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Congratulations abound!

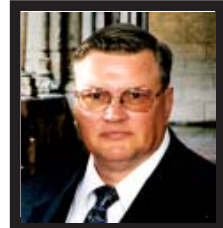
First, I would like to send my congratulations to PDG **Mel and Lion Lena Oneto** and their family for being selected as the Elk Grove Family of the Year. This came out the week after we were named the Organization of the Year. Secondly I would like to congratulate Lions **David Ogden, Jim Switzgable, Joe Tallerico, and Heinz Leonhardt** for receiving letters from our International President, **Mahendra Amarasuriya**, for bringing in new members to our club and to Lion **Jerry Salamy** for receiving his two-memberships “key” from International. Last, but by far the greatest feat to Lion **John Zehnder** for receiving his 55 Year Chevron from Lions Club International.

I would like to welcome again all of our new members this year: Lions **Raymond Martinez, Bill Heston, Jim O’Donnel, Rigo Dee La Torre, Percy Sherrington and David Gangle**. We also have **Eric Vale** finishing up his membership requirements and **Nick Fong** our newest prospective member. When Eric and Nick come on board, we will have 8 new members this year. **DG Gary Dapelo** gave us the challenge to increase our membership and we have done so.

That brings me to another topic and that is Proud Lion and Proud Sponsor awards. For a new member to receive the Proud Lion Award they must do the following five things during the first six months from beginning their membership: Attend a Board Meeting, Visit another Club, Participate in a Club Project, Attend a Zone, Region or District meeting, and Bring a guest to a club meeting. For the

sponsor to receive the Proud Sponsor Award they must accompany the new members as they attend these function and meetings. The final step for this award is to verify the dates with the secretary and he must sign off on the form for the award. The forms will be available at our next dinner meeting in March.

Cub Scout Pack 179’s Blue and Gold dinner went off without a hitch if you don’t count the rain and wind. The rain and cold did not stop Lion **Jim Parino** and his co-cooks from making an outstanding meal for the pack. But I believe he might have started a new tradition for cooking for the Blue and Gold. At the last minute he changed from cooking outside on burners to cooking the dinner at the Senior Center. This made the evening go quicker for the cooks because normally after they cook the dinner at the school, then they would have to come back to the Senior Center and wash the pots and pans before they went home. This time all they had to do is put away their tools. Lions **David King** and **Bob Brewer** stayed at the center and washed the pots and pans. Also during the dinner we were presented 300 pairs of glass by the pack and a plaque for our wall.



*Lion President
Andy Anderson*

Lion President Andy



ELK GROVE LIONS BOARD MEETING

February 21, 2008

Call to Order

Lion President Andy Anderson 6:30 PM

Attendance:

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

Also present: Lions *Dan Pearson, Don Thompson, Ellard Whisman, Bill Heston, Bob Hillyer, Bob Turner.*

Introduce guest: Cassie Dowdle, Sgt Joe Basham (*representing Sacramento Sheriff Fundraiser*) Dale Gangle (*prospective member*).

Secretary Report: Lion Jerry Salamy (absent)

Motion to approve Board Minutes by Lion Pancho Sanchez and second by Lion Bob Brewer. Passed.

Treasure Report : (See Treasurer Bob Brewer for details).

Special Announcement: None

Correspondence

- ◆ Lions in Sight Eyeglass Collection
E G Community Foundation: Lion Joe Tallerico reports requests for all 3 scholarships. More information will be provided by Joe Tallerico at the next dinner meeting.
- ◆ Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce Luncheon: **tabled** Feb 29th
- ◆ Sacramento Sierra Lions Club 9th Annual Korea Night: **tabled** Mar 8th
- ◆ Rotary Club Taste of Elk Grove: Sponsor wine-tasting: **tabled** April 12th
- ◆ Elk Grove Food Bank Recognition Dinner: request to donate/cook dinner: **tabled** May 30th

Old Business and Chairman's Reports

- ▶ **Galt/Elk Grove Crab Feed:**
Lion *Andy Anderson* Check received for \$3,610.24 for club's work on Crab Feed.
- ▶ **Super Bowl Party:** Lion *Jim Parino* - Lot's of food, Lot's of fun, we could have enjoyed stronger attendance.
- ▶ **Blue & Gold:** Feb 21- Lion *Jim Parino* Event is under control.
- ▶ **Zone Student Speaker Contest:** Feb 22 - ZC/PP Lion *Tim Watts* - Two participants (one each from Pride of Laguna and Elk Grove).
- ▶ **Elk Grove Crab Feed:** Mar 1 - Lion *Pancho Sanchez* - Need to sell tickets and need raffle prizes.
- ▶ **Dinner for Gustavo Sotelo:** Mar 2 - Lion *Pancho Sanchez* - Cooking the dinner was approved in a special session after the Feb 11 dinner meeting Pancho needs to know how many people will attend.
Motion: to provide the bartending for the event - Bob Brewer; seconded- Bill Hibbard, motion passed by the board.
- ▶ **Elk Grove Police Crab Feed:** Mar 8 - Lion *Jim Parino* - Cooking and Bar.
- ▶ **City of EG Dept of Homeland Security:** Mar 19 - Lion *Jim Parino* - Cook hot dogs. City will distribute.
- ▶ **Cioppino Feed:** Mar 21 - Lion PDG *Mel Oneto* - Under control.
- ▶ **City of Hope - Lions Tribute Day:** Mar 30 - PDG Lion *Mel Oneto* - DG *Gary Depelo* will definitely attend. No other commitments at this time.
- ▶ **FFA/4H Golf Tournament:** Apr 18 - Lion *Andy Anderson* - Going well.
- ▶ **CSD Creek Clean UP:** Apr 19 - Lion *Danny DiBenedetto* - We will be at Miwok Park again.
- ▶ **District Convention:** Apr 24-26 - Lion *Andy Anderson* - We have not received district packet yet. 7 attendees committed at this time.

▶ **Nomination for 2008-2009 Officers:**

Lion Andy Anderson - No new nominees submitted.

Special Report

- ⇒ **Wellness Chairperson:** Lion *Danny DiBenedetto* - Lion *Len Wilford* is not well; sedated in the hospital.
- ⇒ **Public Relations Chairperson:** absent Lion *David King*.
- ⇒ **Application for Membership:** Lion PDG *Mel Oneto* - Dale Gangle, sponsor is Lion *Andy Anderson*. Dale has lived in Elk Grove community for 35 years and works in construction. The board voted Dale in as a new member.
- ⇒ **Senior Center:** Lion *Jim Parino* - Nothing new to report.

New Business:

- × **Delta Tea:** \$25/ticket - Mar 8th - Nominees: *Lynda Tallerico (Lion Bill Hibbard), Shirlee Hillyer (Lion Jim Parino), Debra Switzgable (Lion Andy Anderson).* **Motion: send up to 3 couples (\$150) to Delta Tea - Lion Mel Oneto, seconded - Lion Heinz Leonhardt, motion passed by the board.**
- × **American Cancer Society Relay For Life:** - May 17th -18th - Event is at Cosumnes River College this year in a tent. Food must be defined. Last year we donated \$2000 in food to the event. **Motion: Manpower support to provide dinner and breakfast to the volunteers but no money at this time- Lion Jim Switzgable, seconded- Lion Pancho Sanchez, motion passed by the board.**
- × **Support request from Angelman Syndrome Foundation:** - May 17th - We have a commitment to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. The board feels we cannot commit to this request during the same weekend.
- × **Support request from SAC County Sheriff's Dept:** Mar 21st - **Motion: Cook Chicken / Pasta dinner + \$400 in food + bartending - Lion Jim Switzgable, seconded - Daniel DiBenedetto III, board passed the motion.** Lion *Jim Switzgable* will volunteer as chairman.

ON-LINE!



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.

March		Happy Birthday	
	Club Anniversary	Lion Paul Betschart	28th
		Lion Randy Feist	29th
		Lion Paul Jones.	19th
		Lion David King	16th
		Lion Kirk Marchetti	17th
		Lion Bud Schafer	15th
		Lion David Thomas	9th
		Lion Don Veninga	8th
Lion Paul Jones.	32nd		
Lion Jim Switzgable.	9th		
Lion Chuck Woodson.	7th		



Cooks List!

Cooks Schedule

- 3/10 Ellard Whisman (Cornbeef/cabbage)
- 3/24 David King
- 4/14 Joe Tallerico & Bill Heston
- 4/28 Bob Hillyer
- 5/12 Ray Martinez
- 5/26 Randy Fiest
- 6/9 Mel Oneto
- 6/23 Andy Anderson (Vince's Installation)

- ✗ **River Cats Baseball tickets:** May 22nd - Lion *Bob Turner* will organize.
- ✗ **Support request from Monterey Trail HS Senior Class:** May 30th - No commitment yet. We first need to understand requirement from Elk Grove, Sheldon and Franklin High Schools (schools we have supported in the past).
- ✗ **Western Festival:** May 3 - 4 - Lion *Jim Switzgable* asks about strategy for replacing Bingo cards. Lion *Jim Parino* will investigate making senior center bingo cards available for this weekend. Lion *Jim Switzgable* asks about a volunteer to chair the event this year. He also proposed including a food booth in our beer / bingo tent. Lion *Parino* indicated that food booths must be a designated food court area.
- ✗ **Club Telephone Books:** Lion *Jim Switzgable* distributed the latest contact list for correction. List will be distributed at dinner meeting in preparation of the 2008 Elk Grove Lions Club directory.
- ✗ **Lack of Policies:** Lion *Jack Megna* is concerned about a lack of policies and procedures. He cited the request for

support during our last dinner meeting as an item that did not follow policies. The only written policies identified by the board were the bar policies. Lion *Andy Anderson* indicated he could get the policies defined by the District, MD4 and International. **Motion: organize a committee to review and document procedures for the club. Have Lion Jack Megna chair- Lion Jim Switzgable, seconded- Lion Bill Hibbard, motion passed by the board.**

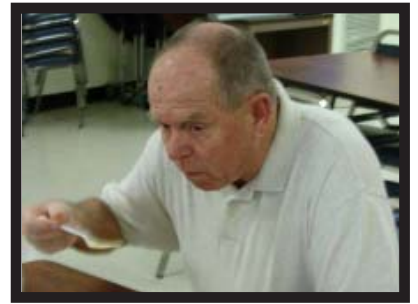
Upcoming Events

- ☺ **Blue and Gold Banquet:** Feb 21 - Lion *Andy Anderson*
- ☺ **Zone Student Speaker Contest:** Feb 22 - ZC/PP Lion *Tim Watts*
- ☺ **Visitation to Pride of LC:** Feb 27 Lion *Pancho Sanchez*
- ☺ **Senior Breakfast:** Mar 1- Lion *Jim Parino*
- ☺ **Elk Grove Crab Feed:** Mar 1 - Lion *Pancho Sanchez*
- ☺ **Dinner for Gustavo Sotelo:** Mar 2 - Lion *Pancho Sanchez*
- ☺ **Elk Grove Police Crab Feed:** Mar 8 - Lion *Jim Parino*

- ☺ **City of EG Dept of Homeland Security:** Mar 19 - Lion *Jim Parino*
 - ☺ **Cioppino Feed:** Mar 21 - Lion PDG *Mel Oneto*
 - ☺ **Sacramento Sheriff's Fundraiser:** Mar 21 - Lion *Jim Switzgable*
 - ☺ **City of Hope - Lions Tribute Day:** Mar 30 - PDG Lion *Mel Oneto*
 - ☺ **Region Student Speaker Contest:** Mar 31 RC Lion *Fred Handley*
 - ☺ **Senior Breakfast:** Apr 5 - Lion *Jim Parino*
 - ☺ **FFA/4H Golf Tournament:** Apr 18 - Lion *Andy Anderson*
 - ☺ **CSD Creek Clean UP:** Apr 19 - Lion *Danny DiBenedetto*
 - ☺ **District Convention:** -Apr 25-27 Lion *Andy Anderson*
- Adjournment @ 8:40 PM

Super Bowl 2007

Question of the month: *What do these pictures have in common?*



Don't blame me . . . It was Lion Joe Tallerico's camera!

Membership Awards



President Andy congratulates Lions: David Ogden, Jim Switzgable, Joe Tallerico, and Heinz Leonhardt for receiving letter from International President Mahendra Amarasuriya, for each bringing in a new member.

Guest Speaker



Scout Matt Wills, from Troop 59 provided a detailed report of the successful 2007 year that the troop had, thanks to our support! He further stated that before the end of 2008, he will reach his personal goal of the rank of "Eagle"!



Lion Jerry Salamy receives a really nice signed letter from International President Mahendra Amarasuriya, for bringing in TWO new members.

Senior Lion

That's Yes Sir!



President Andy presents longevity (55 Years) pin to Lion John Zehnder

Take me out to the ball game

On Thursday, May 22nd LIONS will invade Raley Field to watch the Sacramento RiverCats take-on the Colorado Sky Sox.

Tickets

are \$13 for Delta Box seats and game begins at 7:05 p.m.

The evening will be "buck nite" where \$1.00 will get you an ice cream or a hot dog.

For ticket reservations contact Lion Bob Turner at 685-6021.



Answer to page 4 question of the month!
Everyone is stuffing their mouths





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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.