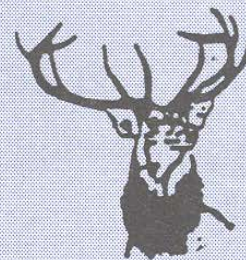




ELK GROVE LIONS CLUB

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Lions: Organization of the Year!

Another day – another **OUTSTANDING** award. Congratulations to every member (both current and past) for receiving one of the highest awards a community service club could receive, “**The Organization of the Year**”. This award is based on our dedication to community service that we give on a daily basis. “**We Serve**” is our motto and yes, indeed we serve.

January was a busy month. Both Lions **Jim Parino** and **Pancho Sanchez** showed off their cooking organizational talents by chairing the Guns and Hoses Crab Feed and Galt/Elk Grove Lions Crab Feed. Each one reported that they had excellent crews working each event and everything ran smoothly. According to Pam Ivery of the Sheriff’s Department, the Guns and Hoses raised over \$20,000 and according to Lion Laurel Vermeltfoort we split \$8,000 between our two clubs.

Also, showing off his organizational talents was Lion **Joe Tallerico** with this year’s Student Speaker Contest. On Jan 14th, Lion Joe conducted his last speaker’s contest. He will be stepping down from this task that he has built up over the past six years. I think we all owe Lion Joe heartfelt thanks for an outstanding job. However, he said that he would assist whoever takes over to

get started but he would not be the chairman. Again, **THANK YOU** Lion Joe.

Another member showing off his organizational talents in January was Region Chairman **Fred Handley**.

The club sponsored the Hoops for Homeless (*formally Hoops for Hunger*) for its fourth year and Lion Fred was the chairman. A new location and new teams were added to make this a very venue for the basketball teams to show off their talents and raise funds for a worthy cause.

Come February, we will have the Blue and Gold Banquet for Cub Scout Pack 179. This would be a great time for our new members to assist so that they can earn their Proud Lion Award. Also, the new members can attend the District Cabinet Meeting on Feb 10th which is also required for the award. Congratulation to our new members Lions **Ricco, Al and Jim**.

By the time this article gets published, we will have had our Super Bowl Party. I hope everyone had a great time and their team won the Super Bowl.

Thanks to everyone for making this a great year!

Lion President Andy



*Lion President
Andy Anderson*

ELK GROVE LIONS BOARD MEETING

January 21, 2008

Call to order Lion President Andy Anderson 6:30PM

Attendance:

P President: **Andy Anderson**
 EX Secretary: **Jerry Salamy**
 EX 1st VP: **Jim Switzgable**
 P Bulletin Ed: **David Simpson**
 P 2nd VP: **Pancho Sanchez**
 EX Tail Twister: **Matt Switzgable**
 A 3rd VP: **Danny DiBenedetto III**
 P 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: **Mel Oneto, PDG**
 P Immediate Past: **Tim Watts**
 P Public Relation Cord: **David King**

Also present: Lions **Bill Heston, Bob Hillyer, Al Jauregui, Jim McDonald, Dan Pearson, Don Thompson, and Ellard Whisman**

Introduce guest: Eric Dale (*Tim Watts' son-in-law*).

Secretary Report: Lion **Jerry Salamy**

Motion to approve Board Minutes by Lion Bill Hibbard and second by Lion Jim Parino.

Treasure Report : see Lion **Bob Brewer**.

Special Announcement: None

Correspondence:

- **60th Annual Lions Youth & Community Activities Fund** the board had some discussion but no action at this time.
- **CSD - Creek Clean-Up** - moved to new business.
- **Email form Tim Watts - Junior Achievement Program**, the board would like to have them be a speaker during a general meeting. Lion Andy will set it up.

Old Business and Chairman's Reports:

- ◆ **Elk Grove Food Bank** went very well and we had 12 members assist. We had coverage in the EG Citizen.
- ◆ **Student Speaker Contest** was won by Brandon Wilkerson of Monterey Trail High School.
- ◆ **Guns & Hoses Crab Feed**, Lion **Jim Parino** stated it was a success and he had many volunteers to assist with the cooking and bar.
- ◆ **Galt/Elk Grove Crab Feed**, Lion **Pancho Sanchez** echo the same results as Lion **Jim Parino**. We made approximate \$4,000.
- ◆ **Blue & Gold**, Lion **Jim Parino** said that everything is going as planned.
- ◆ **Elk Grove Crab Feed**, Lion **Pancho Sanchez** told the board that the tickets were out and if anyone needed tickets to call Lion **Jim Switzgable**. He said that he would need assistance with raffle prizes. The set-up will be done by Venture Crew 59 and Lion **Andy Anderson** was handling the bar.

◆ **Elk Grove Police Disaster Drill**, Lion **Andy Anderson** gave a briefing on the changes to the Disaster Drill on Mar 19th in Elk Grove. **A motion was made by Lion Bob Brewer and second by Lion Bill Hibbard to purchase the hotdogs and cook, Motion passed.** Lion **Jim Parino** would be in charge and would get with Dennis Costello on the final requirements.

◆ **White Cane** was revisited by Lion **Andy Anderson** Lion **Tim Watts** will take the paperwork and review what we need to do to accomplish the requirements.

Special Reports:

- ☒ **Wellness Chairperson:** Lion **Danny DiBenedetto** no report.
- ☒ **Public Relations Chairperson:** Lion **David King** reported that we were in the Sac Bee for Toy for Troops and that a total of 25,000 toys were collected and we collected apx 1,000. Also that he had submitted an article to the District Pride.
- ☒ **Application for Membership:** Lion **Mel Onetto** PDG reported that he would be installing three new members at our next meeting, we had two new prospects, and that he conducted a orientation Dec 29th and had three of our new members attend.
- ☒ **Senior Center:** Lion **Jim Parino** told us that the kitchen past its inspection and that in April or May we would need to do a GI party in the walk-in box.

New Business:

- **CSD Creek Clean UP:** Lion **Danny DiBenedetto** would be the chairman and get back to the board on what needs to be done.
- **District Convention:** Lion **Andy Anderson** reported that we have six members attending the District convention in Apr and that he has the application if anyone else would like to attend.
- **LEF Soup N Salad:** Lion **Andy Anderson** informed the board that he had tickets for the event if anyone would like to go.
- **District Cabinet Meeting:** Lion **Andy Anderson** reported that the next cabinet meeting will be Feb in Woodland on Feb 17th.
- **Election of Officers:** Lion **Andy Anderson** appointed the election board of Lions **Tim Watts, David Ogden, Jack Megna, Jim Switzgable** and himself. He will set up a meeting for the board.
- **Zone Student Speaker Contest:** Lion **Tim Watts** reported that the Zone conducted will be held on Feb 22nd at the Galt Police Department.

Upcoming Events

LEF Soup N Salad Jan 25 Lion Mel/Andy
 4C5 Cabinet Meeting Feb 10 Lion Tim/Fred
 Blue and Gold Banquet Feb 21 Lion Andy
 Zone Student Speaker Contest Feb 22 Lion Tim
 Visitation to Pride of LC Feb 27 Lion Pancho
 Region Student Speaker Contest Mar 31 Lion Fred

Adjournment @ 7:30 PM

Items to address during our next Board Meeting
 1. Discussion about moving our annual crab feeds from the SES Hall to St Joseph Catholic Church. The rent is 1/5 the cost and will seat 350



Jason Tall receives the Community Services Award from Lion President Andy



EVERYBODY congratulates Everyone else!



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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

- 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)

January

Club Anniversary

- Lion Rod Dixon 7 Years
- Lion David King 2 Years
- Lion Melvin Oneto 32 Years
- Lion Dennis Parino 1 Year
- Lion Rick Schriver 11 Years
- Lion Ellard Whisman 9 Years
- Louis Zehnder 19 Years



- Lion Mel Oneto 27th
- Lion Ellard Whisman 28th

Da Judges



Crab & Shrimp Feed

Saturday March 1st

Social Hour: 6:00 P.M.

\$35 Dinner: 7:00 p.m. \$35

Head Chef:

Lion Mel Oneto

Crab Feed Tickets

Pancho Sanchez 686-6805

Jack Edwards 683-2241

Sell & Reserve you tickets early!

Da Students



Da Timers



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Attendance Make-up Clubs

Delta Lions Club **Pride of Laguna**
2 & 4 Thurs, 7 am Thursday 2 & 4 7 pm
Courtland Church Cassidy's Restaurant
147 Primasing Ave. 9625 E. Stockton Blvd.
Courtland Elk Grove

Galt Lions Club **Valley Hi Lions Club**
2 & 4 Thurs, 1 & 3 Thurs, 7:30 pm
6:00 pm Social South Villa Restaurant
7:00 pm Meeting 7223 - 55th Street
Papa's Pizza Sacramento
505 C Street, Galt

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.