



ELK GROVE LIONS CLUB

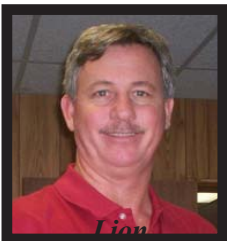
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“WE SERVE OUR COMMUNITY”



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*President
Tim Watts*

Is it getting hot or is it just me? Temperatures are rising thus bringing “Spring” into full bloom. What wonderful events the Elk Grove Lions are brewing (inside cover). I hope all have an opportunity to participate or at least get out and enjoy.

I would like to share a letter sent to our District Governor Lion Joe Flores and Vice District Governor Lion Gary Dapelo on an astonishing event that Lion Jim Switzgable and I were truly humbled and proud to be part of. I personally want to thank Lion Andy Anderson who submitted our club name for this award.

Dear: District Governor Lion Joe Flores & Vice District Governor Lion Gary Dapelo,

It is said...

“Never doubt that a small, group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” Margaret Mead (1901-1978)



Keep and eye on News 10, get your copy of May “Sacramento Magazine”. You will see a familiar face...yours truly. Hosted by the Community Services Planning Council (CSPC), this unique event has traditionally recognized over the last 19 years those who make a difference in the Sacramento Region. Master of ceremonies News 10 - Dan Elliott & Jennifer Smith provided an excellent performance during the luncheon. Being personally invited to attend as Elk Grove Lions President, I was very humbled just for our service club to be recognized as a nominee.

Prior to the celebration I was able to meet other very deserving people, businesses and organizations. Of the more than 500 businesses and community leaders who joined to honor the 35 Nominees, 9 awards were given. On behalf of the Elk Grove Lions 66 volunteers, I was honored to accept the “2007 People Helping People Award” for Service Club and Association Achievement.

Being first of the award winners my thoughts were not on my acceptance speech but just getting to the stage. What an unbelievable moment. It is this I write to “Thank you” for supporting our community and your continued encouragement to our members to be active in our communities. Through the Lions I have learned “To Serve”. As Lions we do not ask for recognition for what we are so free willing to provide. But once in awhile, to share the heart felt thanks of an individual that we touched or softening a family burden, this award will carry the light to our members who spent countless and unselfish hours, “...citizens can change the world.”

Yours truly,

Elk Grove Lion President Tim L. Watts

Lion President Tim

EG Lions Board Meeting 4/16/2007

Call to Order: Lion President *Tim Watts* @ 6:30 PM

Attendance:

P President: *Tim Watts*
E Secretary: *Jerry Salamy*
P 1st VP: *Andy Anderson*
P Bulletin Ed: *David A. Simpson*
P 2nd VP: *Jim Switzgable*
P Tail Twister: *Sterling Kloss*
P 3rd VP: *Pancho Sanchez*
P Treasurer: *Mel Oneto*
E Lion Tamer: *Rod Dixon*
P 1 Yr Dir: *Randy Feist*
E 1 Yr Dir: *Heinz Leonhardt*
P 2 Yr Dir: *Jack Megna*
E 2 Yr Dir: *Danny DiBenedetto*
P Membership Director: *Bill Hibbard*
P Immediate Past: *David Ogden*
P Public Relations Coord. *David King*

Also present: Lions *Bob Brewer, Jim Parino, Dan Pearson*

Motion to approve Board

Minutes of: April 19, 2007

Made by by: Lion Andy Anderson, 2nd by: Lion Pancho Sanchez - Approved

Changes: Corrections by David Simpson- Gin Fiz Brunch (item 21)- Lion Jack Megna and Lion Jim Parino will investigate Lion Rick Shriver is chairman of Wine Tasting (item 16). Date in the bulletin should be fixed.

Treasurer Report:

See Lion Mel Oneto for details.

Visitors:

1. None

Special Announcements:

1. Thank You – Senior Center of Elk Grove, Lion donation and installation of the new Elkay drinking fountain.
2. Thank You – Lions Project for Canine Companions for Independence, contribution.
3. Thank You – Friends of the Elk Grove Library, contribution.
4. Thank you – Sacramento Crisis Nurseries.

Correspondence:

- Endorsement Letter: Lion Bob & Vickie Smith for International Director of Lions Clubs International.
- The Stage Stop Gazette.
- Search Institute Store.
- Friends of the Sacramento Public Library.
- Carrot-Top Industries magazine.
- EG Chamber Focus on Business monthly.
- Spotlight on Donors, Newsletter.
- Campaign Sight First II.
- Deaf Camp News bulletin

Committee Reports:

1. **Placement of plaque for flagpole** - Lion *Jim Parino* – Lion PDG *Mel Oneto*: Glue available in one week.
2. **“Lions Meet Here”** - indoors signs Lion *Jim Parino* ordered and installed.
3. **Will Vance, Troop 380** - Senior Center Lion *Randy Feist* - Another meeting with Will by the end of the month to review the design - drawings submitted and they look correct to Randy- comes to a head at the end of the month.
4. **Student Speaker Contest Update** -3/8 Lion Joe Tallerico - Zone speaker contest. Freshman from Franklin High School won the zone contest. - 6 Lions attended.
5. **Cioppino Feed** - 4/6 Lion PDG *Mel Oneto* April 6th. Mel will have tickets at next dinner meeting. It has been changed to a project funded item- fed 38 people and made \$434.
6. **Sheldon Senior Ball Assistance** - 4/11 Lion *Mel Oneto* - No response yet from Sheldon contact (*Spaghetti feed for graduating seniors at Sheldon High School*) completed on Wednesday night- no answer on how many served- 4 Lions participated.
7. **EG Lions FFA/4H Golf Tournament** - 4/20 Lion *Andy Anderson* - Event is progressing well. 11 flags , 12 Tee boxes, 11 teams, raffle items coming in. Probably 72 golfers - \$6200 - \$6500 profit expected 10 Lions playing in the tournament.
8. **Jesse Baker School Lunch** - request 4/25 & 26 Lion *Bill Hibbard* - Going according to plan. Bill has enough volunteers. Going according to plans. (See article and pictures of the event).
9. **CSD Creek Week** - 4/2 - Lion *Jim Parino* will chair this event. 9:30am.
10. **Western Festival** - 5/5 – 6 Beer Booth Bingo.
11. **American Cancer Society Relay 4 Life** - 5/19 & 20 Lion *Don Tallerico*.- Meeting on Thursday to get things started.
12. **EGHS Marching Band Spaghetti Feed** - 5/11 Lions *Dan Pearson & Jack Megna* - Tickets for \$10 apiece. Looking for donations for raffle items. Put on the side of the trailer “*Sponsored by Elk Grove Lions Club*”. Going as planned.
13. **Senior Center Fundraiser Breakfast** - 6/2 Lion *Jim Parino* - over 100 served.
14. **Lions District 4-C5 River Cats vs Las Vegas** 6/14 - Lion *Bob Turner* - need to finalize participants by next dinner meeting 4/23 Seating is along the third base line.
15. **“07” TNT Fireworks** - 6/28-7/4 Lion *Jim Switzgable & David Ogden*. Everything is progressing.
16. **Senior Center Fund-raiser Breakfast** 7/7 Lion *Jim Parino*.
17. **Elk Grove Lions Annual Wine Tasting** 7/13 Lion *Rick R Schriver*.
18. **Senior Center Fund-raisers Breakfast** - 8/4 Lion *Jim Parino*.
19. **Child-Spree Breakfast**, Mervyn's - 8/4 Lion ???
20. **Senior Center Fund-raiser Breakfast** - 9/1 Lion *Jim Parino*.
21. **EG Quilter Guild Sale** - 9/8-9 - Lions *Jim Switzgable & Don Tallerico* – No report.
22. **Gin Fizz Brunch**. \$20/person.- Lions *Jack Megna/Jim Parino* - Perhaps have a Shrimp feed (*100 people at Senior Center*). Gin Fizz is scratched. Trying to plan a Shrimp feed in October.
23. **Membership Directory** - Lions *Jim Switzgable, David Ogden & Jack Megna* - need anniversary dates and birthdays.
24. **EG Foundation (Ted Schmidt Memorial)** - Lion *Joe Tallerico* - Should have this ready for next meeting.
25. **PONY Baseball of Elk Grove** - Lion *David Simpson*. David needs to contact John Hull Field is now done- they need cash help for the \$1500 spent on field. They want an equipment shed location. They are sponsoring a tournament in July - behind Kerr and in Johnson Park. A pancake breakfast would also be nice or teach them how to put on a spaghetti feed. Lion *David Simpson* to investigate the needs further.
26. **Spotlight for Excellence** - 5/11- Baptist Church. - 7 to 8 Lions needed for cooking. Salad, pasta, bread. Expecting to serve 100.
27. **Mission of Sight Update** – Lions *Don Thompson* - EG Lions collected (1168) pairs of glasses as of 12/11/06. EG Lions have collected 2241 plus. Need to get a couple of additional mailboxes. Lion *Jerry Salamy* to prepare a letter to thank the Postal Service thanking them for the box and asking for other mailboxes. Lion *Heinz Leonhardt* put a request in to Beverly Neal at Laguna Post Office to get some old mail boxes. She must request them from San Francisco.
28. **EG Teen Center Benefit** - Lion *David Simpson* made contact with Consumes River College. 10 computers will be made available and Frontier will network the computers, clean them up and install. Get the computers from CRC at the end of April. Still on track. Lion *Tim Watts* has a volunteer to network and Frontier will cover the software.
29. **Lions Contact List** - Lion *Jim Switzgable* – Still working. Completed list distributed to board. We need birthdates and anniversaries.
30. **Western Festival** - Lion *David Simpson* has met with Western Festival. They may be willing to go to a 20% of net agreement rather than a \$500 fee per booth. We could

do a Chili cook-off on Friday night (once done by Project Ride). Downgraded Cinco de Mayo on Sunday (Strauss Festival Stage with their own beer booth).

Special Reports:

- Wellness Chairperson** - Lion **Danny DiBenedetto** - Loin **Steve Andrews** had a back operation and is doing OK. Loin Danny will follow-up – Gracie came home last night and had a rough night Lion **Andy Anderson** has surgery on April 6th. Finishing physical therapy and down to one crutch.
- Public Relations Chairperson** - Lion **David King** Sent pictures for community service awards. Get a recap form together Beverly Neal at Laguna Post Office.
- Application for Membership – None

New Business / Requests:

- Elk Grove Community Foundation**, reservation response. Asking for \$25 for two Lion members who present two scholarship awards. Sometimes we purchase for the scholarship winners too. Table has 8 seats. **Lion David Simpson moves for 2 tables - \$400. Lion Pancho Sanchez seconds the motion. Passed by the board.** Lion **Tim Watts** and Lion **Andy Anderson** will represent the club.
- Sheldon High School Class of 2007 request for Volunteers**, \$ and/or Raffle prizes. On June 6 they will celebrate their grad night at Golfland Sunsplash. Tax deductible donations requested. **Lion Jack Megna makes a motion for \$250. Lion Mel Oneto seconds the motion . Passed by the board.**
- Arthritis Foundation, request for \$125-\$250. tabled.
- Tanner Gilbert, request a EG Lions bid on his hog this year (Lion **Andy Anderson** to handle).
- Christopher Waddell, request a EG Lions bid on his hog this year (Lion **Andy Anderson** to handle).
- Brandon Waddell, request a EG Lions bid on his hog this year (Lion **Andy Anderson** to handle).
- Senior Center of Elk Grove, Want List. Action item for Lion **Jim Parino** to prioritize items. **Lion PDG Mel Oneto sets motion. Lion Andy Anderson seconds. Passed by the board.**
- EGUSD, Dr. Ladd to learn more about public education (possible speaker). Lion **Andy Anderson** to schedule the superintendent to speak.
- Central Valley Rails to Trails invite to Barn Dance & Barbeque. 5/19. Looking for sponsors. This item was tabled.

- Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic. Based in Palo Alto. tabled.
- Kendra Scanlon, Nevada Union High School Junior and Secretary of the Leo Club sponsorship request. (*Lions Club Youth Exchange*)- she wants support for a trip to Paris. **Motion by Lion. Jim Switzgable for \$250. Seconded by Lion Randy Feist. Motion passed by the board.**
- Campaign Sight First II, support Lion **Andy Anderson** to investigate- tabled.
- Deaf Camp News bulletin & Donation/ Contributions request. Lion PDG **Mel Oneto** will investigate- tabled.
- EGCSD Fire Muster assistance, Elk Grove Park Pavilion – 6/23 – 24. Asking for two breakfasts. Lion **David Ogden** to research.
- Senior Center asking for \$3000 - \$4000 for a 40-foot storage unit like our own. With a roll-up door and walk-in door. Jack Megna to get information about best option for the trailer.
- Historical Society building wheelchair access- Lion **David Simpson** got a call from the EG Historical Society. Wanted to know about wheelchair ramp requirements at the historical buildings like Rhodes Schoolhouse. The law does not require ramps at historical buildings like the school. There was a complaint about a child in a wheelchair unable to enter and the Historical Society board has decided to provide handicap access. They want wood or concrete ramp. \$5000 - \$7000 for concrete. Lion **David Simpson** and Lion **Pancho Sanchez** will work as a team to come up with a solution.
- Elk Grove Teen Center- Teen Idol - 6/6 - dinner by Outback Steakhouse - \$35 per seat or \$250 for table of 8 at First Baptist Church. Money goes to Teen Center. **Lion Bill Hibbard moves to buy a table at \$250. Lion David Simpson seconds. Passed by the board.**
- District 4C5 Convention. 6 members of the board are going. Lions **Pancho Sanchez, Bob Brewer, Bill Hibbard, Andy Anderson, VDG Gary Depelo, PDG Mel Oneto, TimWatts.** Need 8 members.
- Lion VDG **Gary Dapelo** to receive \$305 of money promised him last year. **Motion by Lion Randy Feist, second by Lion Pancho Sanchez. Motion passed by board.**
- Capital Campaign for support to Society of the Blind- change the motion to one year. **Motion by Lion Jack Megna, seconded by Lion David Ogden. \$200 per month. For fiscal year of 2007 and 2008. Voted separately in the folling year. Passed by the board.**
- Partnership with the Sheriff Volunteers-

sometime in June. Lion **David Ogden** to get more information. - 400 volunteers.

- Cystic Fibrosis Walk - Lion **DavidOgden - 5/5. Motion David Simpson for \$100. Seconded by Lion PDG Mel Oneto. Passed by the Board.**

Good of the Order:

- Guest speakers, Lion **Andy Anderson** - try to schedule Superintendent for May.

Important Dates, not listed:

- None.

Adjournment @ 8:35 PM

Items to address next Board Meeting:

- Deaf Camp- Lion PDG **Mel Oneto**
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Items to address with the Membership next meeting:

Open Nominations for 2007-2008 Board of Directors, Third and Final Announcement 4/09/07.

Title	Lion Nominations
President:	Lion Andy Anderson
1 st VP	Lion Jim Switzgable
2 nd VP	Lion Pancho Sanchez
3 rd VP	Lion Daniel DiBenedetto Jr.
Tail Twister:	Lion Sterling Kloss Lion Matthew Switzgable
Treasurer:	Lion Bob Brewer
Secretary:	Lion Jerry Salamy
Bulletin Editor:	Lion David A. Simpson
Lion Tamer:	Lion Heinz Leonhardt
1 st Year Director:	Lion Danny DiBenedetto
1 st Year Director:	Lion Jack Megna
2 nd Year Director:	Lion Jim Parino
2 nd Year Director:	Lion Bill Hibbard
Membership Director:	Lion PDG Mel Oneto (assigned by Lion President Tim Watts and accepted by Lion Mel)
Immediate Past President:	Lion Tim Watts

Remember . . . As they say in Chicago . . .
"Vote Early and Vote Often"

ON-LINE!



Happy Birthday

May

Club
Anniversary



Lion David DiBenedetto	3rd	Lion Daniel Greenwalt	5 Years
Lion Fred Handley	4th	Lion Tim Watts	5 Years
Lion Max Rogers	8th	Lion Steven Wright	18 Years
Lion Robert Hilyer	9th		
Lion Matt Switzgable	9th		
Lion Jim Switzgable	12th		



COOKS List!

5/14	Randy Feist	
5/28	David King	
6/11	Rod Dixon	
6/22	Tim Watts	
(Vince's - Installation)		

Jesse Baker Annual Lunch



Be very - very careful, these beans are easy to burn!



Okay, who tossed all this crap in the trailer?



These dogs taste really good! Maybe we should save a couple for the kids!



Where did Fred get his cooking apron and why doesn't he have an Elk Grove Lions apron?
[ask him he'll tell ya!]



We even had an important "taster" the Potentate of Ben Ali Shrine " Dan Scott.

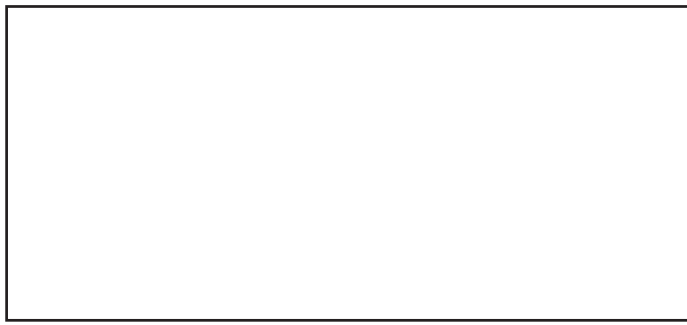
Wednesday and Thursday, April 25th & 26th, the Elk Grove Lions cooked lunch for the participants of the Special Olympics, held annually at Jessie Baker School. Lion **Bill Hibbard**, event chairman, was joined by Lions **Jim Parino, David Simpson, Al Jauregui, Brad Dano, Fred Handley and Dan Pearson**. The Lions efforts were aided by staff and parent volunteers from the school, and also assisted by volunteers from the Ben Ali chapter of the Shriners. Representing the Shriners, was their Grand Potentate Dan Scott. His position would be similar to the International Directors in our Lions organization. The Elk Grove Fire Department also had their emergency units present.

The weather was great and the kids had a fine day on the track. The Lions cooked hamburgers one day, and hot dogs the next for around 300 folks. This has been an annual Lions event for the last few years and the teachers and students expressed their thanks as they passed the Bar-B-Q on their way in to the cafeteria.

Jessie Baker is one of the State of California's oldest schools for challenged students. This year's event played to a packed audience as the parking lot was full. This was another example of how the Elk Grove Lions work with other volunteer groups to guarantee the event comes off successful. Many thanks were issued and the teachers and volunteers stated that they would support other Lions functions, in particular our Fireworks Booth.

Just another example of how the Elk Grove Lions live up to our motto, "We serve". Many thanks to those Lions that shared their most valuable asset, their time .

Fred Handley



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Immediate Past:	David Ogden			687-6977
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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.