



# ELK GROVE LIONS CLUB STAG



*"WE SERVE OUR COMMUNITY"*

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February 2010

## SUPER BOWL XLIV

**FEBRUARY 7, 2010**

*Where:*

*Elk Grove Grange Hall  
9101 Elk Grove Blvd.*

*When:*

*1:00 pm*



*Lion Jim Parino has all kinds of refreshments including (but not limited to):*

- ◆ Hot Dogs
- ◆ Pizza
- ◆ Chicken Wings
- ◆ Adult Beverages



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday - February 6th

**Monthly Breakfast**

Senior Center

Sunday - February 7th

**Super Bowl Party**

Elk Grove Grange Hall

Monday - February 8th

**Regular Meeting**

Monday - February 15th

**Board Meeting**

Senior Center

Monday - February 22nd

**Regular Dinner Meeting**

Senior Center

Saturday JMarch 6th

**EG Crab Feed**

SES Hall

## EG LIONS CLUB POT - O - GOLD



❖ **The Elk Grove Lions Club will not be responsible for any splitting prizes.**

❖ **The name of the purchaser on the ticket stub will be considered the sole participant.**

❖ **Decisions of the Elk Grove Lions Club as to winners will be final.**

*Each ticket is sold for \$100.00  
Please make checks payable to and sent to:*

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

*For more information or to purchase tickets,  
call Lion Fred Handley  
at (916) 686-8181*



## Entering Another Year!



Hello again fellow Lions and Happy New Year! The year 2010 marks the beginning of a new decade and new opportunities. We already have the month of January to look back upon. As always we started the month with another successful Senior Center Breakfast.

This month marked the dawning of a new era with this event. **Lion Jim Parino** who has managed this event since its inception has decided to turn over the reins and allow another lion the privilege of taking on this event. **Lion Jim Switzgable** has stepped up to take over this event and is ready to carry on the legacy that **Lion Jim Parino** has created. I want express my gratitude to **Lion Jim Parino** for carrying this activity for the many years he has as well as agreeing to mentor **Lion Jim Switzgable** as he passed on the torch. Mentoring other members who have not previously taken on new events is crucial to continue maintaining the quality of the services we provide.

I want to thank **Lion Jim Switzgable** for getting involved with the Elk Grove FFA to support the cooking of beans for over two hundred people. The request came to the Lions Club with very little time to respond. **Lion Jim** jumped right in and took control of the event and made it a success.

On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Elk Grove Lions partnered with the Galt Lions club to host a crab feed for the community of Galt. The event was a great success. Galt Lion Laurel Vermeltoort commented that this was the most successful crab feed they have had in years. I want to extend a special thanks to **Lions Gary Dapelo, Andy Anderson, Tom Anderson, Heinz Leonhardt, Bob Brewer, Bill Hibbard, Pancho Sanchez, Kirk Marchetti, Vern Vincent, Jim Switzgable**, and the many other lions that supported this event.

The month of February will start off with our Sutter Zone meeting being hosted at the Spaghetti Factory in Elk Grove on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The evening agenda includes topics of discussion such as zone project, District/Regional/International upcoming events, and updates from the events and activities occurring within our local clubs.

The Elk Grove Lions Club is hosting a Super Bowl Party at Grange Hall on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Members and their family are invited to attend. The food has been excellent for the past few parties and our "resident chef" **Lion Jim Parino** will be in charge of the kitchen so we have good eats to look forward too.

We have two student speaker events this coming up. The club student speaker contest is being held at the Senior Center on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. **Lion Vern Vincent** is chairing this event. **Lion Andy Anderson** will be hosting the Sutter Zone Student Speaker contest on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*Lion Danny*

### Little David is in the 5th grade.

Yesterday morning when the teacher asked the children what their fathers did for a living, all the typical answers came up: fireman, policeman, salesman, etc.

The teacher noticed that little David was being uncharacteristically quiet and so she asked him about his father.

"My father's an exotic dancer in a gay bar and takes off all his clothes in front of other men. Sometimes, if



the offer's really good, he'll go out to the alley with some guy and do it with him for money."

The teacher, obviously shaken by this statement, hurriedly set the other children to work on some coloring, and took little David aside to ask him, "Is that really true about your

father?"

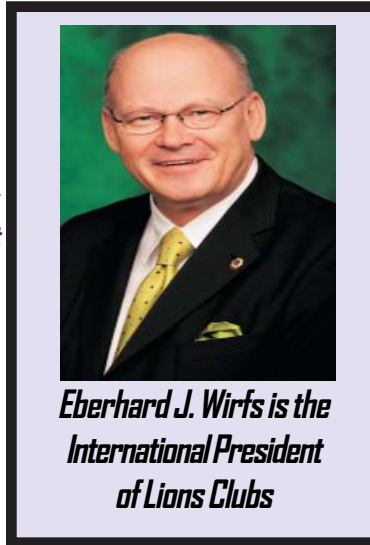
"No," said David, red faced. "He plays for the Detroit Lions, but I was too embarrassed to say that in front of the other kids."

## INT'L PRESIDENT WIRFS ON HAITI

Dear Lions of the World, It is with great sadness that the world's attention is focused on the devastating earthquakes in Haiti that left 1.5 million homeless, up to 200,000 dead, and countless injured and traumatized. It will take years for the country to fully recover, but we know that Lions will be there every step of the way. Just like Lions have done with the South Asian tsunami, Hurricane Katrina, the Sichuan earthquake in China and other calamities, Lions and LCIF will be there for the both the short- and long-term - providing immediate aid now but also working to rebuild communities, to restore hope and to support those affected for as long as it takes. If there is one thing that Makes Lions unique from other service agencies, it's that we commit for the long term and we work within the affected communities - through our local Lions -to rebuild for a better tomorrow.

The Haitian Lions are our brothers and sisters, members of our international family, and we will never let them down. As you are likely aware, Lions have already moved swiftly to provide immediate assistance despite the coordination challenges. Lions relief tents are being shipped from Sweden; Lions from Canada on a mission in Haiti during the quake gave first aid assistance during the first hours and days; and Lions in the Caribbean area are sending aid over land and by sea. Additionally, a coordinating committee of Lions in Haiti, Dominican Republic and nearby countries are actively planning for the next steps, and our foundation chairperson, Al Brandel, immediate past international president, will be traveling there to meet with them beginning tomorrow.

Naturally, the response by Lions to LCIF's Lions Hope for Haiti donation appeal has been tremendous. Within days, we have already mobilized more than US\$350,000. By the time you receive this email, I am sure it will be even much, much more. But we'll need millions more if we are to help the country rebuild, to provide homes for the homeless, to rebuild schools for the children, to rehabilitate those left disabled, and to help heal so many shattered and broken hearts. So please donate what you can. Lastly, I am extremely saddened to report that two of our Haitian Lions — our family — have perished and other Lions may have lost family members. On behalf of Lions the world over and members of our international board, we offer our sincere, heartfelt condolences and sympathies to our Lions family who have suffered such personal losses. To our Lions family in Haiti, I commit to you that the Lions of the world will be there for you today, tomorrow, next week, next month, next year, the year after that - and again for as long as it takes. There will be more updates from LCIF Chairperson Brandel in the days to come. Meanwhile read the latest LCIF update on Haiti, including information on how you can make a personal online donation. I thank you all ahead of time for any further assistance you can provide.



**Eberhard J. Wirfs is the  
International President  
of Lions Clubs**

With sympathies,  
Eberhard J. Wirfs  
International President

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

### Meetings:

2nd & 4th Mondays

### 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.

Welcome! We are pleased that you're interested in Lions.

- ◆ 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."**

## ELK GROVE LIONS Board Meeting January 18th, 2010

**Call to order :**

Lion President **Daniel DiBenedetto** 7:00 PM

**Attendance:**

X President: Lion **Daniel DiBenedetto III**  
 X Secretary: Lion **Fred Handley**  
 X 1st VP: Lion **David King**  
 X Bulletin Ed: Lion **David Simpson**  
 A 2nd VP: Lion **Rich Shriver**  
 X Tail Twister: Lion **Ellard Whisman**  
 X 3rd VP: Lion **Randy Feist**  
 X Treasurer: Lion **Bob Brewer**  
 X Lion Tamer: Lion **Bill Heston**  
 X 1-Year Dir: Lion **Dan Pearson**  
 X 1-Year Dir: Lion **Heinz Leonhardt**  
 A 2-Year Dir: Lion **Rigo De La Torre**  
 X 2-Year Dir: Lion **Vern Vincent**  
 A Mem Dir: PDG Lion **Mel Oneto**  
 X IPP: Lion **Jim Switzgable**  
 PR Coord: <open>

**Other Lions Present:**

Lion **Don Thompson**, Lion **Jack Megna**, Lion **Al Jauregui**, PDG Lion **Gary Dapelo**, Lion **Andy Anderson**, Lion **Bill Hibbard**, Lion **Ray Martinez**.

**Guests:**

Therese Shultz

**Secretary Report:**

Lion Secretary **Fred Handley**

Motion to approve Board Minutes by Lion **Ellard Whisman** and second by Lion **Jim Switzgable**, motion passed.

**Treasurer Report:**

Lion Treasurer **Bob Brewer**

Report given and will be filed for audit. Please contact Lion **Bob Brewer** for details.

**Correspondence:**

Folder was passed for review.

**Thank you letters:**

Effective March 1, 2010, Lion **Jim Parino** will no longer be in charge of the Pancake Breakfast, Monday Night Dinners & the Storage Shed. He stated that he's been doing the breakfast since it started 10 years ago. Lion **Jim Switzgable** will assume Sr Center B/Fast. Lion **Heinz Leonard** & Lion **Don Thompson** will handle equipment.

**New Insurance Policy** - In motion

**Senior Center Rental Forms** and Expectations Forms needed for scheduling.

**Committee Updates:**

\$ **Finance** - 501C3 - In Motion

**Old Business / Chairman's Reports:**

● **EGPD March Crab Feed - March 13th** - Lion **Pancho Sanchez**.

● **Galt/EG Crab Feed - Jan 23rd** - Lion **Daniel DiBenedetto** - 348 tickets sold, we need to purchase 2 store bought deserts and bring 4-6 home made items.

● **Heart to Heart Dance - Feb 13th** - 6:30pm - Tabled.

● **FFA/\$H Golf Tournament** - Lion **Andy Anderson** - **April 30th** - Lion **Andy Anderson** - In motion.

● **Pot of Gold Raffle - April 3rd** - Lion **Fred Handley** - Board approved to go ahead with event.

● **Club Student Speakers contest - Feb 22nd** - Lion **Vern Vincent** - In motion. - 7:00 pm.

● **Zone Student Speakers contest - March 2nd** - Lion **Andy Anderson** - In motion.

● **Discovery Lunch** - Completed - Good event.

● **Adreani Pancake dinner - Jan 12th** - Fed 112 folks. Lions worked 48 hours.

**Special Reports:**

◆ **Wellness** - Lion **Danny DiBenedetto** - No report.

◆ **Public Relations** - Lion ??? - No report.

◆ **Membership** - PDG Lion **Mel Oneto** - No report.

◆ **Senior Center** - Lion **Jim Parino** - No report.

◆ **Visitation** - Lion **Pancho Sanchez** - No report.

◆ **Vision** - Lion **David Ogden** - No report.

◆ **Policies and Procedures** - Lion **Jack Megna** - No report.

◆ **Club Assets** - Lion **Don Thompson** - No report.

**New Business:**

☞ **Super Bowl Party** - Grange Hall \$500.00 for food & drinks - **Motion to fund by Lion Ellard Whisman** seconded by Lion **Heinz Leonhardt** - motion Passed.

☞ **EG Lions March Crab Feed - March 6th** - Deposit for contract \$950 - In motion.

☞ **Laguna High School Cheer** - Request to support Spaghetti Feed - **March 2010** - Lion **Jim Switzgable** to chair - Approved.

☞ **Troop 179 Pine Wood Derby** - Donation request. Total cost is \$600. **They will accept anything.** Lion **Dan Pearson** - **Motion to fund \$300.00 by Lion Jim Switzgable** seconded by Lion **Dan Pearson** - **Passed.**

☞ **EG Community Foundation Scholarship Donations** - Check for \$1500.00 approved in Oct.

☞ **Casey Carlson - People to People Ambassador Program** - **Motion to fund \$300.00 by Lion David Simpson** seconded by Lion **Vern Vincent** - **Passed.**

☞ **EGHS Baseball** donation request - Tabled

☞ **Flag Day** - Lion **Fred Handley** - Tabled.

☞ **EG Unified School District** - donation request for "No excuses - go to school" program - Tabled.

☞ **Canine for Companions** - **Motion to pay dues-\$200.00 by Lion Jim Switzgable** seconded by Lion **Ellard Whisman** - **Passed.**

☞ **JDRF Gala** - Can your club help out with \$ 500 and would you like to send 2 representatives with that donation? April 9th, answer by Jan. 30th. The money could come later. Sara Lopez. **Motion to fund \$100.00 by Lion Ellard Whisman** Lion **Jim Switzgable** - **Passed.**

☞ **Boy Scouts Scholarship** - **Motion to fund \$500.00 by Lion Randy Feist** seconded by Lion **Bill Heston** - **Passed.**

**Upcoming Events:**

☺ **EGPD March Crab Feed - March 13th**

☺ **EG/Galt Crab Feed - Jan. 23rd** Lion **Daniel DiBenedetto III**.

☺ **Heart to Heart Dance - Feb 13th** 6:30pm

☺ **Pot of Gold Raffle - April 3rd** - Lion **Fred Handley**.

☺ **FFA/4H Golf Tournament** - Lion **Andy Anderson** - April 30th - Emerald Lakes Golf Course .

**Good of the Order:**

**Adjournment @ 8:10 PM**

# SELL CRAB FEED TICKETS !!!!!

# Five Minutes with an Elk Grove Lion

By the Stag Reporter

## Lion Ellard Whisman

The Stag Reporter spent time with Lion Ellard Whisman over the past few weeks. Lion Ellard's wife of 57 years passed away the day after Christmas. Bonnie and Ellard have been tireless contributors to our community since they moved to Elk Grove in 1975. Bonnie was a volunteer at the ACS Discovery Shop, Kaiser South Hospital, a board member and President with the Senior Center, an Antlerette with the Elks and provided critical support to our Lions club over the past 11 years that Ellard has been a member. She was recognized by our club as Spouse Supporter of the Year in 2003. Bonnie will be missed by all of us.

**SR:** Hello Lion Ellard. You have been involved with many clubs in the community, haven't you?

**EW:** Well, I am a member of VFW, SIRS, the Elks and the Lions

**SR:** Is it difficult to balance your time with each?

**EW:** At times it has been difficult. At one time I was heavily involved with the Elks and served as the Exalted Ruler and then served 10 years at the district level. I was also President of the SIRS too.

**SR:** Do you prefer Elks or Lions?

**EW:** Elks focus on the family and are community oriented but not as much as the Lions. I do prefer the Lions because they get more involved in helping the community.

**SR:** Who brought you in to the Lions?

**EW:** Andy Jedrzynski brought me into the club. He was a neighbor of mine and a hell of a nice fella. I was sorry to see him move away.

**SR:** So what do you like about the Elk Grove Lions Club?

**EW:** I like to cook and help out other people that need us in the community.



**SR:** If you could change the club, what would you change?

**EW:** I would like to see better participation from the whole club. We rely too much on a minority of the club to keep things going and there are a lot of needs in this community.

**SR:** Is there anything else you would like to add Lion Ellard?

**EW:** As time goes by I hope to get more involved again. Bonnie encouraged me to get involved all the way and I want to continue to be involved for her.

**SR:** Thank you Lion Ellard. We all miss Bonnie. Our thoughts are with you

# Happy Birthday!

## February

- Lion Warren Weaver ..... 14th
- Lion PDG MEL Oneto ..... 27th
- Lion Ellard Whisman ..... 28th



# LIONS ANNIVERSARY

## February

- Lion Andy Anderson ..... 13 Years
- Lion Gary Dapelo ..... 22 Years
- Lion David DiBenedetto ..... 12 Years
- Lion Dale Gangl ..... 1 Year
- Lion James Mullins ..... 17 Years
- Lion Howard Stoll ..... 7 Years
- Lion Joe Tallerico ..... 8 Years



# GALT/ELK GROVE LIONS CRAB FEED



*Each customer was required to run the gantlet of our TSA inspectors.*

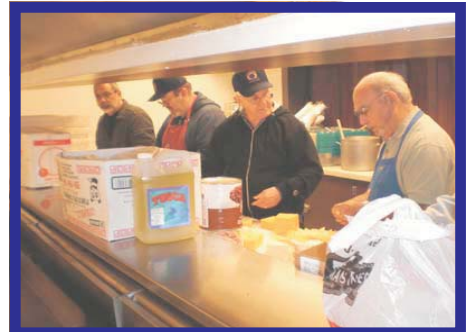
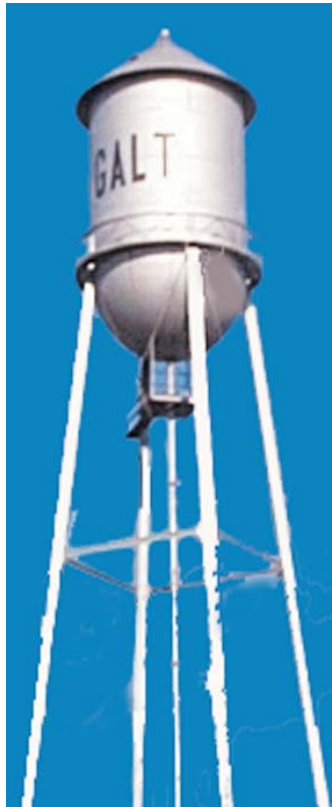


*Let's see!*

*Six supervisors and one worker?.*



*Nobody would believe that we're twin brothers . . . from different mothers*



*I think we work better - as a team!*



*WASH with "Hot Water".*

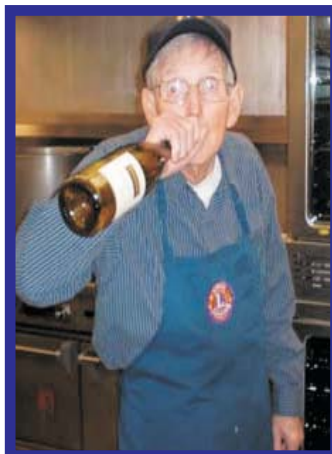


*Okay Gary - best to count what is in each dish!.*

## MISCELLANEOUS LIONS PREPARATIONS



*We're the real "workers" - as you can see we're stop sitting on our "Butts!"*



*ARE YOU KIDDING?.*



*This is how "work" is done!*

# TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE



## PHOTOGRAPHERS



*I have been very honored that over the past several years I have been helped to make the stag more attractive and pleasant to view through the inclusion of photographs. I truly appreciate the hours taken to provide more pictures than I could possibly use. I haven't thanked those that have been my photographers and "I'm going to finally do the right thing"*

Thank you to the following Lions:

**Andy Anderson**

**Jim Switzgale**

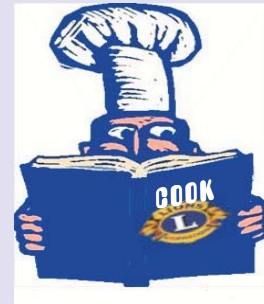
**Matt Switzgale**

**Joe Tallerico**

**Ray Martinez**

and "**Everyone**" else that provided photos.

## COOKS LIST!



### Cooks Schedule

2/08/2010

**Lion PDG Mel Oneto**

2/22/2010

**Lion John Zehnder (SwissNight)**

3/08/2010

**Lion Ellard Whisman**

*(Cornbeef & Cabbage)*

3/22/2010

**Lion Randy Fiest**

4/12/2010

**Lion David DeBenedetto**

4/26/2010

**Lion Rick Schriver**

5/10/2010

**Lion Al Jauregui**

5/24/2010

**Lion PDG Gary Dapelo**

6/14/2010

**Lion Warren Weaver**

6/28/2010

**Installation Dinner - Vince's**



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**Eberhard J. Wirfs**

*Kelkheim am Taunus,  
Hessen, Germany*

**2009-2010**



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 Immediate Past President **Jim Switzgable** 684-7700

Public Relations Coordinator

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

<b>Delta Lions Club</b>	<b>Pride of Laguna</b>
2 & 4 Thurs, 7 am	Thursday 2 & 4 7 pm
Courtland Church	Original "Mikes"
147 Primasing Ave.	Market Place 99
Courtland	Elk Grove

<b>Galt Lions Club</b>	<b>Elk Grove Community Lions Club</b>
2 & 4 Thurs,	
6:00 pm Social	
7:00 pm Meeting	
Papa's Pizza	
505 C Street, Galt	" 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, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Bulletin Information due to Editor by the last Monday of the Month.**