



ELK GROVE LIONS CLUB STAG

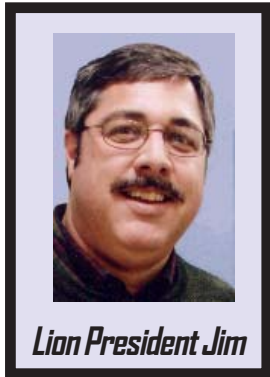


"WE SERVE OUR COMMUNITY"

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Lion President Jim

Hello fellow Lions! February has been one of the darker months in the history of the Elk Grove Lions. As the month started we learned that Lion charter member **Paul Betschart** had passed away on January 31st at the age of 90. Paul last attended the January 12th dinner meeting and was still very spry. He was a friend to all of us. We all mourn his passing

We also learned that Lion **Rod Dixon** is seriously ill. For any of you that have gotten to know Lion Rod over the years, he is both hard working and fun to be with. Our monthly Senior Center Breakfast crew already misses him. Lion Rod, we are all praying for you to pull out of this and get back to the grille and griddle.

Our wellness chairman, Lion **Danny DiBenedetto**, also spent some time in the hospital in February. We received a report the following week at the Board meeting that Lion Danny was home and resting comfortably. *Get some rest Lion Danny!* We need you strong again for the Creek Clean-up in April.

Finally, as of 2 weeks before the Spring Crab Feed we still appear to be well under our minimum threshold for holding this event. The Board has determined that 300 will be the minimum sold tickets one week before the event. Lion **Jerry Salamy** is working hard along with other Lions to get enough tickets sold but it is definitely going to be a challenge. By the time you read this Stag, you will know whether our goal was met.

As far as events already held in February, Lion **Jim Parino** organized another nice Super Bowl Party at the Senior Center. There was plenty of food and drink for all and good-natured battle between Steeler and Cardinal Fans. On February 7th we held our monthly Senior Center

Breakfast. We served 137 people. This is the strongest showing since last fall. Later that afternoon we provided food for the remembrance held for Lion **Paul Betschart** after his funeral. Lion **Jim Parino** and his team did a wonderful job.

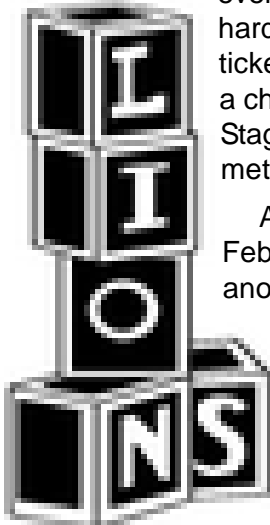
During our February 9th dinner meeting we held our annual Student Speaker Contest. Lion **Vern Vincent** was an excellent chairman taking over the reigns from Lion **Joe Tallerico**, who organized a strong contest for many years. Congratulations gentlemen for the smooth transition of this program. We had 3 excellent contestants from Elk Grove High School competing. The winner was **JACK CARLSON** and he will compete at the zone level on March 3rd. Please attend the Zone contest if you can. It will be held at the Galt Police Station.

On February 14th Lion **Pancho Sanchez** led a team providing a fundraiser breakfast for the Elk Grove Basketball team. Lion Pancho reports that 500 people were served. Great job! On February 19th Lion **Andy Anderson** led a group of Lions providing the annual Blue and Gold Spaghetti dinner for the Troop 59 Boy Scouts. This is a fun event that shouldn't be missed.

On February 22nd Lion **Jim Parino** (*a very busy Lion!*) led the effort to provide lunch for the 4-C5 District Cabinet Meeting at Kay Albiani Jr. High. Lion Jim Reports 153 served, the most at a 4-C5 District Meeting in recent memory. District Lions know who prepares the best food! On February 28th we all look forward to the Lions trip to see the Stockton Thunder led by Lion **David King**. With the solid results during events in the second half of the month, I hope that gets us started on a more upbeat month in March!

Lion President Jim

**CRAB FEED
MARCH 7th**



ELK GROVE LIONS BOARD MEETING

February 16, 2009

Call to order Lion President Jim Switzgable
7:00 PM

Attendance:

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

Other Lions Present:

*Jack Megna, Ellard Whisman
Heinz Leonhardt*

Guests:

Cassie Dowdle & Andy Whittenhouer

Secretary Report: - Lion *Fred Handley*

*Motion to approve Board Minutes made by
Lion Dave King and second by Lion Bill
Hibbard, Motion PASSED.*

Treasurer Report: - Lion *Bob Brewer*

See Lion Treasurer for amounts.

Correspondence: (see folder)

Delta Lions: *Celtic Irish Tea- Mar. 14-
11am, Grand Island Mansion - \$25 per
person- Select a woman in the community
to be honored. Motion to purchase table
\$200.00 Parino. Second Anderson.
PASSED.*

50s Rock n Roll Dance – *Mother Lode
Lions – 6pm, Saturday, February 21st, \$12
per person - TABLED.*

Old Business / Chairman's Reports:

**Arnold Adreani Elementary Pancake
Breakfast - Jan 23rd** - Lion *Bill Hibbard* -
4 Lions fed 400.

Super Bowl Party - Feb 1st - Lion *Jim
Parino* - 55 Lions/Partners attended.

**Senior Center Pancake Breakfast - Feb
7th** - Lion *Jim Parino* - 137 served.

Paul Betschardt Remembrance - Feb 7th -
Lion *Jim Parino* - Event went well.

Student Speaker Contest - Feb 9th - Lion
Vern Vincent - Good job, Vern.

**EGHS Basketball Team Breakfast
Fundraiser - Feb 14th** - Lion *Pancho
Sanchez* - 10 Lions fed 375.

**Pack 179 Blue and Gold Dinner - Feb
19th** - Lion IPP *Andy Anderson* - In
Motion.

**District Cabinet Meeting Lunch - Feb
22nd** - Lion *Jim Parino* - Additional
\$300.00 to feed 160. Motion *Lion Bill
Hibbard*, second by *Lion Bill Heston*.
PASSED.

Hockey Game - Feb 28th - Lion *David
King* - Still have 18 seats for sale.

**Sutter Zone Student Speaker Contest
- Mar 3rd** - Lion *Vern Vincent* - At Galt
Police Dept.

WMSOA Fundraiser - Mar 6th -
Lion *Jim Switzgable* - In Motion.

EG Lions Crab Feed - Mar 7th - Lion
Jerry Salamy - Need 300 sales by 2/28/
09. Motion *Lion Jim Parino*, second
Lion David Simpson. PASSED.

**Elk Grove Police Crab Feed
Fundraiser - Mar 14th** - Lion *Jim Parino*
- In Motion.

April Fool's Pot of Gold - Apr 4th
Lion *Fred Handley* - In Motion.

**Good Friday Cioppino Feed
Fundraiser - Apr 10th** - Lion *Jim Parino*
- In Motion.

4H/FFA Golf Tournament - Apr 24th -
Lion IPP *Andy Anderson* - In Motion.

Elk Grove Creek Clean-up - Apr 25th
- Lion *Danny DiBenedetto* - Questions
need to be addressed with CSD.

**Western Festival Beer & Bingo - May
2nd - 3rd** - Lion *Jim Parino* / Lion *Rigo
De La Torre* - In Motion.

**District 4C-5 Convention - May 8th -
10th** - Lion *Jim Parino* - In Motion.

**Senior Center Health Fair - May
27th** - Lion *David Ogden* - No
Report.

**EG Lions Wine-Tasting Fundraiser -
June 19th** - Lion *Bill Heston* - In
motion. - 5 Wineries committed.

**Bruceville Terrace Television
Fundraiser** - Lion *Jim Switzgable* -
Researching program.

Repair of Propane Lines - Lion
David King - Completed.

Special Reports:

Wellness: *Lion Danny DiBenedetto* - In
Hospital - *Lion Rod Dixon* - Home

Public Relations: - *Lion David King* - No
Action.

Membership: - *PDG Mel Oneto* - *Andy W.*

Senior Center - *Lion Jim Parino* - *May
have to close for improvements.*

Visitation - *Lion Pancho Sanchez* - No
Report. Galt next.

Vision - *Lion David Ogden* - No Report.

Policies and Procedures - *Lion Jack
Megna* - Meeting 2/17/09.

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

New Business:

▶ **Sheldon High School:** - *Will we run the
bar at their crab feed on 3/27? No Dinner/
No Bar.*

▶ **Lions Project for Canine Companions for
Independence** – *Drawing for a trip from
Anywhere to Anywhere (up to \$2500
cost). Tickets: \$5 apiece (Buy 20 tickets
get 5 free) Drawing completed.*

▶ **\$1000.00 Donation Spotlight On
Excellence** - *Tabled.*

▶ **Kohl's Child Spree - July 25th** - *Lion Joe
Tallerico* - *Motion to fund \$450.00 made
by Lion Jerry Salamy, Seconded by Lion
Andy Anderson* - PASSED.

▶ **Pleasant Grove FAA Breakfast Fundraiser
- April 25th** - *Lion IPP Andy Anderson* -
*Motion to support Lion Jerry Salamy.
seconded by Lion Jim Parino* - PASSED.

▶ **City of Hope** - *Lion Fred Handley* - *Motion
to donate \$200.00 made bt Lion Fred
Handley, Seconded by Lion PDG Mel
Oneto* - PASSED.

▶ **District Award Recommendations** - *Motion
to support Jim Switzgable as 100%
President. Motion made by Lion Fred
Handley, Seconded by Lion PDG Mel
Oneto* - PASSED.

▶ **Sheldon High School Senior Breakfast -
May 29th** - *Motion to support by Lion
Jerry Salamy. Seconded by Dan
Pearson* - PASSED.
Lion Fred Handley to chair.

Upcoming Events:

◀ **Blue & Gold Dinner - Feb 19th** - *Markofer
Elementary.*

◀ **District Cabinet Meeting - Feb 22nd** - *Kay
* Albiani Jr High.*



Paul J. Betschart



March 28, 1918- Jan. 31, 2009

Lion Paul was a Charter member of the Elk Grove Lions Club and in 58 years held a "perfect" attendance record!

He held almost every position in the club including president of the club, committee chair for Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, and served as club secretary for many years. For his many services, the Lions awarded him their Melvin Jones Fellow, the highest honor a Lion can receive.

Lion Paul was also very involved in youth sports including Little League where he served as president, Babe Ruth League and Elk Grove High School sports. A sports scholarship at Elk Grove High was established in his name in 2008. For fifty years he and very good friend Lion John Zehnder never missed a Thundering Herd football game, either working the sidelines, in the press box or just as a roter. He was a member of the Elk Grove Volunteer Fire Department, American Legion and Valley Hi Country Club.

Elk Grove named him as its Citizen of the Year in 1964 for all of his community service, and the Community Services District followed by dedicating a park in his name in 1991.

He has lived in Elk Grove since 1937, leaving only to serve in World War II. He was a Union Oil bulk plant operator.

- ◀ Stockton Thunder Hockey Game - **Feb 28th** - Meet at Senior Center - 5:15pm.
- ◀ Sutter Zone Student Speaker Contest - **Mar 3rd** - Galt Police Station - 7pm.
- ◀ WSMOA Fundraiser - **Mar 6th** - SES Hall.
- ◀ Senior Breakfast - **Mar 7th** - EG Senior Center.
- ◀ EG Lions Crab Feed - **Mar 7th** - SES Hall.
- ◀ Elk Grove Police Crab Feed - **Mar 14th** - SES Hall.
- ◀ Senior Breakfast - **Apr 4th** - EG Senior Center.
- ◀ April Fool's Charity Raffle - **Apr 4th** - EG Senior Center.
- ◀ Good Friday Cioppino Feed - **Apr 10th** - EG Senior Center.
- ◀ 4H/FFA Golf Tournament - **Apr 24th** - Wildhawk Golf Course.

Adjournment @ 8:32 PM

Cooks List!



Cooks Schedule

- 3/9/09 Lion Ellard Whisman (Cornbeef & Cabbage)
- 3/23/09 Lion Chuck Woodson
- 4/13/09 Lion Joe Tallerico
- 4/27/09 Lion Rick Schriver
- 5/11/09 Lion Jack Megna
- 5/25/09 Lion PDG Gary Dapelo
- 6/8/09 Lion Don Thompson
- 6/22/09 Lion David King

Crab & Shrimp Feed

Saturday March 7th

Social Hour: 6:00 P.M.



Chair: Jerry Salamy
685-3907

**DON'T WAIT UNTIL
THE LAST MINUTE!**

**Sell & Reserve
your tickets early!**



March

Happy Birthday

- Lion Don Veninga 8th
- Lion David Thomas 9th
- Lion Bud Schafer 15th
- Lion David King 16th
- Lion Kirk Marchetti 17th
- Lion Randy Feist 29th

LIONS ANNIVERSARY

- Lion Jim Switzgable 9 Years
- Lion Chuck Woodson 8 Years



IT WAS A SUPER BOWL FOR SOME!



What team is "He" supporting?



I've got five bucks on "The Winner"



Hey Bucky, when I was your age, I sure as heck wouldn't spend my whole day with a bunch of old geasers!



Have you heard the one about the farmer and . . .



Hey ---- "Go Steelers"



Want to sign-up on a pool? I've got lots of blanks!



I just came for the free stuff!



"We're just sipping . . ."



Some body told us the game was going to be 3-D

New "Baby" Lion!

Warren Weaver



"Take all you want, but EAT all you take!" There are straving Lions somewhere!



"Oh, you again?" Can I sell you another square?

What a Meeting!

Started in the Dark . . .Candidate First Vice District Governor Candidate Richard Wilmot brought light!



If and when I become DG, “I promise a Chicken in every Pot!”



We started the evening off with “Mood Lighting”



If and when I become DG, “I promise a Pot for every Chicken!”



I thought we moved our meetings to the Senior Center!



Troop #59 provided a report for 2008 and a huge Thank You!



The only reason I’m here is to introduce Richard . . . he keeps forgetting who he is?



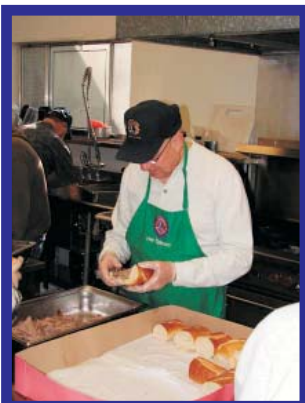
Members of the Pleasant Grove FFA attended to present glasses that they had collected.



*The presentation.
Hoops Dinner*



Members of the Elk Grove FFA attended to present glasses that they had collected.



They eat better than we do?



Aren’t you suppose to wear “plastic gloves”



I will let these marinate in beer overnight! It makes a BIG difference in the taste . . of the beer!

Have you purchased your
APRIL FOOLS POT - O - GOLD
 tickets yet?

LION:

Postmaster: Please treat this as First Class Mail!
 BECAUSE IT IS!



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 of Lions”



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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	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.