



ELK GROVE LIONS CLUB STAG



"WE SERVE OUR COMMUNITY"

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*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."*

EG LIONS CLUB POT - O - GOLD

- ◆ *The Elk Grove Lions Club will not be responsible for any splitting prizes.*
- ◆ *The name of the purchaser on the ticket stub will be considered the sole participant.*
- ◆ *Decisions of the Elk Grove Lions Club as to winners will be final.*

*Each ticket is sold for \$100.00
Please make checks payable to and sent
to:*



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*For more information or to purchase tickets,
call Lion Fred Handley
at (916) 686-8181*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday - March 5th

Every five Minutes

Elk Grove High School

Saturday - March 6th

Monthly Breakfast

Senior Center

Saturday March 6th

EG Crab Feed

SES Hall

Monday - March 8th

Regular Meeting

Saturday - March 13th

EGPD Crab Feed

SES Hall

Saturday - March 13th

Lions Tea

Delta Lions

Monday - March 15th

Board Meeting

Senior Center

Monday - March 22nd

Regular Dinner Meeting

Senior Center

Tuesday - March 23rd

EGHS Sober Grad Nite

Drive-Thru Tri-Tip Dinner

Elk Grove High School

Saturday - April 3rd

Monthly Breakfast

Senior Center

Saturday - April 3rd

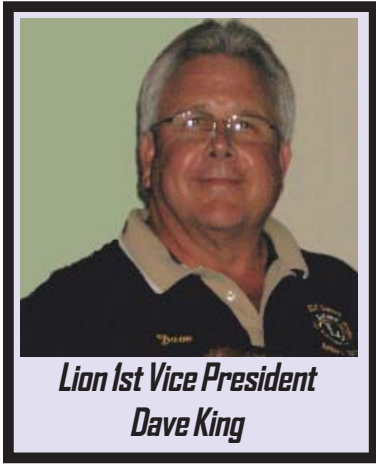
POT-O-GOLD Raffle

Senior Center

**SELL
CRAB
FEED
TICKETS**

!!!!!!

This month's Winner of the Presidential Look-alike Contest.



Hello Fellow LIONS, from the desk of 1st VP **Dave King**. As we know our President is pre occupied with some event in his life! LION President, we all wish you and your family well with your new addition, Jonathan. Just think, we will need to plan for more room at our family LION functions as the DiBenedetto family keeps growing, perhaps there will be a DiBenedetto LIONS club.

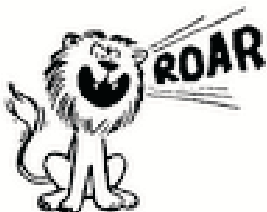
On **January 26th**, we partnered with the Galt LIONS for the best Crab Feed in Galt's history! It must be the cooking!

Spring is approaching and we are beginning to come out of hibernation. We enjoyed our annual Super Bowl party this year. Because of booking issues at the Senior Center, we moved our party to the Grange Hall and through the generosity of the owners of the Elk Grove Funeral Home, we did not have to pay for the use. I would like to thank LION **Jim Parino** for his masterful skills at putting the event

together and preparing most of the food. There were several LIONS wife's that worked very hard to help prepare and serve the food. [See pictures below]. Thanks to **Charlette Parino, Shirlee Hillyer, Jan Jauregui, and Lynda Tallerico**, please forgive me if I missed anyone. The party was a great time and we watched an excellent football game.

In March, we will see many projects starting to happen, **March 5th** will be the Elk Grove Every 15 minutes lunch. **March 6th** is the monthly pancake breakfast at the Senior Center, **March 6th** is our Crab Feed, and **March 13th** we will be cooking for the EG PD Crab Feed. we are also looking for women in our community to honor at the Delta LIONS Tea on **March 13th**. Please help support your club and help with the Crab Feed and sell,sell,sell!

Thanks, LION Dave



WHO AM I

- BIRTHPLACE**—*City of Angeles (Los Angeles)*
FAVORITE AUTOMOBILE—*57 Chevy Nomad*
FAVORITE PLACE TO VISIT—*Bermuda*
FAVORITE VACATION—*Mexico (Warm Weather)*
FAVORITE FOOD—*Pork Ribs*
FAVORITE MOVIE—*The X Files*
FAVORITE LOCAL RESTAURANT—*B J's Brewery*
FAVORITE MUSIC—*Jazz*
FAVORITE SPORTS TEAMS—*New Orleans Saints (World Champions)*
DREAM VACATION—*Australia*
HOBBY—*Woodworking*
EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND—*Music concert (ZZ TOP & Rolling Stones)*
WHAT HISTORICAL PERSON WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE MET—*Past President Clinton (before cigar incident)*
EMBARRASSING MOMENT—*Having breakfast with Pancho, Bill, & Bob B.*

Tune in next month for answer!



Life's lessons are best learned through experience. Unfortunately, when the target audience is teens and the topic is drinking and driving, experience is not the teacher of choice.

The **Every 15 Minutes Program** offers real-life experience without the real-life risks. This emotionally charged program, entitled **Every 15 Minutes**, is an event designed to dramatically instill teenagers with the potentially dangerous consequences of drinking alcohol. This powerful program will challenge students to think about drinking, personal safety, and the responsibility of making mature decisions when lives are involved.

During the first day events the "Grim Reaper" calls students who have been selected from a cross-section of the entire student body out of class. One student is removed from class **every 15 minutes**. A police officer will immediately enter the classroom to read an obituary which has been written by the "dead" student's parent(s) - explaining the circumstances of their classmate's demise and the contributions the student has made to the school and the community. A few minutes later, the student will return to class as the "living dead," complete with white face make-up, a coroner's tag, and a black **Every 15 Minutes** T-shirt. From that point on "victims" will not speak or interact with other students for the remainder of the school day. Simultaneously, uniformed officers will make mock death notifications to the parents of these children at their home, place of employment or business.

After lunch, a simulated traffic collision will be viewable on the school grounds. Rescue workers will treat injured student participants. These students will experience first hand, the sensations of being involved in a tragic, alcohol-related collision. The coroner will handle fatalities on the scene, while the injured students will be extricated by the jaws-of-life manned by Fire-Fighters and Paramedics. Police Officers will investigate, arrest, and book the student "drunk driver". Student participants will continue their experience by an actual trip to the morgue, the hospital emergency room, and to the police department jail for the purpose of being booked for "drunk driving".

At the end of the day, those students who participated in the staged accident as well as those who were made-up as the "living dead" will be transported to a local hotel for an overnight student retreat. The retreat will simulate the separation from friends and family. A support staff of counselors and police officers will facilitate the retreat.

During the most powerful program of the retreat, the students will be taken through an audio - visualization of their own death. Then each student will write a letter to his or her parents starting out with . . .

"Dear Mom and Dad, every fifteen minutes someone in the United States dies from an alcohol related traffic collision, and today I died. I never had the chance to tell you....."

Parents will also be asked to write similar letters to their children. These letters will be shared the following day when students and parents will be reunited at a school assembly.

The students will engage in "Challenge Day" exercises and some fun and games. Impaired simulator goggles will be used to allow students to experience firsthand the potentially fatal consequences of alcohol and drug impairment. The goggles will allow students the opportunity to understand the dangers of impaired driving without taking a drop of alcohol or using drugs of any type. Research shows that those who learn from hands-on experience retain two to four times more than those who learn from just listening, or from listening and seeing.

On the following morning, a mock funeral service will be held at the High School. The assembly will begin with a video of normal school day activities including scenes from the first day of the "Grim Reaper" and the staged accident. The assembly will be hosted by an Officer (Project Coordinator), who will guide the audience through the devastating effects of losing a loved one due to a bad choice. Speakers will include students who will read letters to their parents, police officers, and hospital personnel who shared their emotional trauma of dealing with kids killed in accidents. Parents will share their personal reflections of their involvement in this program. We will also have a powerful speaker who actually lost a child to a drunk driver.

ELK GROVE LIONS Board Meeting February 15th, 2010

Call to order -
Lion Vice President **Dave King** - 7:10 PM

Attendance:

- ▲ President: Daniel DiBenedetto III**
- ✕ Secretary: Fred Handley**
- ✕ 1st VP: David King**
- ✕ 2nd VP: Rich Shriver**
- ✕ 3rd VP: Randy Feist**
- ▲ Treasurer: Bob Brewer**
- ▲ Bulletin Editor: David Simpson**
- ✕ Lion Tamer: Bill Heston**
- ✕ Tail Twister: Ellard Whisman**
- ✕ 1-Year Director: Heinz Leonhardt**
- ▲ 1-Year Director: Dan Pearson**
- ✕ 2-Year Director: Rigo De La Torre**
- ✕ 2-Year Director: Vern Vincent**
- ✕ Membership Director: PDG Mel Oneto**
- ✕ IPP: Jim Switzgable**
- Public Relations Coord: <open>**

Other Lions Present: Andy Anderson, Warren Weaver, Jack Edwards, Al Jauregui, PDG Gary Dapelo, Bill Hibbard, Joe Tallerico

Guests: None

Secretary Report: - Lion Secretary **Fred Handley**

Motion to approve Board Minutes by Lion Ellard Whisman and seconded by Lion Jim Switzgable - Passed.

Treasurer Report: None as Lion Treasurer **Bob Brewer** was absent. If you want to know our status - give him a call.

Correspondence:

CSD to speak about future of Lion's storage area

SPECIAL NOTE: Recieved after board meeting but I believe is important - Ed.

Several members of the Club attended a CSD Workshop relating to the development of a grant request to redesign the Beeman Park and CSD Storage area behind the Senior Center. The value of the grant could be from \$100,000.00 to 5 million dollars. Members attending were Lion Don Thompson at the 1:00 PM session and Lions Jim Switzgable, Dave King, Heinz Leonhardt and Jack Edwards attended the 6:30 PM evening session.

Attending Lions provided input as to current and desired needs of the Elk

Grove Lions Club as it applies to storage facilities, space requirements, access to any storage facilities and changes to the Park that would have an impact on the Lions Club activities.

Lion Don Thompson

Lion Gary Dapelo was in the evening session also. We represented about half of the audience. We each identified 5 items from a list we would like to see. The common answer was a new and bigger storage shed and discussion about our needs for storage. They also discussed adding a bocce ball court, improving the horseshoe pits, and creating a shade structure among other choices. CSD is looking for partners in this development including the Lions and neighbors to the park.

Lion Jim Switzgable

Committee Updates - Finance - 501C3: No Report.

Old Business / Chairman's Reports:

- ◆ **Galt/ EG Crab Feed - Jan 23rd** - Lion **Daniel DiBenedetto III** - Report income from event. \$4,300.00 profit.
- ◆ **EG Lions Super Bowl:** Celebration-**Feb. 7th** Lion **Jim Parino** Event cost \$600.00. Thank you suggested to John Lamdin of Elk Grove Funeral Home. who arranged for the Grange Hall, at **NO COST.**
- ◆ **EG Lions Crab Feed: March 6th** - Lion **Rick Schriver** - **Motion to provide wine by Lion Fred Handley, second Lion Bill Heston-Passed.**
Motion to have band by PDG Lion Mel Oneto, second by Lion Jim Switzgable-Passed.
- ◆ **EGPD March Crab Feed: - March 13th** - Lion **Jim Parino** - Update of support for the event. In motion.
- ◆ **Pot of Gold Raffle - April 3rd** - Lion **Fred Handley** - Update of Pot of Gold Raffle ticket sales. Sell, sell, sell. **Motion to restrict funds by Lion Fred Handley, second by Lion Jim Switzgable-Passed.**
- ◆ **FFA/4H Golf Tournament** - Lion **Andy Anderson** April 30th Lion **Andy Anderson** Need golfers. - **Flags-\$250.00 - T-Box \$100.00**

New Business:

- **Laguna High School Cheer:** - (Anita Chang) Request to support labor for Spaghetti Feed, Dates 4/17 or 4/24? - Tabled for info.
- **Request to subsidize the cost of Lions members attending convention.** - **Motion to provide some support by Lion Fred Handley, seconded by Lion Bill Heston - Passed.**
- **Cosumnes Oaks H.S Engineering department drive thru dinner: - Wednesday - Feb. 24th** - 2-6pm. Event Chair by Lion **Warren Weaver** (labor only) - **Motion to support by Lion PDG Mel Oneto, seconded by Lion David Simpson - Passed.**
- **EGHS Sober Grad Night drive thru dinner: - Tuesday - March 23rd** - 2-6pm. - Event chair Lion **Warren Weaver** (labor only) - **Motion to support by Lion David Simpson, seconded by Lion Jim Switzgable - Passed.**
- **EGHS Senior Class pancake breakfast: - April 27th** in the morning. - Lion **Warren Weaver** (labor & Equip) - **Motion to support by Lion Ellard Whisman, seconded by Lion Randy Feist - Passed.**
- **Sacto Section FFA Project Awards ceremony dinner: Tuesday April 27th** - dinner starts at 6:30pm. Paula Maita will host the evening at the senior center. Lion **Warren Weaver** will chair the event. (Labor & equip) - **Motion to support by Lion Heinz Leonhardt, seconded by Lion PDG Mel Oneto - Passed.**

CLUB EVENTS:

- **Rivers Cats and Mystery event:** - **Motion to fund River Cats \$100.00 deposit by Lion David Simpson, seconded by PDG Lion Mel Oneto - Passed.**
- **EGHS sunset spaghetti feed: - Monday May 25th** at high school - Lion **Warren Weaver** - (Labor & equip) - **Motion to support by PDG Lion Mel Oneto, seconded by Lion Jim Switzgable - Passed.**
- **Delta Tea** - **Motion to buy table - by Lion Dave King, seconded by Lion Heinz Leonhardt for \$200.00 - Passed.**

Upcoming Events:

- ☞ **EG Lions Crab Feed - March 6th** - SES Hall
- ☞ **EGPD March Crab Feed - March 13th**
- ☞ **Pot of Gold Raffle - April 3rd** - Lion **Fred Handley**
- ☞ **FFA/4H Golf Tournament:** - Lion **Andy Anderson** April 30th - Emerald Lakes Golf Course
- ☞ **FFA Dinner-Equip,labor & bar - Oct 2,2010** Tabled for info.

Good of the Order: Adjournment @ 8:10 PM

Happy Birthday!

March



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

LIONS ANNIVERSARY

March

Lion Jim Switzgable	1
Lion Chuck Woodson	1



Five Minutes with an Elk Grove Lion Danny DiBenedetto

By the Stag Reporter

The Stag Reporter was at the Super Bowl Party at the Grange Hall and took some time to chat with Lion Danny DiBenedetto. Affectionately known as "the Godfather", Lion Danny has been an Elk Grove Lion for almost 28 years. We also learned that Lion Danny had been a member of another club for 10 years before joining the Elk Grove club. With the critical support of his wife Grace, Lion Danny served two terms as President of our club and lead some of our best remembered projects. Lion Danny is a Melvin Jones Fellow and also served as the Sutter Zone Chair. In keeping with his strong support of Lionism, Lion Danny encouraged family members to join the club. Danny DiBenedetto Jr. and David DiBenedetto followed in their dad's footsteps. We now have a third generation represented in the club with current club president Danny DiBenedetto III. We fully expect Danny IV and newly born Jonathan DiBenedetto to continue the tradition.



SR: *Hi Lion Danny. Before the game begins can you answer a few questions? Why did you join the Lions?*

DD: *I wanted to serve the community. I joined the South Sacramento Club in 1964. There were 10 guys in the club at the time. We met at the Freeport Zombie Hut, a dining and dancing place. We would meet on Thursday and have steak for dinner and have our meeting.*

SR: *Why did you move to the Elk Grove club?*

DD: *I bought property in Elk Grove in 1973. I continued to belong to the South Sac club because I didn't know you could transfer. Lion Jack Megna told me about transferring in the early 1980's and he sponsored me into the club.*

SR: *What memories do you have of your early years with the club?*

DD: *We met on Kent Street at the Sons of the Native Daughter, something like that. We worked hard on projects but we all had a good time too. We built the Boy Scout building at the entrance of Elk Grove Park. Lion Gary Dapelo and I did a lot of the work with support from the Troop 59 staff. When the Post Office moved to where it is today, our club remodeled the old Post Office. Another time, Ira Zimbelmann called me over to his house and talked to me about building Strauss Island. I knew there would be a number of businesses bidding on the work and knew how much they were bidding. I low-balled my bid and the Lions helped complete the project during my time as President. The club contributed \$10,000 to the project.*

SR: *Any other memories of your leadership in the club?*

DD: *I was the chairman of the Creek Clean-up for about 9 years. During my Presidency we also changed the Christmas Party so that parents were encouraged to bring a gift for Santa to give their children during the party. It brought some fun to the party. I'm glad we continue the custom. I also had the President's bell gold plated so it looks nice and had my carpenters build the President's podium.*

SR: *What changes do you want to see in our club Danny?*

DD: *I'm glad to see young blood coming in. We need new members with new ideas or we are going to die on the vine.*

SR: *Who are you pulling for in today's Super Bowl?*

DD: *I don't care. The Patriots aren't in this year. I'll just enjoy the party.*

SR: *Thanks Lion Danny. Enjoy the game along with the large gathering of friends and family happy to be with you today.*

COOKS



LIST!

Cooks Schedule

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|------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| <u>3/08/2010</u> | Lion Ellard Whisman
(Cornbeef & Cabbage) |
| <u>3/22/2010</u> | Lion Randy Fiest |
| <u>4/12/2010</u> | Lion David DeBenedetto |
| <u>4/26/2010</u> | Lion Rick Schriver |
| <u>5/10/2010</u> | Lion Al Jauregui |
| <u>5/24/2010</u> | Lion PDG Gary Dapelo |
| <u>6/14/2010</u> | Lion Warren Weaver |
| <u>6/28/2010</u> | <u>Installation Dinner - Vince's</u> |



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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.