



ELK GROVE LIONS CLUB STAG



"WE SERVE OUR COMMUNITY"

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Lion President Danny

Hello once again fellow Lions! With August coming to an end, it signifies the end of another Summer and the beginning of the transition into the Fall. For parents and grandparents, it means another school year is upon us. For football fans it means that football season is finally here; GO FORTY NINERS! Let's not forget the Hockey season and **Lion Dave King** is currently working on putting together another Hockey event on November 11th so stayed tuned as I hope to see you all there.

In August, the Hot August Nights were celebrated in style as **Lion Jim Parino** hosted members of the Elk Grove Community to a fantastic event held at the Elk Grove Senior Center. There were plenty of lions supporting the nearly 200 people in attendance at the event. Thank you to all of the lions that supported the event.

As we move into the fall season we have an increase in activity and will need plenty of support for the upcoming events. If you have not taken the opportunity to chair or support an event recently, now is the time to step up and lead an upcoming event. Having new members take on new events keeps engagement levels high and the willingness to for those who have been putting in the most time to continue to do so. Please remember to review the schedule of upcoming events provided in the Stag as well as on the dinner meeting agendas for events you can get involved in.

Lion Danny

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday - Sept 10th
Spotlight on Elk Grove
SES Hall

Saturday - Sunday - Sept 12th – 13th
Quilter's Fair
SES Hall

Monday - Sept 14th
Regular Meeting
Senior Center

Monday - Sept 21st
Board Meeting
Senior Center

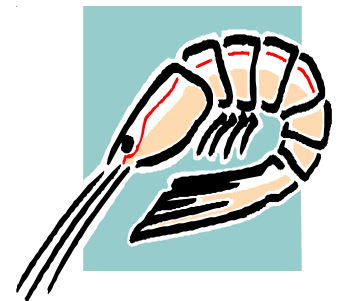
Monday - Sept 28th
Regular Meeting
Senior Center

Saturday - Oct. 3rd
Sheldon High Cheerleaders
Spaghetti Feed
Sheldon High

Elk Grove Lions Club Crab and Sprimp Feed



Saturday December 5th
S.E.S Hall
10427 E. Stockton Blvd.
Social Hour: 6:00 P.M.
Dinner: 7:00 p.m.
Tickets available from any Lion
\$35.00



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 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.

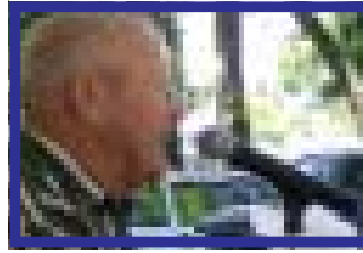
Welcome! We are pleased that you're interested in Lions.

- ◆ 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."

Five Minutes with an Elk Grove Lion

By the Stag Reporter



Lion John Zehnder

The Stag Reporter had an opportunity to chat with the Elk Grove Lions Clubs longest active current member while we were collecting parking fees for the Strauss Festival in Elk Grove Park. John became an Elk Grove Lion in January, 1954, is Melvin Jones Fellow, is a Lions Lifetime Member and in June was honored with the first annual "Paul Betschart Iron Lion Award".

SR: How large was the Lions Club in Elk Grove when you joined John?

JZ: We had 75 Lions very early on.

SR: That's a lot of Lions for such a small town. Why was there such a strong interest?

JZ: Well, it was the only game in town. Everybody wanted to join. There was no Rotary or Elks at the time. We were the Rotary and Lions all in one. We consistently kept the club at 75 members.

SR: Who brought you into the club, John?

JZ: Paul Betschart.

SR: Did you have as many events as we have today?

JZ: We each took our turn as President and each President would have their goals to achieve. We put in place the first stadium lights for the Elk Grove High School football team. We put up the bridge to the island in the park. We also built the building for the boy scouts over there (We were at the Elk Grove Florin entrance to the park, a stones throw from the building).

SR: Where did you meet in those days?

JZ: We started off in a building; I believe was on Webb Street. Things really took off when we built the clubhouse in Elk Grove Park. That

was a great time. We had a lot of fun. Each person would bring in guest speakers related to their area. Paul would bring in someone related to Union Oil for example. We would sit around on benches rather than have to sit at tables.

SR: What happened to the clubhouse?

JZ: Oh, it caught fire and burned to the ground. That was a sad day for our club.

SR: Traffic is picking up. Any other comments before we get back to helping the guys collect parking fees?

JZ: We need to bring in more speakers talking about interesting topics. We need to bring more fun into the meetings.

SR: With all the Zehnders in town, have any of them participated in the Strauss Festival?

JZ: Oh, no. We Zehnders are not dancers.

September

Happy Birthday!

Lion Rigo De a Torre	.....	10th
Lion Danny DiBenedetto	.....	28th
Lion Al Jauregui	.....	6th
Lion Mike McDonell	.....	19th
Lion James Mullins	.....	3rd

LIONS

ANNIVERSARY

Lion Bill Heston	.....	2 Years
Lion Kirk Marchetti	.....	21 Years
Lion Jerry Salamy	.....	16 Years
Lion David Simpson	.....	22 Years
Lion Matthew Switzgale	.....	2 Years

Club Dues were due
July 1,2009
Dues amount \$80.00



Please submit to:
Treasurer Bob Brewer

Or Mail to:
E G Lions
P O Box 465
Elk Grove, Ca. 95759

Don't make us send out "Bubba"!



PEOPLE TO PEOPLE AMBASSADOR PROGRAMS



Mikaela making her presentation with help from mom.

Mikaela DeRose is currently a student at Elizabeth Pinkerton Middle School. During her final year as a sixth grade student at Helen Carr Castello Elementary in Elk Grove she was recommended by her teacher to participate during this past summer to serve as a member of the People to People World Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C. She was excited and felt very honored to have been accepted into this educational institute which is usually for middle school students. The objective of this program, as originally designed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956, is to develop leadership skills among America's most outstanding youth, while exploring defining moments in American history. The seven day

experience includes exploring "historical leadership" at such venues as Capitol Hill, Gettysburg, and Colonial Williamsburg.

Last year, Mikaela co-authored and produced a documentary film for the SEVA competition on the importance of spaying and neutering pets. Her film was featured on the Sacramento Educational Cable Consortium as the First Place Winner for all of Sacramento County and she earned the first ever trophy her school.

The program tuition covered on-site transportation, accommodations, meals and educational activities. The transportation costs to visit Washington D.C. are not included. The total program cost, including transportation was projected to be approximately \$3500.00. She came to the Elk Grove Lions for help raise the necessary funds. Elk Grove Lions help combined with that of friends, neighbors, local fund raisers and other community service organizations made it possible for Mikaela to make a trip of a lifetime.

Mikaela made a very adult presentation where she spoke of her experiences visiting Washington and her world wind tour of the sites surrounding the Nations Capital. Her most moving experience was the groups visit to Arlington National Cemetery and the memorials along the Mall.

Things Dad Will Never Say

- ◆ Well, how about that! I'm lost. Looks like we'll have to stop and ask for directions.
- ◆ You know, pumpkin. Now that you're thirteen, you'll be ready for unchaperoned car dates. Won't that be fun?
- ◆ I noticed that all your friends have a certain negative attitude. I like that!
- ◆ Here's a credit card and the keys to my new car. Go crazy!
- ◆ What do you mean you want to play football? Figure skating not good enough for you, son?
- ◆ Your Mother and I are going away for the weekend. You might want to consider throwing a party.
- ◆ Well, I don't know what's wrong with your car. Probably one of those doo-hickey thingies. You know, that makes it run or something. Just have it towed to a mechanic and pay whatever he asks.
- ◆ No son of mine is going to live under this roof without an earring. Now, quit your belly aching and let's go to the mall.
- ◆ What do you want to go and get a job for? I make plenty of money for you to spend.
- ◆ Father's Day? Ah, don't worry about that. It's no big deal!



Dennis Weis, Galt Lions Club President presents President Daniel DiBenedetto with a check in the amount of \$2, 060. 30 for our share of Fireworks booth sales.

Editors personal note: It was reported that over 170 hours were supplied to staff the booth. Was it worthwhile? You do the math?

ELK GROVE LIONS BOARD MEETING

August 17, 2009

Call to order -

Lion President **Daniel DiBenedetto III**
7:00 PM**Attendance:**

X President: Lion **Daniel DiBenedetto III**
 X Secretary: Lion **Fred Handley**
 X 1st VP: Lion **David King**
 X Bulletin Editor: Lion **David Simpson**
 X 2nd VP: Lion **Rich Shriver**
 X Tail Twister: Lion **Ellard Whisman**
 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**
 X 2-Yr Dir: Lion **Rigo De La Torre**
 X 2-Yr Dir: Lion **Vern Vincent**
 X Memb Dir: Lion **PDG Mel Oneto**
 X IPP: Lion **Jim Switzgable**
 Public Relations Coord: <open>

Other Lions Present:

Andy Anderson, Jim Parino, Al Jauregui, Dave Odgen, Gary Dapelo, Joe Tallerico, Bob Hillyer, Ray Martinez, Bob Turner, Matthew Switzgable

Guests:

Cassie Dowdle - Spaghetti Feed - 10/16/09
 Pancake Feed - 1/29/10
 Both passed. See new business
 Debra Switzgable - Discovery Shop
 Passed. See new business.

Secretary Report:Lion Secretary **Fred Handley**

Motion to approve Board Minutes by Lion Ellard Whisman and second by Lion David Simpson: Passed

Treasurer Report:Lion Treasurer **Bob Brewer**
Contact Lion Treasurer for details**Correspondence: (see folder)**

- ◆ **The Rhoads School** - Thank you letters
- ◆ **Firefighters Burn Institute** – Donation Request - Tabled
- ◆ **EG School District** – Donation Request - Tabled
- ◆ **Children Receiving Home** - Tabled
- ◆ **Lions Project Canines for Companions for Independence** - Motion to fund \$100.00-Lion PDG Mel Oneto -2nd-Lion Bill Heston. - Passed.
- ◆ **EG Football** - Alex Lawton - Fundraising request - Tabled

Old Business / Chairman's Reports:

- **Fireworks Booth** - Galt has check for \$2,060.30
- **Kohl's Child Spree - July 25** - Lion **Ray Martinez** - Excellent event. Lions worked 50 hours.
- **Past President's Dinner - July 27** - Lion **Jim Switzgable** - Good evening for all. Good job IPP Jim.
- **Hot August Nights - Aug. 22nd** - 4:30-8pm - Lion **Jim Parino** - Motion to loan SCEG \$1000.00 by Lion **Fred Handley**, 2nd by **PDG Mel Oneto**. Passed.
- **Spotlighton EG - Sept. 8-10th** - Lion **Joe Tallerico** - Just labor needed.
- **Quilters Fair - Food Concession - Sept. 12-13** - Lion **Don Thompson**. In motion. Burgers & Dogs.
- **Society for the Blind** - Lion **David Ogden** - Lion **David Ogden** & Lion **Randy Feist** took care of need.
- **Sheldon High Cheerleaders Spaghetti Feed- Cooks and food - Oct. 3rd** - Lion **Vern Vincent** - Approved \$300. - In motion.

Special Reports:

- **Wellness** - Lion **Danny DiBenedetto** - No club members ill.
- **Public Relations** - Lion ???? No report
- **Membership** - **PDG Mel Oneto** - No action.
- **Senior Center** - Lion **Jim Parino** - Center will be Closed in December. Need to work out Xmas Dinner date and or location.
- **Visitation** - Lion **Pancho Sanchez** - No report.
- **Vision** - Lion **David Ogden** - Nothing new.
- **Policies and Procedures** - Lion **Jack Megna** - No report.
- **Club Assets** - Lion **Don Thompson** - No report.

New Business:

- ⊗ **Healthy Start** - Lion **David Ogden** - Motion to fund \$500.00 - Lion **Dave King** & Seconded by **PDG Mel Oneto** - Passed.

- ⊗ **Toys for Troops -Date?** -Chairman? Need info. Lion **Dave King** to look into details.
- ⊗ **Lions International Golf Tournament** - \$175 per person - **Sept 11th** - Motion to fund T-Box - \$200.00 -made by Lion **Jim Parino**, seconded by Lion **PDG Mel Oneto** - Passed.
- ⊗ **Adreani Elementary School - Spaghetti Feed** - Motion to fund \$300.00 -made by Lion **Dave King**, seconded by Lion **Heinz Leonhardt** - Passed.
- ⊗ **Troop 59—Request for Stodden Scholarship** - \$500 - Lion **Dan Pearson** Motion to fund \$500.00 made by Lion **IPP Jim Switzgable**, seconded by **Rigo De La Torre** - Passed.
- ⊗ Motion to remove \$5000.00 spending limit on Project Account made by PDG Lion Mel Oneto, seconded by IPP Lion Jim Switzgable - Passed.
- ⊗ **LCIF Peace Poster Contest** - Lion **Matthew Switzgable** -Motion to fund \$75.00-made by Lion **David Simpson** seconded by Lion **Bill Heston** - Passed.
- ⊗ **Discovery Shop** - Lions **Don Thompson** & IPP **Jim Switzgable** - **Cooking chicken-10/11/09 - Noon** - Motion to fund \$250.00-made by Lion **Dave King**, seconded by **Bill Heston** - Passed.
- ⊗ **Hoops Coaches Clinic** - Request for cooking - ust Labor - Lion **Fred Handley** to chair **Oct 3,2009** - Motion to provide labor-made by Lion **Dave King**, seconded by **IPP Jim Switzgable** - Passed.
- ⊗ **Music to Grow On** - Tabled.
- ⊗ **Sheldon Grad B/Fast** - **May 19, 2010** - Motion to fund \$300.00 - Lion **Heinz Leonhardt**, seconded by Lion **Dan Pearson** - Passed.
- ⊗ **Wright Park Dedication** - **9/24/09** - Lion **Fred Handley** to chair - Motion to provide labor-made by Lion **Heinz Leonhardt**, seconded by **PDG Mel Oneto** - Passed.
- ⊗ **International Photo Contest** - Lion **Matthew Switzgable** to chair. - Approved.

Adjournment @ 8:45 PM

Elk Grove Lions Club Assignments

Activity Committees

<u>Youth Outreach</u>	Chairman: Lion Warren Weaver Members: Lion Tom Anderson
<u>Diabetes Awareness</u>	Chairman: Lion Daniel DiBenedetto
<u>Sight Conservation</u>	Chairman: Lion Chuck Woodson Members: Lion John Zender Lion Don Thompson
<u>Hearing & Speech</u>	Chairman: Lion Howard McDonald
<u>Environmental Services</u>	Chairman: Lion Mel Oneto
<u>Youth Exchange</u>	Chairman: Lion Rick Shriver
<u>International Relations</u>	Chairman: Lion Andy Anderson
<u>Scouting</u>	Chairman: Lion Dan Pearson Members: Lion Andy Anderson Lion Chuck Woodson
<u>Club Photographer</u>	Chairman: Lion Ray Martinez Members: Lion Vern Vincent

Administrative Committees

<u>Constitution & By-Laws</u>	Chairman: Lion Daniel DiBenedetto Members: Lion Jack Megna Lion Joe Tallerico Lion Gary Dapelo Lion Chuck Woodson
<u>Convention</u>	Chairman: Lion Andy Anderson Members: Lion Gary Dapelo Lion Mel Oneto
<u>Finance/Budget</u>	Chairman: Lion Daniel DiBenedetto Members: Lion Bob Brewer Lion Bill Heston Lion Rick Shriver Lion Andy Anderson Lion Fred Hanley
<u>Info-Technology</u>	Chairman: Lion Jack Edwards Members: Lion Joe Tallerico Lion Ray Martinez
<u>Internal Activities-Fun</u>	Chairman: Lion Pancho Sanchez Members: Lion Warren Weaver Lion Bill Hibbard Lion Ringo De La Torre Lion Vern Vincent Lion Ellard Whisman
<u>Membership</u>	Chairman: Lion Mel Oneto Members: Lion Gary Dapelo
<u>Becoming 501c3</u>	Chairman: Lion Daniel DiBenedetto Members: Lion David Simpson Lion Andy Anderson Lion Joe Tallerico
<u>Public Relations</u>	Chairman: Lion Warren Weaver Members: Lion Ringo De La Torre
<u>Bulletin Editor</u>	Chairman: Lion David Simpson
<u>Greeter</u>	Chairman: Lion Heinz Leonhardt Members: Everyone!

Dear Fellow Lions,

It has been said that committees are the vehicle to which non-profits get "stuff" done.

Well, thank all of you who have volunteered to chair or support the committees presented this year. I have finalized the committees based on the feedback provided. If you find that you have not had a chance to volunteer and would like to do so please contact the committee chair and let him know. I have attached a list of the committees for your benefit.

Now that we have some man power behind the committees, I would like to start the planning process. I would like to ask each of the chairman of the committees to start contacting their committee members and planning their first committee meeting. I will leave it up to each chairman as to the frequency of which their committee meets and the structure of each meeting. I plan to give each of you the opportunity to share with the club your initial meeting dates and any initial thoughts at the next dinner meeting. I would like to schedule our first meeting of the year for our committee. I am looking at holding the meeting during the week of **September 28th through October 4th**. I would prefer to hold the meeting on a week night between 6pm and 7pm. I will make myself available on the weekend if necessary but I try to reserve this time for family. Please respond with your preferences so that I can try to coordinate a time that works best for each of us.

Please feel free to bring any and all resources you would like to the meeting. Your pre-work for this meeting will help us to be more effective at getting this process started. I would like to start planning this meeting ASAP so please respond with your preferred dates soon.

Thank you, Danny

Rumor has it that there may be a nice reward for the committee that has the best results at the end of the year. The club will decide by a majority vote.

Important Upcoming Events:

- * **Spotlight EG - Sept 10th** - SES Hall
- * **Dinner Meeting - Sept 14th**
Senior Center
Cook: Lion **Jack Edwards**
- * **Quilter's Fair - Sept 12 - 13** - SES Hall.
- * **Board Meeting - Sept 21st**
Senior Center
- * **Dinner Meeting - Sept 28th**
Senior Center
Cook: Lion **Warren Weaver**
- * **Sheldon High Cheerleaders Spaghetti Feed - Oct. 3rd** - Sheldon High



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2009-2010



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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
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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"
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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.