



ELK GROVE LIONS CLUB STAG

“WE SERVE OUR COMMUNITY”



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Busy Started my year Busier ended it

Hello fellow Lions! We have been very busy over the past month. During these difficult economic times the Elk Grove Lions are a critical source for community support. If you haven't supported an event lately, please consider joining us at an upcoming event. If you know of an individual or group that could use our support, bring it up at the next Lions Board of Directors meeting.

This past month we set a precedent by working with both of the local Rotary clubs. **Lion Bill Hibbard** was our unlikely “peacemaker” by bringing the Lions equipment and his expertise to an Elk Grove Senior breakfast at the end of April. The Laguna-Sunrise Rotary was much appreciative of his support and gushed praise in the Elk Grove citizen. Way to go Lion Bill!!! We also had a nice dinner meeting visit from **Oscar O'con**, president of the Elk Grove Rotary. Oscar is raising money to build a War Memorial in Elk Grove Park and was soliciting our Lions input for the design as well as support for the project. I hope our club takes an active role in this effort.

The Western Festival was held the first weekend of May. **Lions Jim Parino, Al Jaurequi, Pancho Sanchez and Bill Hibbard** were involved throughout the weekend from the setup on Friday through the shutdown on a very rainy Sunday. Lion Jim chaired the Beer booth and **Lion Rigo De La Torre** chaired the bingo booth. Both persevered through the bad weather. Lion Jim reported only two beers sold on Sunday but with everyone's help we still were able to raise more than \$1,000 profit for the weekend. For the first time we also had the Lion's Sight Van available to offer free eye tests on Saturday.

Thanks to **Lion David Ogden** for organizing and getting the van on-site. Also, a thank you to Optometrist **Janice Kaygiyama** for offering her services on Saturday afternoon. Fifteen people in the Elk Grove community took advantage of this valuable Lions service.

The first Saturday also included the monthly Senior Center Breakfast. With some Lions focusing on the Western Festival and others out sick, we had a skeleton crew providing the breakfast. The group was able to still serve more than 120 customers. Thanks **Lions Don Thompson, Dan Pearson, Bill Heston, Bob Hillyer, Heinz Leonhardt, Joe Tallerico and John Zehnder** for putting together a great breakfast.

The following weekend was the Lions District 4C-5 Convention in San Ramon. **Lions Gary Dapelo (with Lion Laurie), Andy Anderson, Danny DiBenedetto III**, and I represented our club throughout the weekend. **Lion PDG Mel Oneto (with Lion Lena)** came in on Friday to provide

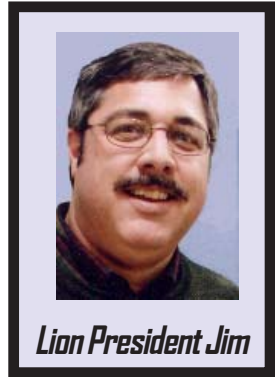
chili for the Food Fair. Lion Andy (along with **Lion Dennis Weiss** of Galt) won a district award for his work with the Boy Scouts. Our club placed second in the large club district contest (behind Citrus Heights).

Just before the convention, we participated in the Spotlight On Excellence. Three of our Lion scholarships were presented and **Lion Bob Brewer** represented us for two of them.

On May 20th we helped hold a fundraiser for Jacob King, a 15 year old boy beaten savagely by two young men. Jacob has endured months of hospitalization, four bouts of pneumonia and severe brain damage. His health insurance was exhausted and he is now receiving care at home. Thank you to seven Lions for your support. We raised \$3000 and will hold another fundraiser for him in June.

We have a lot more activity ahead of us before the installation dinner for **Lion Danny III**. Please consider joining us for the Senior Center Health Fair, American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Senior Center Breakfast, various High School Senior events and the Wine-tasting Fundraiser on June 19th.

Lion President Jim



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**OMG! It's time to “debunk” President Jim!
Get YOUR tickets NOW! while they are still available!
MONDAY JUNE 22nd
Contact Lion Daniel DiBenedetto 685-9035**

Wine Festival
Get YOUR tickets NOW!
June 19th Contact Lion Bill Hestom (685-4219) **June 19th**
or Lion Vern Vincent (685-9238)

ELK GROVE LIONS BOARD MEETING

May 18, 2009

Call to order Lion President Jim Switzgable 6:57 PM

Attendance:

X President: Lion **Jim Switzgable**

X Secretary: Lion **Fred Handley**

X 1st VP: Lion **Danny DiBenedetto III**

X Bulletin Editor: Lion **David Simpson**

X 2nd VP: Lion **David King**

X Tail Twister: Lion **Bill Heston**

no 3rd VP: Lion **Rich Shriver**

X Treasurer: Lion **Bob Brewer**

X Lion Tamer: Lion **Matthew Switzgable**

X 1-Yr Dir: Lion **Bill Hibbard**

X 1-Yr Dir: Lion **Jim Parino**

X 2-Yr Dir: Lion **Randy Feist**

X 2-Yr Dir: Lion **Dan Pearson**

X Membership Dir: Lion PDG **Mel Oneto**

X IPP: Lion **Andy Anderson**

Public Relations Coord: <open>

Other Lions Present:

Jack Megna, Bob Hillyer, Ellard Whisman, Don Thompson, Gary Dapelo, Heinz Leonhardt, Al Jauregui.

Guests:

NONE

Secretary Report - Lion Secretary **Fred Handley** - Motion to approve Board Minutes by Lion **Bob Brewer**, second by Lion **Heinz Leonhardt** - Passed!

Treasurer Report: - See Lion Treasurer **Bob Brewer** for Information.

Correspondence: Folder passed.

◆ Invite EG Lions to a special Lions Wine & Cheese & Appetizer Reception at the Low Vision Clinic site May 23rd, 11am (13th and S Street, Sacramento)

Old Business / Chairman's Reports:

- Jesse Baker Games Lunch - Apr 22, 23 - Lion **Bill Hibbard** - Served 350 one day and 250 the other. Good event.
- 4H/FFA Golf Tournament - Apr 24 - Lion **Andy Anderson** - Around \$5000.00 profit.
- Elk Grove Creek Clean-up - Apr 25 - Lion **Danny DiBenedetto** - Fed about 700 people.
- PGHS FFA Spaghetti Dinner - Apr 25 - Lion **Warren Weaver** - Event went well.
- Senior Center Breakfast - May 2 - Lion **Jim Parino** - Served 120 people.

- Western Festival Beer & Bingo - May 2-3 - Lion **Jim Parino** / Lion **Rigo De La Torre** - Bingo showed \$1100.00 profit - Beer lost \$300.00.

- Spotlight On Excellence - May 7 - Lion **Mel Oneto** Served - 692 people.

- District 4C-5 Convention - May 8/10 - Lion **Gary Dapelo** - It's over.

- Kerr Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser - May 20 - Lion **Jim Switzgable** - Need workers.

- Senior Center Health Fair - May 27 - Lion **David Ogden** - In motion.

- Sheldon High School Senior Breakfast - May 29 - Lion **Fred Handley** - In motion.

- ACS Relay For Life - May 30 - Lion **Don Thompson** - Lots of workers needed.

- Elk Grove High School Senior Dinner - Jun 1 - Lion **Bill Hibbard** - In motion.

- EG Lions Wine-Tasting Fundraiser - Jun 19 - Lion **Bill Heston** - In motion. Sell tickets.

- Elk Grove Lions Installation Dinner - Jun 22 - Lion **Danny DiBenedetto** - Tickets available.

- Elk Grove Boys Basketball Pasta fundraiser - Jul 9 - Lion **Bob Brewer** - No new news.

- Kohl's Child Spree - Jul 25 - Lion **Joe Tallerico** - No report.

- Past President's Dinner - Jul 27 - Lion **Jim Switzgable** - Family night. Burgers & dogs.

- Quilters Fair – Food Concession - Sept 12 – 13 - Lion **Don Thompson** - In motion.

Special Reports:

- Wellness: Lion **Danny DiBenedetto** - Lion Rod's chemo is over. Lion Danny is OK.

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

- Membership: - **PDG Mel Oneto** - Dave Bennett not at meeting.

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

- Visitation: - Lion **Pancho Sanchez** - Folsom – May 27.

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

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

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

New Business:

- ❖ Paul Betschart - Elk Grove Fire Station Naming - Lion **Joe Tallerico** - Tabled.

- ❖ **Fireworks:** Galt LC offering share of fundraising profit for sharing booth duty at one of their 2 "County" Fireworks booths. Lion **Jim Switzgable** Motion to check into by Lion **Dave King**, seconded by Lion **Bill Hibbard** - Passed.

- ❖ Girl Scouts - Lion **Jim Switzgable** - Need more info.

- ❖ Kerr Jr High Tri-Tip Fundraiser - June 20th - Lion **Jim Switzgable** - Need info. Motion to support by Lion **Bill Hibbard**, seconded by Lion **Dan Pearson** - Passed.

- ❖ Theresa Rodriguez birthday - Need more info.

- ❖ 1 page advertisement in district directory - \$75 Motion by PDG **Mel Oneto**, seconded by Lion **Randy Feist** - Passed.

- ❖ Breakfast for EG Marching Band - Lion **Dan Pearson** - No action.

- ❖ Venture Crew - Lion **Dan Pearson** - Motion to fund \$500.00 by Lion **Andy Anderson**, seconded by PDG **Mel Oneto** - Passed.

- ❖ Troop 59 Court of Honor BarBQ - Lion **Dan Pearson** - No action.

- ❖ Society For The Blind Electric Oven - Lion **David Ogden** - Need info.

- ❖ EGCAN Fun Run Fundraiser - July 4th - Tabled for club meeting.

- ❖ Parking EG Park - Fireworks - July 4th - Tabled.

- ❖ Sheldon High School Spaghetti Feed Fundraiser - Lion **Don Thompson** - Need info/ date.

- ❖ Boy Scouts CA Capital March – October 24th - Lion Incoming President **Dennis Weiss**, Galt Lions - \$20 registration package per Lion volunteer for parking, lunch, special patch and goodie bag (alternate \$10 bag for parking and lunch) Just info at this date.

- ❖ Maharlika Lions Golf Tournament: foursome (\$500), Tee Box (\$100), Green (\$100) Motion to fund \$100.00 by Lion **Dave King**, seconded by Lion **Bill Hibbard** - Passed.

Upcoming Events:

⇒ Kerr Spaghetti Fundraiser for Jacob King - May 20 - Kerr Junior High.

⇒ Sacramento County Fair - May 24 - Cal Expo

⇒ Senior Center Health Fair - May 27 - EG Senior Center.

⇒ Folsom Lions Visitation - May 27

⇒ Sheldon HS Senior Breakfast - May 29 Sheldon HS.



Lion Rod Dixon

Five Minutes with an Elk Grove Lion

By the Stag Reporter(SR)

SR: Lion Rod, tell us a little about your background

RD: I was born in Modesto, CA. My dad had his own business- he was a mason. We moved to Kentucky when I was young but missed California and moved back to Sacramento after a short time. I

was in the Navy for four years. Two and one-half years in Vietnam.

SR: Thank you for your service to our country. How about your family?

RD: There's my wife Barbara and my son and daughter. We also have five grandchildren. Today is our 44th wedding anniversary.

SR: Congratulations! How long ago did you move to Elk Grove?

RD: We moved here around forty years ago.

SR: What brought you here?

RD: Barbara and I had started our family. We were looking for a bigger house we could afford and Elk Grove offered those options. We also were attracted by the reputation of the schools in this area.

SR: You live next door to another Elk Grove Lion, correct?

RD: Yes. Lion Joe Tallerico and his wife Lynda. Joe and Lynda moved next door more than 20 years ago. We have become really close. He has been there for me in recent months when I needed support.

SR: You've been an Elk Grove Lion for more than 6 years. How did you get involved with Lions?

RD: Joe Tallerico brought me into the club.

SR: What do you like about being a Lion?

RD: I like events, especially the Pancake Breakfasts and the Relay for Life. I also like the guys. Hanging around with the guys.

SR: You have been traveling lately, right?

RD: Yes. Barbara and I went to Thailand in November. We enjoyed it a lot. We really like the people and the food. You can have a great meal for \$3.00 including huge shrimp. They also have fried insects. They kinda taste like pretzels. Barbara won't touch them but I will. We are heading out for a ten day cruise to Alaska tomorrow. I can't drink but I am looking forward to the food.

SR: That's great Lion Rod. Thanks for your time and bon voyage!

RD: We will see you at the installation dinner in June.

- ⇒ ACS Relay For Life - May 30 - Cosumnes River College.
- ⇒ Elk Grove HS - Senior Dinner - June 1
- ⇒ Senior Center Breakfast - June 6 - EG Senior Center
- ⇒ EG Lions Wine-Tasting - June 19 -EG Pavilion
- ⇒ EG Lions Installation Dinner - June 22 - Vince's Restaurant
- ⇒ Senior Center Breakfast - July 4 - EG Senior Center
- ⇒ Elk Grove Basketball Fundraiser - July 9 - Elk Grove High School
- ⇒ Kohl's Child Spree - July 25 - Kohl's (EG Blvd & Bruceville Rd)
- ⇒ Past President's Dinner - July 27 - EG Senior Center
- ⇒ Quilter's Fair - Sept 12 - 13 - SES Hall Adjournment @ 8:21 PM



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]



JUNE

Lion Jack Dalton	9th
Lion Sterling Kloss	21st
Lion Howard Stoll	21st
Lion Dale Thomas	14th
Lion Don Thompson	16th
Lion Chuck Woodson	20th

LIONS ANNIVERSARY



Lion Bob Brewer	8 Years
Lion Dan DiBenedetto	27 Years
Lion Randy Feist	21 Years
Lion Bill Hibbard	9 Years
Lion Sterling Kloss	16 Years
Lion Raymond Martinez	2 Year
Lion Brian Mecham	16 Years
Lion David Simpson	22 Years
Lion Don Thompson	21 Years

2009 ELK GROVE WESTERN FESTIVAL

Weather Forecast: Partly cloudy with slight chance of rain! . . . "SURE?"



Well! Should we set up?



This fence will keep back the throng of stampeding crowds!



Okay, a little deeper . . .



I'll trade you a plastic thing-a-mobs for two whatca-ma-call-its.



Just put it in the hole and raise the fxxxking thing up!



Hey ... another "Buckeye" fan!



I can SEE!



Great Eyemobile --- Not to great Motorhome!



Next!



Who said BINGO, I've only called one number!



Dud, what's all the ping pong balls for?



I can't wait all day!



I've been calling BINGO before most of you were even born.



A couple of brews and I'm set to go!



We're got prizes, prizes, and more prizes . . . for everone!

2009 SENIOR CENTER PARTY IN THE PARK



Hard! Working crew takes a break!



Still on a break!



We've been caught!



I'm a happy cook!



Okay Heinz get to work.



What do they say about too many cooks?



I'm leavine the heavy work to you guys!

KERR FUNDRAISER

Elk Grove Lions presents
ELK GROVE WINE FESTIVAL
 Friday, June 19, 2009 at the Elk Grove Park Pavilion
 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 Donation \$30.00




All proceeds go to Lions Charities
 We will also be collecting your outdated eyeglasses
 Must be 21 years or older to attend

Barsetti Vineyards	Big Al's BBQ & Deli
Blue Gum Winery	BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse
Bogle Vineyards & Winery	Brick House Restaurant
Bray Vineyards	DeVinci's Delicatessen & Catering
Carvalho Family Winery	Elk Grove Barbecue & Catering
Chateau Routon	Mandango's Sports Bar & Grill
Erhardt Estates Winery	Merrilyn's Gourmet Wine Fudge
McConnell Estates Winery	Sierra Nevada Brewing Company
Peirano Estate Vineyards	Texas Roadhouse
Vino Con Brio Winery	

Vendor participation subject to change.

For tickets or festival information, please contact your local Elk Grove Lions Club members. Bill Heston @ 916-685-4219 or Vern Vincent @ 916-685-9238

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Public Relations Coordinator

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

Elk Grove Community Lions Club
" 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.