrich.

A short time later the waitress returns with the order. "**That will be \$9.40 please.**"

The man reaches into his pocket and pulls out the exact change for payment.

The next day, the man and the ostrich come again and the man says, "**A hamburger, fries and a coke.**"

The ostrich says, "**I'll have the same.**"

Again the man reaches into his pocket and pays with exact change.

This becomes routine until the two enter again. "**The usual?**" asks the waitress.

"**No, this is Friday night, so I will have a steak, baked potato and a salad,**" says the man.

"**Same,**" says the ostrich.

Shortly the waitress brings the order and says, "**That will be \$32.62.**"

Once again the man pulls the exact change out of his pocket and places it on the table. The waitress cannot hold back her curiosity any longer. "**Excuse me, sir. How do you manage to always come up with the exact change in your pocket every time?**"

"**Well**" says the man, "**Several years ago I was cleaning the attic and found an old lamp. When I rubbed it, a Genie appeared and offered me two wishes. My first wish was that if I ever had to pay for anything, I would just put my hand in my pocket and the right amount of money would always be there.**"

"**That's brilliant!**" says the waitress. "**Most people would ask for a million dollars or something, but you'll always be as rich as you want for as long as you live!**"

"**That's right..Whether it's a gallon of milk or a Rolls Royce, the exact money is always there,**" says the man.

The waitress asks, "**What's with the ostrich?**"

The man sighs, pauses and answers, "**My second wish was for a tall chick with a big ass and long legs who agrees with everything I say.**"

WELL HELLO !!!!!

LIONS AT WORK?



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**International
President**



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Attendance Make-up Clubs

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

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

Pride of Laguna
Wednesdays 2 & 4 at 7 pm
The Old Spaghetti Factory
7727 Laguna Blvd.
Elk Grove (Laguna), CA

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, 7:00 p.m.
Bulletin Information due to Editor **before** the last Monday of the Month.

Happy Birthday!

December

Lion Bob Turner 27th
Lion Marv Neill. 30th



LIONS ANNIVERSARY

December

Lion Rigo DeLa Torre 7yr
Lion Don Veniga. 45yr

COOKS LIST

January - Thru May 2012

January 8 Lion **Vern Vincent**
January 22 Lion **Shauna Ono**
February 12 Lion **Richard Woods**
February 26 Lion **John Zender**
- Swiss Night
March 12 Lion **Brad Dano**
March 26 Lion **Bill Hibbard**
April 9 Lion **Pancho Sanchez**
April 23 Lion **David Ogden**
May 14 Lion **Bob Brewer**
May 28 **Holiday**
June 11 Lion **Gary Dapelo**
June 25 **Installation**