



ELK GROVE LIONS CLUB STAG



"WE SERVE OUR COMMUNITY"

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Lion President Jim

Farewell, Goodbye and Amen

Hello fellow Lions! I can't believe my year has come and gone. I want to thank you all for your support. It was definitely the time of my life.

At the end of May Lion *Andy Anderson* led the effort to buy livestock from the FFA/4H students at the Sacramento County Fair. After

many years of presenting belt buckles to the top winners, Lion Andy was finally presented his own belt buckle by the joint FFA clubs. Well deserved Lion Andy!

On May 27th a Health Fair was held at the Senior Center. Lion *David Ogden* arranged for the site van and provided eye tests for 18. Lion *Jim Parino* had his cooking crew working to support the event.

Lion *Don Thompson* closed out the month by chairing the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Participation was down from corporate sponsors and runners reflecting the sagging economy. The Lions continued to offer a very good dinner on Saturday night of Chicken and Pasta and 122.5 hours of volunteer time. Praise came our way from the Relay participants.

Lion *Fred Handley* and his team put together the annual Senior Breakfast for Sheldon High School. He reported that everything went well. Two days later Lion *Warren Weaver* chaired a dinner for the Elk Grove High School Senior Class. Warren reports they cooked dinner for more than 400 hungry seniors and family members.

On June 6th Lion *Jim Parino* and his regular breakfast crew cooked the Senior Center Breakfast. They cooked for approximately 120 people to reach the fundraising goal for the Senior Center.

On June 19th we held the Lions Wine-tasting Fundraiser. Lion Chairman *Bill Heston* and his team organized a very enjoyable event. Compliments came from everyone who attended including the vendors. Lion Bill, you should all be proud of the event you organized. Same time next year?

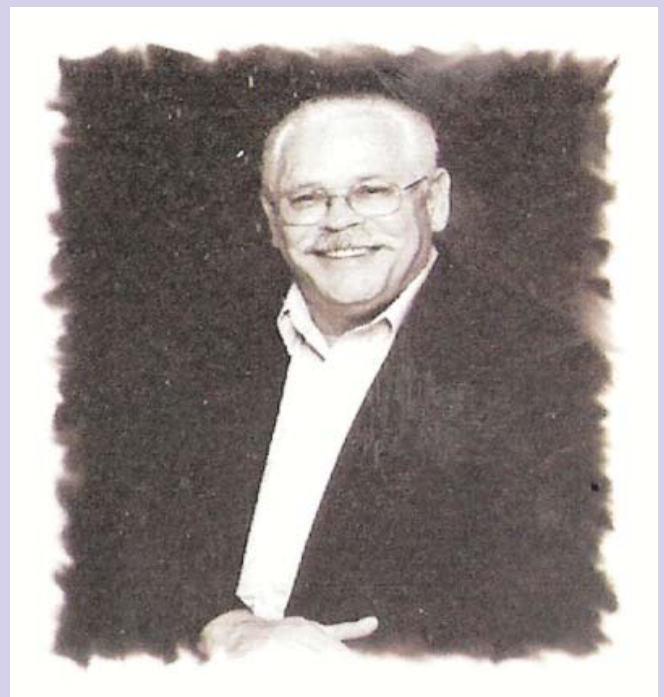
Finally, we closed out my year with a Trip-tip fundraiser for Jacob

King at Kerr High School. Last month we raised \$4000 for Jacob and I am happy to report we raised closer to \$4500 for this family in need. Thank you to all of the Lions who came out last Saturday to support the event

The installation dinner for Lion *Danny DiBenedetto III* was a great time. Lion Danny and his family pulled together some nice decorations for the table. The food at Vince's was very good and Lion PDG *Don Ring* presided over a nice installation. Lion PDG *Carol Ring* also inducted new member Lion *Howard MacDonald*. Welcome Lion Howard and Lion President Danny I wish you a great year ahead.

As we reach the end of June we also have learned that *Lion Rod Dixon* had died. Up until his illness Lion Rod has been a very active member of our club. *We will miss him very much. Barbara, our prayers are with you and the rest of the Dixon family.*

Lion Rodney Lee Dixon
1/26/1944 - 6/24/2009



You WILL be missed!

Dear fellow Lions,



It is with great excitement, great honor, and a little apprehension that I take the next step in my long journey with

the Elk Grove Lions Club. I am proud and honored to be elected your new president. The opportunity to represent this club has given me a renewed sense of energy, and based on the feedback I have received thus far, I believe that I am going to need it. Lion Jim has set the bar high last year for me by doing such a great job this past year. However, he has also been very supportive in preparing me for what's ahead. Lion Jim represented how deserving of his accolades he is by doing a great job in organization the installation dinner. I would like to give a special thanks to Lions: Dan DiBenedetto, Jim Switzgable, Matt Switzgable, Heinz Leonhardt, Don and Carol Ring, Andy Anderson, and the many others member's who made the installation dinner a great event.

On a more serious note, I do have the intension on focusing on a few goals that I think I can make a positive impact on our club. My first goal is to create greater financial controls. I think that we can do so by developing and implementing a Budget vs. Actual report. This report would be utilized by the board to direct funds and make determinations on fundraising events. I would also like to see this organization put enough money in the administrative fund to support greater attendance at District Convention next year. There were several clubs much smaller than ours this year with twice as many people. This event is not only a great way to gain more recognition for our club, but an opportunity to build relationships with our fellow lions clubs.

The second area of focus that I would like our club to make a positive impact in is the branding of our club name. I want to EG Lions to be recognized for the great things

we do, and I want people to know how much we do. I hope to leverage the existing relationships we currently have with organizations such as the Elk Grove Citizen as well as drawing more attention to our own fabulous Stag.

Additionally, with all of the hard work that is done by this club, I think that I owe it to all of the members to do my best to ensure that we try to have as much fun as possible. I intend to solicit the support and ideas of members this year to put together events and activities so that we can enjoy ourselves at. Dave King's great job at putting together the Stockton Thunder last year and positive feedback he received made me realize that we need to continue to have fun events like these where the members and potentially family of our members can enjoy time with us all.

And yes, the club going to have to plan for plenty of seating when of our large family of DiBenedetto's attend the events.

See you at our next meeting

Lion Danny



*Ellard Whisman
Melvin Jones Recipient*

*Newest "Life"
Members
Lion Jim Parino
Lion
Danny DiBenedetto*



2009-2010 Board of Directors

*Lion Jim Switzgable
turns over the gravel to
2009-2010 Lion President
Danny DiBenedetto III*



ELK GROVE LIONS BOARD MEETING

June 15, 2009

Call to order Lion President *Jim Switzgable* 7:00 PM

Attendance:

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

Other Lions Present: *Ellard Whisman, Don Thompson, Warren Weaver, PDG Gary Dapelo, Jack Megna, Bob Hillyer, Al Jauregui, Andy Weitnauer.*

Guests: None

Secretary Report: - Lion Secretary *Fred Handley* - Motion to approve Board Minutes by Lion Bob Brewer and second by Lion Jim Parino.

Treasurer Report: See Lion Treasurer *Bob Brewer* for details.

Correspondence: Folder passed around.

Old Business / Chairman's Reports: Kerr Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser - May 20th - Lion *Jim Switzgable* - Event went well. Profit of \$2500.

Sacramento County Fair - FFA/4H - May 24th - Lion *Andy Anderson* - EG Lions funded buckles and animal purchases.

Senior Center Health Fair / Senior Day in the Park - May 27th - Lion *David Ogden* - Lion *Jim Parino* - 18 Eye exams performed. - Good event Lion *David Ogden*.

Sheldon High School Senior Breakfast - May 29th - Lion *Fred Handley* - Lions cooked for about 400.

ACS Relay For Life - May 30th - Lion *Don Thompson* - Raised \$105,000. Lions worked 122.5 hours. Cost \$1,486.

Elk Grove High School Senior Dinner - June 1st - Lion *Warren Weaver* - 600 served. No cost to club.

Senior Center Breakfast - June 6th - Lion *Jim Parino* 120 served.

EG Lions Wine-Tasting Fundraiser - June 19th - Lion *Bill Heston* - In motion.

Tri-Tip Fundraiser for Jacob King (Kerr Jr High) - June 20th - Lion *Jim Switzgable* Motion to fund \$800.00 by Lion Bill Hibbard, Second by Lion David King. - Passed.

Elk Grove Lions Installation Dinner - June 22nd - Lion *Danny DiBenedetto III* - In motion.

Fireworks Booth - June 28th thru July 4th - Lion *Jim Switzgable* - In motion. - Call Lion *Danny DiBenedetto III* to work.

Elk Grove Boys Basketball Pasta fundraiser - July 9th - Lion *Bob Brewer* - In motion.

Kohl's Child Spree - July 25th - Lion *Joe Tallerico* - Going fine. Starts at 6:00 am.

Past President's Dinner - July 27th - Lion *Jim Switzgable* - In motion. Family picnic.

Quilters Fair - Food Concession - Sept 12th & 13th - Lion *Don Thompson* - In planning.

Special Reports:

Wellness: Lion *Danny DiBenedetto* - Bonnie Whisman is home.

Public Relations - Lion *David King* - No report.

Membership: PDG *Mel Oneto* - No report.

Senior Center: Lion *Jim Parino* - Diabetes camp may re-schedule.

Visitation: Lion *Pancho Sanchez* - No report. Visited Folsom Lions.

Vision: Lion *David Ogden* - 18 clients served.

Policies and Procedures: Lion *Jack Megna* - Reports coming.

Club Assets: Lion *Don Thompson* - Need new signs.

Business:

Camping in the Park (CSD) - July 12th - Lion *Jim Switzgable* - Motion to support Lion Bill Hibbard, second by Lion Fred Handley - Passed.

Soccer League Opening Day - August 22nd - Hamburgers and Hot Dogs - Lion *Jim Switzgable* - Tabled for additional info.

Sheldon High School Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser - October 3rd - Lion *Don Thompson* - Tabled for next board.

Society For The Blind Electric Cooktop - Lion *David Ogden* - Motion to fund \$362.00 by Lion David King, seconded by Jim Parino - Passed.

T Rodrigues-New sports league. - Tabled.

Wilderness Camp - Motion to fund \$250.00 by Lion Jim Parino, seconded by Dan Pearson - Passed.

Talent show: Tabled.

Laguna Youth Baseball - Equipment use: - Motion by Lion Bill Hibbard, Seconded by Lion Bob Brewer - Passed.

Tables and chair request by Young Farmers: - Motion by Lion Andy Anderson, seconded by Lion Bob Brewer - Passed.

Upcoming Events:

Fireworks Booth - June 28th - July 4th - Twin Cities Road - Galt.

Senior Center Breakfast - July 4th - EG Senior Center.

Reading Reward: - July 4th - First Lion to read this and give me a telephone call will be rewarded.

Elk Grove Basketball Fundraiser - July 9th - Elk Grove High School.

Kohl's Child Spree - July 25th - Kohl's (EG Blvd & Bruceville Rd).

Past President's Dinner - July 27th - EG Senior Center.

Quilter's Fair - Sept 12th - 13th - SES Hall.

Adjournment 8:15 PM.

PICNIC

Monday July 27th

The whole family is invited to PAST
Lion President Jim Switzgable's
BBQ Picnic!

Hamburgers/Hot Dogs/Potato Salad/
Watermelon/Sodas & FUN!



Five Minutes with an Elk Grove Lion

By the Stag Reporter

Lion Danny DiBenedetto III



The Stag Reporter met with our new Lion President Danny DiBenedetto III the day after his installation dinner.

SR: Hello Lion Danny. Congratulations on your installation this week. I guess my first question is why you became a Lion.

DD: I really wanted to find some activity where I could spend some time with my Grandpa (Danny DiBenedetto). I saw with Lions that Grandpa was very passionate and I wanted to know why he was so passionate. I also wanted to get more involved with the Elk Grove community. In my job I get involved with charitable organizations and I wanted to specifically see how I could get involved with supporting the Elk Grove community.

SR: How has the experience been so far?

DD: Just great! I have now been a Lion for 3 years. While I am still learning, I had some valuable experiences including attending the district convention this year. In fact, I hope to encourage more participation by our club at the convention next year.

SR: Definitely! The more the merrier. What are your goals for this year Mr. Lion President?

DD: First of all I want to get a budget in place. I'd like to get a subcommittee of the Board of Directors to help me put one together for this year.

Secondly, I'd like to see Elk Grove Lions get more recognition in the community. We offer a lot of great volunteer services in Elk Grove and a lot of citizens don't really know what we do.

I'd also like to explore the possibility of making us a 501-C3 charitable organization. I've talked to a few people about it and we have a good shot. It would certainly open the doors for companies to make contributions directly to the Lions.

Finally, I'd like to bring more fun to our club. I'd like to put together a sub-committee that can explore some new ideas like the trips to the Stockton Thunder.

SR: Sounds like you are already planning a busy year?

DD: I am amazed at how busy this club really is. Hopefully bringing in some new ideas will be enough to get some of the club members more involved.

SR: Good luck to you this year Lion President Danny.

DD: Thank you.

Club Dues are due
July 1, 2009

Dues amount \$80.00



Please submit to:
Treasurer Bob Brewer

Or Mail to:

**E G Lions
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Elk Grove, Ca. 95759**



Cooks List!

Cooks Schedule

- 5/25/09 Lion PDG Gary Dapelo
- 6/8/09 Lion Don Thompson
- 6/22/09 Installation
- 7/13/09 Lion David King
- 7/27/09 Past Presidents BBQ
- 8/10/09 Lion Mel Oneto
- 8/24/09 Lion David DeBenedetto
- 9/14/09 Lion Jack Edwards
- 9/28/09 Lion Warren Weaver
- 10/12/09 Lion Andy Anderson
- 10/26/09 Lion Pancho Sanchez
- 11/09/09 Lion Chuck Woodson
- 11/23/09 Lion Jack Megna (Thanksgiving)
- 12/14/09 Lion Ray Martinez
- 12/21/09 Lion Jim Parino (Christmas Dinner)
[In Lieu of Board Mtg]

JULY



- Lion Andy Andreson 25th
- Lion Steve Andrews 20th
- Lion Brady Donoghue 6th
- Lion Daniel Greenwalt 31st
- Lion Brian Mecham 26th



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Lion Heinz Leonhardt 7 Years

Tri-Tip Fundraiser for Jacob King



I got the yoyo . . .



Just give it a dose of pepper . .
They'll never notice the difference!



Hi, I'm "Hin-ni"
What's your handle?



Okay, what do I do now?



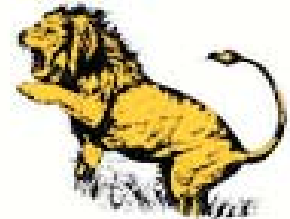
Added the right ingredients
is very important!



My goodness am I tired!



RELAY FOR LIFE



How many people have we fed?



We're the best cooks in Lions!



We are the best watchers in Lions!



Add this entire bag of salt?
I think something is wrong!



I don't think they're done yet!



Pearson - Dan Pearson!



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BECAUSE IT IS!



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*Kelkheim am Taunus,
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- Two Year Director: *Vern Vincent* 685-9238
- Two Year Director: *Rigo De La Tore* 686-8437
- Membership Director: *PDG Mel Oneto* 684-2900
- Immediate Past President *Jim Switzgable* 684-7700
- Public Relations Coordinator

Attendance

Make-up Clubs

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

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.

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