



ELK GROVE LIONS CLUB STAG



"WE SERVE OUR COMMUNITY"

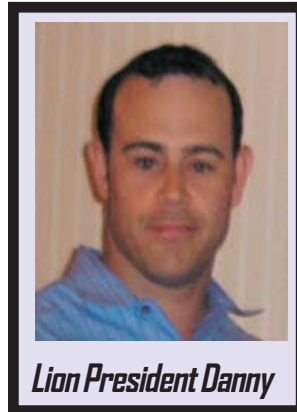
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LAST REPORT BY DANIEL

Hello Fellow Lions! May was a very busy month. I would like to extend a thank you to each of you who have given your time at one of our many events. I would like to extend an even greater gratitude to those of you who have supported multiple events. For those who have not taken the opportunity to get out and support the community, we have some great events in the month of June for you to get involved with. Please look to our event chairman and ask how you can take part in their event.



Lion President Danny

I would like to recognize **Lion Rigo De La Torre** for spearheading the Western Festival along with the many other lions that made this event a success. The lions club has made itself an icon for fun at this event by providing the hottest game of Bingo in town taking place on the first weekend on the month. Additionally, members of the community have found that our venue offers a great area where they can come and enjoy spirits and good company while raising money for the community they live in.

I had the distinct pleasure of attending the Spotlight on Excellence Event this year for the first time, and I was significantly impressed with the event. I would like to thank **Lions Joe Tallerico, Andy Anderson, Mel Oneto, Warren Weaver, Gary Dapelo, John Zehnder, Randy Feist**, and all the others that helped to make this a very successful event. There was over \$100,000 in scholarships handed out that evening to support graduating high school students from the local communities towards their college tuitions. It felt great to be a part of the process of helping our next generation achieve their college aspirations. The Lions Club was recognized by awarding three awards. \

Lion Rick Schriver chaired the St. Mary's Water Ski tournament for the second year in a row covering Friday, Saturday, and Sunday on the weekend of the 21st through the 23rd. Thank you to **Lions Bill Hibbard, Pancho Sanchez, Warren Weaver, Bob Brewer, Sterling Kloss, Randy Feist**, as well as others that may have supported the event on the days that I was not able to attend. This event is a great opportunity to support college athletic programs that are having difficulty finding the funds to continue to offer the programs.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Friday June 4th
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
Senior Center
- Monday - June 7th
Installation Dinner
Vinces Restaurant
- Saturday June 12th
Lance Brigg's Pancake Breakfast
- Monday - June 14th
Board Meeting
Senior Center
- Monday - June 21st
Regular Meeting
Senior Center
- Friday - June 25th
Wine Tasting
EG Park Pavilion
- Saturday July 3rd
Run4Inpendence
Elk Grove Park

Wine Festival

Get YOUR tickets NOW!

June 19th June 19th

DUES - DUES - DUES

\$ 80.00

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.

- ◆ 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."



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That same weekend was filled with supporting the Relay for Life event which was chaired by Lion **Jim Switzgable**. This is an event that takes a lot of support and I want to thank the many lions that gave their time to make sure that the event was successful.

Lion **Warren Weaver** chaired the Sunset Spaghetti feed at Elk Grove High School on the night of the 24th. Although he and his company who supported the event missed a VERY entertaining meeting, we appreciate all your support for making that event a success for Elk Grove High School.

Looking into June, we have some exciting events. June 7th is our installation dinner to welcome Lion **Dave King** into his new role as President, and will be held at Vince's Restaurant in Elk Grove again this year. If you have not confirmed your attendance to this event at this time, please contact Lion **Jim Parino** to make arrangements.

The Elk Grove Lions Club is supporting our local sports programs by getting involved with the Lance Briggs athletic camp being offered on June 12th at Cosumnes River College. We will be preparing a package breakfast and Tri tip lunch. Brian Urlacher and Lanced Briggs plan to be in attendance. I hope to see many of you there. We also have our annual Wine Tasting Fundraising event on June 25th. Please work with Lions **Bill Heston** and **Vern Vincent** to support ticket sales.

See you at Installation have best wishes to Lion **Dave King** and his new board. May you all be the best you can be . . . nothing more . . . but nothing less!

Lion Danny

Elk Grove Lions presents
ELK GROVE WINE FESTIVAL

Friday, June 18th 2010
at the Elk Grove Park Pavillion



6:00 to 9:00 PM.

Donation: \$30.00



Contact Lion Bill Hestom (685-4219)
or Lion Vern Vincent (685-9238)

SELL - SELL - SELL - SELL - SELL

We will also be collecting you outdated eyeglasses.
Must be 21 years or older to attend

Five Minutes with an Elk Grove Lion Lion Jim Parino

By the Stag Reporter

He is known as “the General” and after 33 as an Elk Grove Lion, there is a very small group of active Lions who can recall when Lion Jim took his pledge “to serve”. He has actively served club and community all of these years. In fact, until a few months ago Jim was active as ever running the kitchen at the December Crab Feed and managing the kitchen for the dinner meetings and monthly Senior Center Breakfasts. Lion Jim has also been an active member of the VFW, SIRS, and is just now finishing up a board position as Immediate Past President for the Elk Grove Senior Center. Jim’s wife Charlotte is also very active supporting Lion events as well as managing the activities of the Senior Center Gadabouts. Lion Jim has been President, Lion of the Year, and is a Melvin Jones Fellow and last year was awarded a Lifetime Member.



SR: We regularly get complements for the sauce even if we do cheat and use a Prego base. So who brought you into the club?

JP: It was a neighbor of mine. Bruce.... I can't recall his last name.

SR: That's OK. You've had a number of Lions come from your neighborhood: Lions David Simpson, Lewis Flint and Bob Turner are neighbors currently in the club. We once had neighbor Lions Andy Jedrzynski and Bud Schafer in the club and, of course, we recently lost Lion Ellard Whisman. It is really a sign of the grass-roots nature of Lions volunteers. What do you like most?

JP: The camaraderie. I like getting a group of like-minded guys together to make an event happen.

SR: What is it that you don't like about the club?

JP: I like everything about the club.

SR: What changes would you make to improve the club?

JP: I would like to see a mystery trip on a dinner night once a year. We would board a bus and go somewhere arranged by one of the Lions. That would be fun. We did this at one time.

SR: A number of Lions have voiced interest in this. I hope we can pull it together. Thanks for your time today Lion Jim.

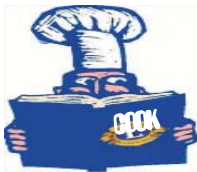
SR: Hello Lion Jim. So tell us why you became an Elk Grove Lion.

JP: Why? Well, let's see. I guess I joined because they said there would be some good food.

SR: I guess some of that good food would be prepared by you?

JP: Well, when we originally put the spaghetti sauce recipe together way back when, Charlotte and I and Mel and Lena (Oneto) got together and looked at our family recipes for spaghetti sauce and together put together a recipe that we all used for many years with few changes.

COOKS



LIST!

Cooks Schedule

- 7/12/2010 Lion Pancho Sanchez
- 7/26/2010 Past Presidents BBQ
- Lion Daniel DiBenedetto III
- 8/9/2010 Lion Warren Weaver
- 8/23/2010 Lion Rick Schriver
- 9/13/2010 Lion PDG Mel Oneto
- 9/27/2010 Lion Chuck Woodson
- 10/11/2010 Lion Andy Anderson
- 10/25/2010 Lion Chuck Woodson
- 11/8/2010 Lion Joe Tallerico
- 11/23/2010 Lion Don Thomson
- 12/6/2010 *** Lion Randy Fiest
- 12/20/2010 *** Lion Jim Switzgable

*** Changed due to Christmas ***



Happy Birthday!

JUNE

- Lion Jack Dalton..... 9th
- Lion Don Thompson..... 16th
- Lion Chuck Woodson..... 20th
- Lion Sterling Klos..... 21st
- Lion Howard Stoll..... 21st

LIONS ANNIVERSARY

JUNE

- | | Years |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| Lion Bob Brewer..... | 5 |
| Lion Danny DiBenedetto..... | 26 |
| Lion Randy Fiest..... | 22 |
| Lion Bill Hibbard..... | 10 |
| Lion Sterling Kloss..... | 27 |
| Lion Ray Martinez..... | 3 |
| Lion Dan Pearson..... | 2 |
| Lion Pancho Sanchez..... | 8 |
| Lion Don Thompson..... | 22 |



ELK GROVE LIONS Board Meeting May 17th, 2010

Call to order:

Lion President **Daniel DiBenedetto III**
@ 7:02PM

Attendance:

X **President:** Lion **Daniel DiBenedetto III**

X **Secretary:** Lion **Fred Handley**

X **1st VP:** Lion **David King**

X **Bulletin Ed:** Lion **David Simpson**

X **2nd VP:** Lion **Rich Shriver**

Tail Twister: Lion **Matt Switzgable**

X **3rd VP:** Lion **Randy Feist**

X **Treasurer:** Lion **Bob Brewer**

X **Lion Tamer:** Lion **Bill Heston**

X **1-Yr Dir:** Lion **Dan Pearson**

X **1-Yr Dir:** Lion **Heinz Leonhardt**

2-Yr Dir: Lion **Rigo De La Torre**

X **2-Yr Dir:** Lion **Vern Vincent**

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

X **IPP:** Lion **Jim Switzgable**

Public Relations Coord: Vacant

Other Lions Present:

Bill Hibbard, Ray Martinez, PDG Gary Dapelo, Al Jauregui, Bob Turner & Andy Anderson

Guests:

None

Secretary Report: The late arriving Lion Secretary **Fred Handley** thanked Lion **Rick Shriver** for standing (sitting) in as acting secretary.

Motion to approve Board Minutes by Lion Bob Brewer and second by Lion Jim Switzgable Passed!

Treasurer Report:

Lion Treasurer **Bob Brewer**

See Lion Treasurer for numbers.

Correspondence:

☞ CSD Revised Agreement : Appears to be a Sweet Heart Deal. Discussion needed to fine tune agreement. **Motion by PDG Lion Mel Oneto & seconded by Lion Bob Brewer-Passed.**

☞ CSD-Creek Clean Up - Thank You

☞ EG Community Foundation - Thank You

☞ Resignation letter: Lion **Fred Handley** - Lion **Warren Weaver** will step up.

Committee Updates:

❖ Finance – None

❖ 501C3–None

❖ **Motion to fund convention costs for delegates. Pay for President & 1st VP, splitting remainder between other delegates. Motion by Lion Dave King & 2nd by PDG Lion Mel Oneto - Passed.**

❖ **Motion to raise Dinner cost to \$10.00 as of July 1,2010 With \$2.00 to kept in a special fund to assist in funding the above motion. Motion by Lion Jim Switzgable & 2 nd Lion David Simpson - Passed.**

ED NOTE: This issue will be reexamined at June Board Meeting.

Old Business / Chairman's Reports:

● **4C-5 Convention:** - April 23-25 - Lion PDG **Gary Dapelo** - Great event.

● **FFA/4H Golf Tournament:** - April 30th - Lion **Andy Anderson** - Great event. \$5,800.00 profit.

● **Western Festival:** - May 1st & 2nd - Lions **Fred Handley/ Rigo De La Torre** - Good event. Beer & Bingo profit \$4,224.00.

● **Spotlight on Excellence:** - May 13th - Lions **Joe Tallerico** and PDG **Gary Dapelo**. - Good event.

New Business:

■ **August 15th - Cabinet meeting:** – cooking lunch – Lion **Rick Schriver** to chair. **Motion by Lion Fred Handley, seconded by Heinz Leonhardt - Passed.**

■ **Fall Crab Feed:** – Deposit SES hall - **\$950.00** **Motion to fund made by Lion Fred Handley, seconded Lion Heinz Leonhardt - Passed.**

■ **Young Farmers and Ranchers BBQ:** - **Aug. 14th** – Use of equipment. **Motion to approve made by Lion Dave King - seconded by Lion Jim Switzgable - Passed.**

■ **VFW:** – Revisit Board Decision - Tabled

■ **County Fair:** – Lion **Andy Anderson** - Update - 46 letters received.

■ **Fireworks booth-Galt:** - 6/27-7/4. Lion **Daniel DiBenedetto III** to chair. **Motion to approve made by Lion PDG Mel Oneto, seconded by Lion Dan Pearson. - Passed.**

■ **\$500.00 Scholarship:** - Provide matching scholarship for Eagle Scout - Nicholas Gordon - **Motion made by Lion Bill Heston, seconded by Lion Vern Vincent. - Passed.**

■ **New Member Night:** - **Motion to fund (\$80.00) New Member & wife to New Member Night. Made by Lion PDG Mel Oneto, seconded by Lion Jim Switzgable - Passed.**

ED NOTE: Nobody went - result nothing spent!

■ **Burn Institute:** It has been the custom, since taking over the Western Festival beer booth from the EG Firemans Association to, when finances allow, donate to the Firemen's Burn Institute in Sacramento. Seeing as this WAS a good (dry) Western Festival, funds are available. **Motion to fund \$1,000.00 to Burn Institute made by Lion Dave King, seconded by Lion Randy Feist - Passed.**

■ **Equipment Usage:** Request to use club equipment for Pancho Sanchez. **Motion to approve made by Lion Jim Switzgable, seconded by Lion Fred Handley - Passed.**

■ **Year-end Donations:** Board approval for regular year-end donations - **Motion made by Lion Dave King, seconded by PDG Lion Mel Oneto - Passed. 5/10/10 Dinner.**

Upcoming Events:

❖ **Sheldon High School Grad Pancake B/Fast:** - **May 19th** - Baptist Church - Lion **Fred Handley** - Chairman.

❖ **Relay for Life:** - **May 22nd** - CRC - Lion **Jim Switzgable** - Chairman.

❖ **St. Mary's Water ski Tournament:** - **May 22nd & 23rd** - Short Line Lake - Sheldon Rd. - Lion **Rick Schriver** - Chairman.

❖ **EGHS sunset spaghetti feed:** - Monday, **May 24th** - EGHS - Lion **Warren Weaver** - Chairman.

❖ **Volunteer Appreciation party:** - **June 4th** - EG Senior Center - Lion **Dave King** - Chairman.

❖ **Installation Dinner:** - **June 7th** - Vincennes Restaurant - Lion **Jim Parino** - Chairman.

❖ **Lance Brigg's Pancake Breakfast:** - **June 12th** - PDG Lion **Gary Dapelo** - Chairman.

❖ **Wine Tasting Event:** - **June 25th** - EG Park Pavilion - Lion **Bill Heston** - Chairman.

❖ **Run 4 Independence:** - **July 3rd** - 6am-Noon - EG Park - Lion **Vern Vincent** - Chairman.

❖ **Club Event:** - River Cats Game - **July 9th** - Raley Field - tickets \$13.00 - Lion **Dave King** - Chairman.

ED NOTE: Tickets Sold Out

❖ **Kohl's Child Spree:** - **July 31st** - 6am - Kohl's EG - Lion **Ray Martinez** - Chairman.

❖ **Diabetes Camp:** - **Sept. 25th** - EG Senior Center - Lion **Daniel DiBenedetto III** - Chairman.

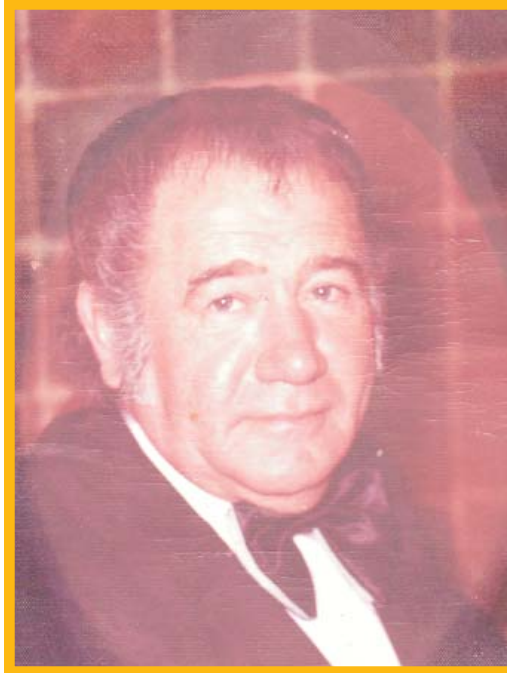
Adjournment @ **too late!**

Items to address during our next Board Meeting:

Raise in funds for Administrative Account.

LION DANIEL M. (DANNY) DiBENEDETTO

Danny has served twice president of the Elk Grove Lions Club and instrumental in the construction of Strauss Island and the Youth Center in Elk Grove Regional Park. Danny served as president in 1986-87, and again in 1994-95, and has been awarded the Melvin Jones Fellow, the highest award the organization can give, for his dedicated humanitarian services. He has also received the Gordon Daniels Associate Member of the Northern California Lions Sight Association for outstanding club leadership and service. And recently was presented a "LIONS LIFE MEMBERSHIP"



In 1947 he married **Grace Mazzola**, and in 1952 the family came to California with \$250 in their pockets. He was a baker for Daisy Baking Co., then worked for Robert Plumbing, and then started his own plumbing company, running it for 36 years before retiring. Community activities included Sons In Retirement, Elk Grove Elks Lodge, VFW and Italian Club of Piemonte Real of Sacramento. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Grace DiBenedetto; son David DiBenedetto and wife Sherry; grandchildren Buffy Holt and husband Craig, Daniel DiBenedetto III and wife Sunni,

Incoming Lion president Dave King said, "**When we Lions think of Danny, he was our 'Godfather,' a patriarch of the club just as he was for his family. He was very dedicated to the Elk Grove community and expressed his dedication through his commitment to the Elk Grove Lions.**"

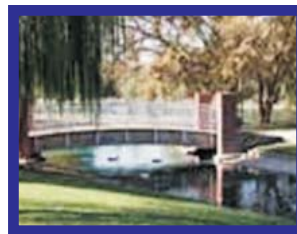
A year ago Lion Danny had the pleasure of seeing his grandson, Daniel DiBenedetto III installed as club president. Lion Danny was born Sept. 28, 1926 in Quincy, Mass., the youngest of eight children and the only boy as a brother died in infancy. He served in World War II from 1944 to 1946 as a machinist mate 2nd class in the U.S. Navy and was in the Philippines.

Andy DiBenedetto, Tony DiBenedetto and Crystal DiBenedetto; daughter-in-law Diane DiBenedetto and eight great-grandchildren, all living in the Elk Grove area.

- ◆ **Visitation will be Tuesday, June 8 from noon to 8 p.m. in East Lawn Elk Grove Mortuary, 9189 East Stockton Blvd.**
- ◆ **A Mass of Christian burial takes place Wednesday, June 9 at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 9961 Elk Grove-Florin Road, followed by interment in St. Mary's Cemetery.**
- ◆ **Lions are invited to a celebration of Danny life at Vince's Restaurant at 2:00 PM Wednesday.**



Strauss Island



Bridge to Strauss Island



Youth Center



Lion District Governor Vivian Cline-Shinn & Lion President Daniel DiBenedetto III presents Lion (Grandpa) Danny DiBenedetto with HIS Life Membership.



Where in the World is Joe Talerico?



Local Lions Club?



It MUST be a Lions Club!
"Pulled Pork?"

THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER WALK



Happy couple?

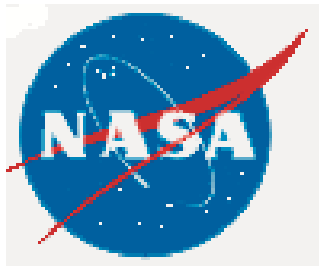
As Joe and Lynda cross the country we'll be posting shots of their trek, monitoring their progress.



Looks cool and inviting.



The "BEST" in accommodations!



To the moon, Lynda - to the moon!



I can burn them like the best!



Daniel the 3rd is the only one that I can see where both his hands are?



What do you mean, they want to eat in 5 minutes?

WHO AM I

BIRTHPLACE *Long Beach, California*
 FAVORITE AUTOMOBILE *55' Ford*
 FAVORITE PLACE TO VISIT *Washington D.C.*
 FAVORITE VACATION *Tahiti*
 FAVORITE FOOD *Meat & Potatoes*
 FAVORITE MOVIE *Quigley Down Under*
 FAVORITE LOCAL RESTAURANT *Applebee's*
 FAVORITE MUSIC *Folk*
 FAVORITE SPORTS TEAMS *Sacramento Kings*
 DREAM VACATION *Mediterranean Cruise*
 HOBBY *Stamp Collecting*
 EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND
Space Launch at Cape Canaveral/Kennedy
 WHAT HISTORICAL PERSON WOULD YOU LIKE TO
 HAVE MET *President Thomas Jefferson*
 EMBARRASSING MOMENT ... *Office Surrounding - Though
 the area was empty and I was alone, had bent over my desk and
 ripped a BIG "Fart". Upon standing up and turning around,
 what appeared was a female co-worker "giggling"!*



DUES ARE DUE!

Lion Fred Hardley has informed me that you are welcome to pay your dues (\$80.00) for the coming Lions Year and it will make him and all of us very very happy!

Tune in next month for answer!

Last Months Lion Member: David Simpson
How did you do?

District Officers Installation ***Saturday, July 17, 2010***

Right in our backyard!

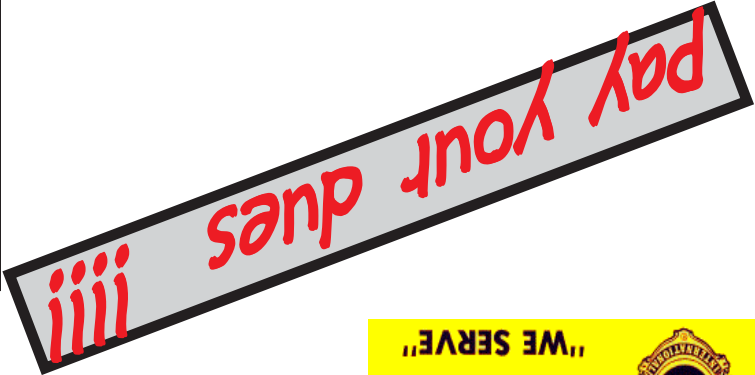
***Littleton Community
 Center, Galt
 Cocktails 4:30 pm
 Dinner 5:00 pm
 \$25 / person
 For reservations
 contact
 2010-2011 Cabinet***



***Treasurer Tom Messier
 at 916-967-0156 or
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***Come and support our
 fellow community
 Lion: Richard
 Wilmont of the Pride
 of Laguna Creek
 Lions Club***





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ELK GROVE LIONS CLUB

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| Lion Tamer: | Bill Heston | 685-4219 |
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| One Year Director: | Heinz Leonhardt | 685-6136 |
| 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

| | |
|---|---|
| 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.