



ELK GROVE LIONS CLUB

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“WE SERVE OUR COMMUNITY”



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This year has finally come to an end and again I just wanted to thank everyone for an outstanding year. As we put the final period at the end of my year, we finished with a blast.

The Sacramento County Fair, River Cats Baseball Game, Relay for Life and the senior class breakfast for Elk Grove and Sheldon High Schools are in the book. Thanks to all of our



Lion President Elect:

Jim Switzgable

As you read this article we should have just completed an early installation dinner. **Lion President Andy Anderson** will be completing his duties as President with the June board meeting (June 16) and final dinner of the month (June 23). Lion Andy's administration has been very productive. During his watch, the Elk Grove Lions were recognized as the top community organization as awarded by the Elk Grove Citizen. We received accolades from the Elk Grove CSD, *People Helping People*, and the Sheldon Cheerleader Booster Organization. These are just a few examples of the appreciation our club has received for the work we do in Elk Grove and the surrounding area.

While we all enjoy the recognition, I believe we are all involved with the club for other reasons. When people ask why I am a Lion, I tell them that I like working with a group of like-minded individuals who want to make a difference in the community.

I can't think of a better example of this than when our club was faced with the recent problem of committing to the Elk Grove Pavilion on July 11th without an event. We were faced with losing an

members who made these last events outstanding.

It is time to get ready for Lion **Jim Switzgable** Year. It has been my honor to serve you as your President.

Thanks to everyone



Lion President Andy Anderson

Lion President Andy

important summer fund-raising event for our club not to mention a large deposit on the facility. **Lion Pancho Sanchez** volunteered to cook two hogs and put together a Carnitas Festival on short notice. A number of Lions got excited and volunteered to help immediately. Since Lion Pancho would focus on the cooking, we needed a chairman to deal with the other aspects of the event including the ticket sales. **Lion Dave King** put up his hand and immediately got started on defining other requirements for the event. Lion Dave enlisted **Lion Jack Megna** to print the tickets and **Lion David Simpson** pitched in with a handsome flyer which were both available by the next dinner meeting for distribution to the club to get the sales rolling. This was on Memorial Day. Two days later Lion Dave indicated that **Lion Rod Dixon** had already sold 14 of the 25 tables! By the end of the week we were down to only 4 available tables more than a month before the event.

Gentlemen, my hat's off to you for pulling this together so quickly and taking a bad situation and making it a success. It is situations like these that makes me proud to be an Elk Grove Lion. I am honored to be your incoming President.

Lion President Elect Jim

ELK GROVE LIONS BOARD MEETING

May 19, 2008

Attendance:

P President: **Andy Anderson**
 P Secretary: **Jerry Salamy**
 P 1st VP: **Jim Switzgable**
 P Bulletin Editor: **David Simpson**
 P 2nd VP: **Pancho Sanchez**
 P Tail Twister: **Matt Switzgable**
 P 3rd VP: **Danny DiBenedetto III**
 P Treasurer: **Bob Brewer**
 P Lion Tamer: **Heinz Leonhardt**
 A 1-Year Director: **Danny DiBenedetto**
 P 1-Year Director: **Jack Megna**
 P 2-Year Director: **Bill Hibbard**
 P 2-Year Director: **Jim Parino**
 P Membership: PDG **Mel Oneto**
 A Immediate Past Pres: **Tim Watts**
 P Public Relations: **David King**

Other Lions Present: **Bill Heston, Rod Dixon, Don Thompson, Dan Pearson**

Secretary Report: Lion Secretary **Jerry Salamy** – No report.

Motion to approve Board Minutes by Lion Jim Parino and second by Lion Pancho Sanchez: Approved.

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

Correspondence:

- ◆ Canine Companions tickets - **Motion to purchase of 25 tickets for \$100 by Lion PDG Mel Oneto, seconded by Lion Danny DiBenedetto - Approved.**
- ◆ Request form Pleasant Grove HS for senior breakfast May 29th - Decline to sponsor event due to prior commitments.
- ◆ Request from CSD for assistance with a park dedication the evening of May 29th - Tabled.
- ◆ Request to use club equipment for YF&R BBQ Aug 2 by Lion **Tom Anderson - Motion to allow use of equipment by Lion Jerry Salamy seconded by Lion David King - Approved.**
- ◆ Membership renewal Notice from Friends of the Library - Tabled.

- ◆ **Canine Companions for the Blind Membership - Motion to pay \$250 membership dues by Lion Jim Parino seconded by Liion Heniz Leonhardt - Passed.**

Old Business / Chairman's Reports:

- ◆ **Policies and Procedures:** Lion **Jack Megna** - Committee met on 5/14 and will meet on 6/14 to finalize.
- ◆ **Club Supplies:** Lion **Jerry Salamy - Motion to raise dues by \$10 (to \$90/year) failed to pass.**
- ◆ **Pull tabs:** Lion **Jack Megna** - Tabs selling well and holding cash in reserve to pay out winners.
- ◆ **Request for support** – Park Dedication - Lion **Danny DiBenedetto III** - Addressed in Correspondence.
- ◆ **Wine Tasting Event** - Lion **Andy Anderson** CSD will not refund deposit. Lion **Pancho Sanchez** putting on a Carnitas Dinner instead.
- ◆ **VIP Dinner** - May 1 - Lion **David Ogden** - No report.
- ◆ **Western Festival** - May 2 – 4 - Lion **Jim Switzgable** - See Jim for details.
- ◆ **EG Spotlight on Excellence** - May 9 - Lion PDG **Mel Oneto** - 8 Lions worked the event where 186 scholarships were awarded. Event went well!
- ◆ **Diabetes Kids Camp** - May 10 - Lion **Danny DiBenedetto III** - Served 50 people for event.
- ◆ **American Cancer Society Relay For Life** - May 17 – 18 - Lion **Don Thompson** Served 1400 at event. Had 165 Lion hours worked for a total of 212 hours. **Motion by Lion Jim Parino to pay excess cost (\$196.77) incurred with 2nd by Lion David Simpson. Motion approved.**

- ◆ **River Cats Baseball** - May 22 - Lion **Bob Turner** - Event was supported by 25 EG Lions and partners.
- ◆ **Sacramento County Fair 4H/FFA** - May 22 – 25 - Lion **Andy Anderson** - 96 letters received. Lion President Andy Anderson needs help with the auction on Sunday. **[See full report page 4].**
- ◆ **Senior Class Breakfast Elk Grove HS** - May 30 - Lion **Fred Handley. [See full report page 3].**
- ◆ **Senior Class Breakfast Sheldon HS** - May 31 - Lion **Fred Handley. [See full report page 3].**
- ◆ **Installation Dinner** - Jun 9 - Lion **Jim Switzgable** - Dinner will cost \$21 per person.

Special Reports

- ◆ **Wellness:** Lion **Danny DiBenedetto III** - No report.
- ◆ **Public Relations:** Lion **David King** - No report.
- ◆ **Membership:** Lion PDG **Mel Oneto** - 1 membership application in hand. Member did not attend board meeting.
- ◆ **Senior Center:** - Lion **Jim Parino** - Lion **Daniel DiBenetto** arranged for Wells Fargo to donate money to replace the existing Senior Center Kitchen ovens.
- ◆ **Visitation:** Lion **Pancho Sanchez** - EG Lions planning to go to Mother Lode Lions on 6/26.
- ◆ **Vision:** - Lion David Ogden - No report.
- ◆ **Committee for 2008 – 2009 Crab Feeds** Lion PDG **Mel Oneto** - PDG Oneto visited the church office to get information. No information received from the church yet. EG Lions on the reservation list for both crab feeds.

New Business:

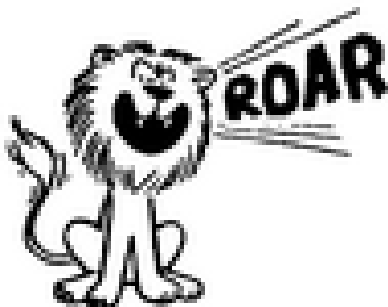
- ◆ Sponsor a room in new Elk Grove Public Library - Tabled.
- ◆ Lion **Bob Brewer** requests equipment for a spaghetti feed he wants to hold at work. 5/22: non-Lion event. - **Motion to approve equipment use by Lion David Simpson seconded by Lion Andy Anderson - Approved.**
- ◆ **Mexican Fiesta Night: 7/11-** Lion **Pancho Sanchez** to cook; Lion David King to Chair - **Motion to provide up to \$900 for Mexican Fiesta Night by Lion Jerry Salamy seconded by Lion Andy Anderson - Approved**
- ◆ **Elk Grove High School Football Team Camp Out-** Lion **Bill Hibbard** Chair No information received yet from EGHS. Tabled until June Board meeting.
- ◆ **Motion to prepare and submit a plaque to Vince's Restaurant. Motion by Lion Parino, seconded by Lion Dave - Approved**

Adjournment @ 7:48 PM

Items to address during our next Board Meeting:

Elk Grove High School Football Team Camp Out- Lion Bill Hibbard Chair

[Question: How did events not yet occurring at time of board meeting get reported on in board minutes? Answer: MAGIC!]



Pancake Breakfast

Graduation time is here and that means the Elk Grove Lions are cooking pancakes. Friday, May 30th and Saturday, May 31st, Lions prepared our annual Graduating Senior Pancake Breakfasts for Elk Grove and Sheldon High Schools. This has been an annual event for myself since I joined the club in 2000, and conversations with PDG Gary Dapelo indicated that the EG Lions have been cooking for EG High since 1987.



The events came off just fine. We cooked for around 350 students at each school. The Sheldon event was held at the Baptist Church and the EG High breakfast was at the school. The following Lions, **Heinz Leonhardt, Bill Hibbard, Bill Heston, Bob Brewer, Club President Andy Anderson, Brad Dano, DG Gary Dapelo, Jerry Salamy, Vincent Vernon, Dave King, Sterling Kloss, Dan Pearson, John Zender, and Pancho Sanchez** stepped up and the effort came off in fine fashion.

This year was interesting as none of the Lions involved have any children attending the schools, with the exception of Lion Zender, who at last count still has about 47 of his relatives attending or teaching at our local schools. This also is the first graduating class that had not actually seen Lion Hibbard's "Beer Face". Although Lion Bill was requested to "perform" his natural shyness prevented him from sharing this experience with the seniors. How in the world will these students be prepared for college without that experience under their belts?

As one of the last events for the current year, the double duty cost the club less than \$500.00, with a donation forth coming from the Sheldon Senior Class. Costing the club only a couple of hundred dollars to feed around 700 students shows how the Elk Grove Lions perform to benefit our community. The pre-mentioned donation reflects how much the effort was appreciated.

Thanks again to those Lions and their time commitment, which showed their position on putting time and money back into the needs of the student community.

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Fred

Get you motor runnin



Lions Al Sherrington and David Ogden at the Gold Country Motorcycle Run.



COOKS List!

Cooks Schedule

- 5/12 Bob Hillyer
 5/26 Randy Fiest
 6/9 Mel Oneto
 6/23 Andy Anderson
 (Vince's Installation)
 [Make your reservations NOW!]
 7/14 Lion Don Thompson
 7/28 Lion Bill Hibbard
 8/11 Lion Rod Dixon
 8/25 Lion Robert Brewer
 9/8 Lion Rich Schiver
 9/22 Lion Dave King
 10/27 Lion David DiBenedetto
 10/27 Lion Joe Tallerico
 11/10 Lion Jack Edwards
 11/24 Lion Jack Megna
 12/15 Christmas Dinner - Lion Jim Parino



Sacramento County Fair May 22 - 26

This year we received a total of 108 letters from eight FFA Chapters and six 4H groups. The letters were for 24 small and 84 large animals.

Throughout the course of the year we raised \$ 9,558.54 to spend for this year's county fair. We spent \$1,124.50 on awards and \$ 8,140.93 on animals and add-ons. Total expenses were \$ 9,265.42. This leaves us a balance of \$ 293.11 to start next year's FFA/4H Project Account. We were able to purchase 28 animals during the sell and added 14 add-ons.

The following animals were purchased and schools supported this year:

Chickens - 5	Elk Grove HS - 6
Turkeys - 4	Sheldon HS - 8
Rabbits - 5	Florin HS - 5
Goats - 4	Pleasant Grove HS - 2
Lambs - 2	Franklin HS - 3
Hogs - 7	Delta HS - 1
Steers - 1	Franklin 4H - 1
	Wilton 4H - 2

Please look at the Elk Grove Citizen for last Friday and you will see a lot of photos and a article about all the kid from the EGUSD who were winners.

The following Lions assisted with the sells auction on Sunday:

Lion Pancho Sanchez	8 hrs
Lion Bill Hibbard	8 hrs
Lion Jim Switzgable	3 hrs
Lion Rico Delatorre	1 hr
Lion Tom Anderson	12 hrs
Lion Andy Anderson	12 hrs

The following Lions has additional hours volunteering their time during the county fair:

Lion Tom Anderson	30 hrs
Lion Andy Anderson	48 hrs

Submitted by

Lion *Andy Anderson*
Club's FFA/4H Project Chairman



Club Dues are "Due and Payable"

Make your checks (\$60.) payable to: Elk Grove Lions & mail to:
P. O. Box 465 - Elk Grove, CA. 95759

(Don't make us send a collection agent)

Lion Jim Parino was named Outstanding Senior



Photo by Keri Wood - Jim Parino Award: The County of Sacramento Board of Supervisors honored Elk Grove Lions Club member Jim Parino with the Outstanding Senior award for his work with the Senior Center of Elk Grove.



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.



Elk Grove Lions grows by one more!

New "baby" Lion Vernon Vincent was inducted by Past Regional Chair and candidate for International Director Robert Smith while sponsoring Lion President And Anderson looks on.

Future International Director Visits

President Andy Anderson and 1st Vice President Jim Swtizgable show International Director candidate that the Elk Grove Lions support his campaign by presenting him with a check. The funds were raised at the Cioppino Feed.



June



- Lion Jack Dalton 6th
- Lion Dale Thomas 14th
- Lion Don Thompson 16th
- Lion Steve Wright 19th
- Lion Sterling Kloss 21st
- Lion Howard Stoll 21st



Summer "Fiesta"



If you haven't gotten your ticket yet!
It may be too late!

Friday July 11th

Where: Elk Grove Park Pavilion

Doors open: 6:30 pm Dinner: 7:30 pm

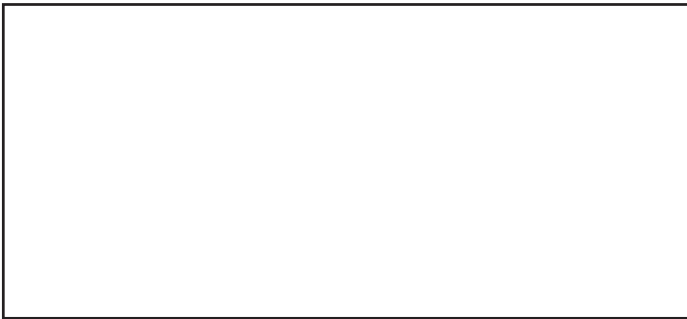
Menu: Carnita's, beans, rice, salad, tortillas

Price: \$20.00



Lions Anniversary

- Lion Bob Brewer 3 Years
- Lion Danny DiBenedetto . . . 26 Years
- Lion Randy Feist 20 Years
- Lion William Hibbard 8 Years
- Lion Sterling Kloss 15 Years
- Lion Ray Martinez 1 Year
- Lion Brian Mecham 15 Years
- Lion Pancho Sanchez 6 Years
- Lion David Simpson 21 Years
- Lion Don Thomson 20 Years



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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 Original "Mikes" Market Place 99 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.