



ELK GROVE LIONS CLUB

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*Lion President
Andy Anderson*

What an evening on Jun 25th. I first would like to send congratulation to our newest Melvin Jones Recipients Lion **Pancho Sanchez** and Lion **Bill Hibbard** and to double honoree **Melvin Jones and Lion of the Year Lion Jim Switzgable**. All three Lions are very deserving of this award for

their service to our club and most importantly our community and youth.

I would also like to welcome the Lions who now make up our Board of Directors for 2007 - 2008:

Jim Switzgable – 1st VP

Pancho Sanchez – 2nd VP

Danny DiBenedetto III – 3rd VP

Jerry Salamy – Secretary

Bob Brewer – Treasurer

Mel Oneto – Membership Chairman

Matt Switzgable – Tail Twister

Heinz Leonhardt – Lion Tamer

Jim Parino – 2 Yr Director

Bill Hibbard – 2 Yr Director

Jack Megna – 1 Yr Director

Danny DiBenedetto – 1 Yr Director

David Simpson – Bulletin Editor

Tim Watts – Past President

I would like to thank the following Lions who have step up to take on the following jobs:

Tom Anderson – FFA/4H

Dan Pearson & Chuck Woodson – Scouting

Joe Tallerico – Student Speaker Contest, Club Photographer & Spot Light on Excellent

Jack Edwards – Internet Web Master

Don Thompson – Eye Glasses

David Ogden – Eye surgeries

Danny DiBenedetto Sr – Health & Bereavement

David King – Public Relations

Like I said in my opening letter last month, we have start this year with a fast and ferrous. By the time this goes to press we would have completed the VIP Dinner chaired by Lion **David Ogden**, The International Convention would have been conducted and started the Fire Works Booth co-chaired by Lions **Jim Switzgable** and **David Ogden**. Following these two events we have the Wine Fest chaired by Lion **Rick Schriver** and Mervin's Child Spree chaired by Lion **Joe Tallerico** all in July.

I would like to challenge every member of our club to bring one of our **FORMER** club members to a dinner. Over the past ten years that I have been a member of this club, I have seen quite a few members' come and go. Some left because of work or family issues, some left because they might have not like the projects we did and some left due to who knows why. The point of this challenge is to contact former members and show them how we operate know and the projects we perform. This is not to force them rejoin but maybe to come back on their on to rejoin.

I am truly looking to have a great year. We will have the District Governor Lion **Gary Dapelo**, Sacramento Region Chair Lion **Fred Handley** and Sutter Zone Chair Lion **Tim Watts** all in our club and that will be a powerful team.

I hope every one had a great 4th of July.

Lion President Andy



EG Lions Board Meeting 6/18/2007

Call to Order: Lion President Tim Watts @

6:30 PM

Attendance:

X President: **Tim Watts**
 X Secretary: **Jerry Salamy**
 X 1st VP: **Andy Anderson**
 E 2nd VP: **Jim Switzgable**
 X Tail Twister: **Sterling Kloss**
 X 3rd VP: **Pancho Sanchez**
 X Treasurer: **Mel Oneto**
 A Lion Tamer: **Rod Dixon**
 X 1 Year Director: **Randy Feist**
 X 1 Year Director: **Heinz Leonhardt**
 X 2 Year Director: **Jack Megna**
 X 2 Year Director: **Danny DiBenedetto**
 X Bulletin Editor: **David A. Simpson**
 X Membership Director: **Bill Hibbard**
 X Immediate Past: **David Ogden**
 X Public Relations Coord.: **David King**

Also present: Lions **Robert Hilyer, Jim Parino, Joe Talerico, Bob Brewer, Fred Handley, Dan Pearson, DG Gary Dapelo, Don Thompson.**

Motion to approve Board Minutes of: May 21, 2007 1st by Lion David Ogden 2nd by: Lion David Simpson Changes: None - Approved.

Treasurer Report:

See Treasurer for details.

Note: Treasurer Action - 1 bounced check from March and 1 from December. Small claims court is next step. Lion Bill Hibbard to talk to the check writer. PDG Mel Oneto provided a listing of income and expenses. Motion to approve treasurers report by Lion David Ogden, 2nd Lion Sterling Kloss, Motion passed.

Visitors:

1. None

Special Announcements:

1. Thank You – Michael Champlin FFA
2. Thank You – Lauren Moss FFA
3. Thank You – Campaign SightFirst II
4. Thank You – Relay for Life
5. Congratulations – EG Chamber for EG Lions winning the People Helping People award.

Correspondence:

- ◆ HDSA – Huntington Disease – No action.
- ◆ Harvest of Hope 2007 9/22–Informational.
- ◆ Stage Stop Gazette – Informational.
- ◆ Strauss Festival of Elk Grove 7/22 – Advertisement, Laguna Town Hall – Informational.

- ◆ Arthritis Foundation Annual Fund drive – Informational.
- City of Hope news magazine – Informational.

Committee Reports:

1. William Vance, Troop 380 Senior Center Lion Randy Feist Another meeting with William by the end of the month to review the design - drawings submitted and they look correct to Randy- comes to a head at the end of the month – Lion Feist met with Will and is expected to know how many sheets of material Will need to complete the project.
2. Membership Directory Lions **Jim Switzgable, David Ogden & Jack Megna** - need anniversary dates and birthdays – Need to change the format prior to printing. Lion **Jack Megna** has the directories available. **Motion to have Secretary pass out directories when membership dues are paid by Lion Heinz Leonhardt and 2nd by PDG Mel Oneto. Motion passed.**
3. EG Teen Center Benefit Lion **David Simpson** made contact with Consumes River College. 10 computers will be made available and Frontier will network the computers, clean them up and install. Frontier picked up the PC's on 6/15 and notified Jim via messaging of an estimated completion date of 6/22. Request board permission to purchase Admin PC up to \$800. **Motion by Lion Pancho Sanchez to provide \$800 to purchase a computer for the Teen Center, 2nd by Lion Bill Hibbard. Motion passed.**
4. Lions Contact List: Lion **Jim Switzgable** – Still working. Completed list distributed to board. We need birthdates and anniversaries.
5. Senior Center of Elk Grove, door replacement – Lion **Jim Parino** is working the issue and is looking at handicap accessible doors.
6. Deaf Camp News bulletin & Donation/ Contributions request. Lion PDG **Mel Oneto** to investigate- Lion Mel investigated and determined it is the same as the Lions Camp. Tabled until the June Board Meeting. This is an Area 1 Lions function. Camp Ross Rellis is a

camp started by the Optimist and adopted by Lions International. PDG Oneto suggests that we table until the August Board meeting before we donate. Tabled until the August board meeting.

7. Historical Society building wheelchair access Lion **David Simpson** got a call from the EG Historical Society. Wanted to know about wheelchair ramp requirements at the historical buildings like Rhodes Schoolhouse. The law does not require ramps at historical buildings like the school. There was a complaint about a child in a wheelchair unable to enter and the Historical Society board has decided to provide handicap access. They want wood or concrete ramp. \$5000 - \$7000 for concrete. Lion **David Simpson** and Lion **Pancho Sanchez** will work as a team to come up with a solution – Met with Society and found Architect to do work pro bono. No costs data yet. Lion Simpson to provide more information at the July Board Meeting.
8. EGCSD Fire Muster assistance, EG Park Pavilion 6/23 – 24 Lion **David Ogden** to research – Preparing breakfast on both days for Statewide Muster. Lion David indicates everything is under control. Folks signing up, but can use more help. Need to be at the Pavilion by 6 p.m.
9. Elk Grove Lions Installation Dinner 6/25 Lion **Danny DiBenedetto** – Dinner at Vince's. Tickets are \$20 for Steak, Chicken, or Prawns. Vegetarian dishes available upon request. Have 50 people signed up to date.
10. Partnership with the Sheriff Volunteers- sometime in June. Lion **David Ogden** to get more information. - 400 volunteers – June 27th for the Dinner from 4 pm to 9 pm. Lion **David Ogden** to review venue and report back at June Board Meeting. 300 people planning to attend. Lion Ogden is working licenses.
11. "07" TNT Fireworks - Lion **Jim Switzgable & David Ogden** – Going well.
12. Senior Center Fundraiser Breakfast Lion **Jim Parino** – No issues.
13. Elk Grove Lions Annual Wine Tasting 7/13 Lion **Rick Shriver** – Tickets on sale. No report.
14. District Governor Gary's Installation 7/14 Lion **PDG Mel Oneto** – Have enough cooks, need bartenders. Dishwasher needed for the event.

15. Gin Fizz social 7/22 Lion **Jim Parino** – **Event canceled.**
16. Troop 59 Year In Awards Banquet - 7/25 Lion **Dan Pearson** – Waiting until next month.
17. Child-Spree Breakfast, Mervyn's - 7/28 Lion **Joe Tallerico** – Approximately 250 people planning to attend.
18. Senior Center Fundraiser Breakfast - 8/4 Lion **Jim Parino** – No issues.
19. Senior Center Fundraiser Breakfast - 9/1 Lion **Jim Parino** – No issues.
20. EG Quilter Guild Sale - 9/8-9 Lions **Jim Switzgable & Don Tallerico** – No report. Quilt Show provided a contract for event. Tabled until June Board Meeting. Lion **Don Thompson** raised the fact that we have signed previous "Agreements". Lions **Don Thompson** and **Jim Switzgable** are co-chairs. Lion **Don Thompson** to provide estimates of costs and prices to the board.
21. Shrimp feed (100 people at Senior Center) 10/27 Lion **Jim Parino** – Should be a sell out.
22. Mission of Sight Update – Lions **Don Thompson** EG Lions collected (1168) pairs of glasses as of 12/11/06. EG Lions have collected 2241 plus. Need to get a couple of additional mailboxes. Lion **Heinz Leonhardt** put a request in to Beverly Neal at Laguna Post Office to get some old mailboxes. She must request them from San Francisco. Lion Thompson to provide Lion Edwards addresses of mailboxes to included on EG Lions website.
23. Special Reports:
 1. Wellness Chairperson: Lion **Danny DiBenedetto** – No news.
 2. Public Relations Chairperson: Lion **David King** – No report.
 3. Application for Membership – Prospective member **Raymond Martinez**. Raymond has been to a couple of cooking functions and is present at the Board meeting. **Motion by Lion David Simpson to accept Raymond's application, 2nd PDG Mel Oneto. Motion passed.**

New Business / Requests:

1. Change \$1K ruling to present to the membership – **Motion for the board to be able to allocate up to \$1500 before General Membership approval. 2nd PDG Mel Oneto. Motion passed pending approval by the General Membership.**
2. Strauss Festival request Elk Grove Lions help collect \$ at the gates. Gates open at 4:00 - 8:15. Staffing is at the main gate and the 2 back gates. A total of 6 volunteers nightly. The show runs Thursday, July 26th through Sunday, July 29th. Request for Lions for manning the gates on Saturday and Sunday. Lion **Jim Parino** – Requesting 6 Lions to collect parking fees for the event. Tabled.
3. Young Farmers and Ranchers (YF&R) would like to use out tables and chairs – Aug 4th. Lion **Tom Anderson** will be the person in charge and Lion **Andy Anderson** will be his backup. We allowed them to use the tables and chairs last year. Again Lion Tom will be responsible for picking them up and returning them to the Club. Lions Andy / Tom – **Motion to approve the use of the tables and chairs by Lion Jerry Salmay and 2nd PDG Mel Oneto. Passed.**
4. Request for assistance as a Tee-box Sponsor for a golf tournament by the Sacramento County Farm Bureau of Elk Grove. Also, they would like us to enter a golf team in the event. Cost is \$100 per person to play and the tee-box is also \$100. Lion **Andy Anderson** – **Motion to approve a Tee box sponsorship by Lion Jerry Salmay and 2nd Lion David Ogden. Motion passed.**
5. Email from Cabinet Secretary about the Sight First Two Golf Tournament Lion **Andy Anderson** – Asking for interest in getting a team together. Tabled until August Board Meeting.
6. County Fair final bill - Lion **Andy Anderson** - Billing incorrect, and Andy working with Lion Steve Weaver to get it corrected. EG Lions were charged for two individuals that we did not buy and inappropriate costs. Corrected bill due shortly to Lion Andy.
7. Requesting Lions sponsor the Senior Center's monthly dance (\$275) Lion **Jim Parino** – **Motion to approve \$275 to sponsor event and 2nd Lion Pancho Sanchez. Motion passed.**

8. Tracking Dr Eliopoulos's EG Lions refer for treatment. Lion President **Tim Watts** – Paid to 10 exams this year for a total of \$1,200. Lion **David Ogden** volunteered to be the Sight Chairman to manage the arranging eye exams.
9. District 4-C5 Upcoming Directory Lion **Jerry Salmay** – Submit a full-page ad in District Directory. **Motion to approve ad in directory for \$150 by Lion David Simpson and 2nd Lion Andy Anderson. Motion approved.** Lion Secretary to post ad in District Directory.
10. Troop 59 "Do a Good Turn" Lion **Dan Pearson** – Care packages for Marines in Iraq. **Motion to approve \$500 for postage and materials by Lion Bill Hibbard and Lion David Simpson. Motion passed.**
11. Thank You for Eye Glass donations Lion **Joe Tallerico** – No report.

Old Business:

1. None.

Good of the Order:

1. None.

Important Dates, not listed:

- 1.

Adjournment @ 8:21 PM

Items to address next Board Meeting:

1. Camp Relles Donation (August Board Meeting).

Items to address with the Membership next meeting:

1. None

Calendar

6/27 - VIP'S Dinner

6/27-7/4 - Fireworks Booth

7/13 - Wine Tasting

7/14 - District Governor Installation

7/25 - Troop 59 Banquet

7/28 - Child-Spree Breakfast

9/29 - Quilters Guild Sale

10/27 - Shrimp Feed

Installation Dinner



EG Lions Board of Directors Appreciation (14) *All Board of Directors*
 Folsom Project, Don Ring plaque *Jack Megna*
 Folsom Project, Richard Merz *Bob Brewer*
 LEF Awards, George C. Daniels Founders Award *Fred Handley*
 LEF Awards, Kay K. Fukushima *Jerry Salamy*
 LEF Awards, Life Member *Jim Parino*
 LEF Paul Shimada Leadership award
 Incoming President Award (Gavel) *Andy Anderson*
 NCLSA Fred O. Sullivan Award *Al Jaurgui*
 NCLSA Fred O. Sullivan Award *David Simpson*
 NCLSA Gordon C. Daniel Award *Don Thompson*
 NCLSA Kay K. Fukushima *David Ogden*
 NCLSA Larry Turbobsky *Dan Pearson*
 NCLSA Larry Turbobsky *Brad Dano*
 NCLSA Life Membership award *Mel Oneto*
 NCLSA Life Membership award *Gary Dapelo*
 Volunteers of Vacaville, Jim Todd Memorial *Sterling Kloss*

Melvin Jones (Previously earned)

1 **Bill Hibbard**
 2 **Andy Anderson**
 Melvin Jones Dinner (September) award
 3 **Pancho Sanchez**
 4 **Jim Switzgable** *Lion of the Year*
 5 **Tim Watts**
 Melvin Jones Dinner (September) award



Woodson Birthday Party



District 4C5 Night at the ball game . . .





Cooks List!

Cooks thru December

- 7-9th **Tim Watts** -
Past Presidents BBQ
- 7-23rd **Don Thompson**
- 8-13th **Jack Edwards**
- 8-27th **Dan DiBenedetto**
- 9-0th **Max Roders**
- 9-24th **Pancho Sanchez**
- 10-8th **Rick Schriver**
- 10-22nd **Joe Tallerico**
- 11-12th **Jack Megna**
(Thanksgiving Dinner)
- 11-26th **David Ogden**
- 12-17th **Jim Parino,**
Dan Dibenedetto, &
Jack Megna
(Christmas w/ Santa)



JULY



- Lion Brady Donoghue** 6th
- Lion Andy Anderson** 25th
- Lion Brian Mecham** 26th



Lions Club Anniversary



- Lion Heinz Leonhardt** 5 Years
- Lion Jim Parino** 30 Years
- Lion Len Willeford** 32Years

Rock N' Roll Marathon

Jennifer Turner, daughter of Bob and Alice Turner, was one of over 21, 000 participants in this year's run benefiting the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Jennifer started her training for the 26.2 mile run in January, Early every Saturday morning she would be found running/ walking for at least a couple of hours, building up her strength, stamina and endurance in preparation for the race.



To inspire the runners, there were bands playing along the route, encouraging them to go farther and faster. You're encouraged to learn more about the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society at their web site; <http://www.leukemia-lymphoma.org>.



The Race is one of several held across the country raising over 13 million dollars. Jennifer, thanks in part to sponsorship of the Elk Grove Lions, raised over \$2,400. She finished the race (walking and running) in 3 hours and 41 minutes.

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.

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2007-2008

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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.