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President's Message

As we enter 2009, the halfway mark of the current Lion year, let's count our blessings, recount what we have accomplished so far this year, and look to our goals ahead.

Our Blessings. We are blessed to enjoy our families, our friends, our freedom, the wonderful Southern California climate (even when it is occasionally cold and wet), whatever good health we still have, and the fact that we are able to give service to others less fortunate than ourselves.

Our Accomplishments. Take another look at this year's issues of *LA Host Herald* to remind ourselves of the Lions projects we regularly carry out, and take pride in all we do.

Our Goals. There is always more to do. We need to finish our brochure and carry out our plan to increase Club membership; and we want to do our part in the Echo Park community, whether it is to support the revival of the Lotus Festival, to participate in a health fair next fall, and other projects.

Let's work together in 2009 to make a difference in the Lions way. **Happy New Year !!**
Sincerely, Dudley Lang

Reminder

Please mark your calendar for Friday, January 30, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. for the El Centro Del Pueblo Leo Club Installation Dinner at Barragan's Restaurant, 1538 Sunset Boulevard in Echo Park. We hope to see you there.

Annual Christmas Luncheon

The L.A. Host Lions Club held its Annual Christmas Luncheon on Friday, December 12th at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel. The event featured a delicious luncheon along with the beautiful holiday music of the widely acclaimed Beverly Hills High School Madrigal Singers led by Joel Pressman. PDG Dudley Lang served as emcee. Guests received gifts from Santa's Helper Past President Sandra Bryant.

On behalf of Lark Ellen Lions Charities, PDG Dudley presented donations to 14 charities serving youth in the L.A. inner city.

District Governor Ron Burdick presented Melvin Jones Fellowships or MJF Progressives to the following L.A. Host Lions: Irene Lewis. Carlos Martinez, Gilbert Mares, Marion Douglas, Linda Zahradka and Bob Himrod. Dr. Fredy, you're next.

Echo Park Community Parade

The L.A. Host Lions Club participated in the Echo Park Community Parade on Saturday, December 13th. Many thanks to Mark Lewis (husband of Lion Irene) who drove a convertible with Lions signage; to PDGs Doude Wysbeek and Wayne Hoffmeyer who followed with the District 4-L1 Eyemobile; to L.A. Lion Irene Lewis who brought L.A. Red Shield Leo Club members walking the parade route distributing Lions balloons; to Lion Carlos Martinez who presided over the parade; and to Past President Gilbert Mares and PDG Dudley and Gail Lang who pitched in to support the event.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Regular meetings are held at noon on the second and fourth Fridays at Taix Restaurant, 1911 Sunset Blvd.

**January 9, 2009:
"Braille Institute"**

Ms. Carmen Apelgren, Community Relations Coordinator for Braille Institute, will update us on the programs and activities of Braille. She will be accompanied by her wonder dog, Val.

January 23, 2009

"The Market and China"

Mr. David Soloway, Portfolio Manager at Northern Trust Bank, will provide insights on global markets and investments, with special focus on the expanding economy of China.



*May
God
Bless
America*

Lions Projects By Lion Dick Radl

Good ideas start like tiny drops of rain,
Etching lazy patterns on Mind's window pane;
Collecting momentum into rivulets and then brooks,
Tapping Mind's deep sub-conscious hidden nooks

Thoughts become actions like a mighty river's roar,
Pushing obstacles before it out to ocean's shore.
Only you can start this, a task you cannot assign;
You yourself must create it, it is your design.

DISTRICT (AND OTHER) HAPPENINGS

Valley Region Cabinet Meeting. The Valley Region Cabinet Meeting being planned by Region Chair Nancy Hayakawa is scheduled for January 23-24, 2009 at the Airtel Hotel, 7277 Valjean Avenue Van Nuys, California. Make your reservation directly with the hotel by calling (818) 997-7676 and ask for the Lions rate of \$105 plus tax, which is guaranteed until January 7th. See the current issue of 4-L1 Today for details and meal reservations.

FOOD BOXES DONATED AT BETTY PLASENCIA

On December 18th, L.A. Host Lions Dr. Fredy Perez, Gilbert Mares and David Bermudez joined with Betty Plasencia Elementary School Principal Eleanor Vargas-Page to present Christmas food boxes to 25 needy families whose children are students at the school. Each food box contained a 14-15 lb. turkey and eleven staple items. Ms. Page and her staff previously sent a note to each family, informing them to come by the school to pick up the baskets donated by the LA Host Lions Club. Lion David and one of the teachers made up a flyer with the Lions logo to insert in each box informing the recipients that these gifts came from the Lions Club. These food boxes were very well received, and in the words of Dr. Fredy, "It was a very touching experience to see these needy families come to a designated room to pick up their donations."

Participating in the donation of food boxes to needy families of students at Betty Plasencia Elementary School were (l-r) Lions David Bermudez and Dr. Fredy Perez; a grateful recipient; Principal Eleanor Vargas-Page; and lion Gilbert Mares.



Happy Birthday

January Birthstone: Garnet

Jan. 1st	Eric Richards
Jan. 18th	Walter Berkman
Jan. 21st	Dr. Fredy Perez

L.A. HOST HAPPENINGS

December Board Meeting

President Dudley Lang presided the December 17th Board meeting. The November minutes were approved without correction. Treasurer Linda Zahradka was unable to attend and render her report. Secretary Dick Radl had received a delegate form for club representation at the 2009 MD-4 Convention in Fresno on February 13th-15th. He mentioned the December 31st Rose Bowl float breakfast in Pasadena which International President Al Brandel will attend. Lions Dr. Fredy Perez, Gilbert Mares and David Bermudez will distribute food baskets to needy families whose children attend Betty Plasencia elementary school. This is the conclusion of a project on which Dr. Fredy has worked most diligently. Our review of the recent Biltmore Christmas party applauded efforts of Past Presidents Marion Douglas and Linda Zahradka who once again seemingly make each annual event surpass its predecessor. As we approach the January 30th installation of the ECDP Leo Club at Barragan's Restaurant, we already visualize a third club at All Peoples Christian Center. Our next Board meeting will be on Wednesday January 21st. Make a New Year's resolution to attend.

December Programs and Projects

December 12: Lots of L.A. Host Lions and their guests attended the annual Christmas Luncheon at the Biltmore featuring a delicious meal and the beautiful music of the Beverly Hills High School Madrigal Singers directed by Joel Pressman. Donations by Lark Ellen Lions Charities to youth-oriented charities were presented and six Melvin Jones Fellowships were awarded to worthy L.A. Host Lions. Story on page 1.

December 13: Six L.A. Host Lions and spouses participated in the Echo Park Community Parade. Story on page 1.

December 18: Three L.A. Host Lions delivered holiday food boxes to needy families whose children attend Betty Plasencia School. Story on page 2.

December 26: In recognition of the Christmas weekend, no meeting was held.

Lions Websites

L.A. Host: www.geocities.com/lalions.
Lions Clubs Int'l: www.lionsclubs.org
MD-4 Lions: www.md4lions.org
District 4-L1: www.district411.org

Calendar of Events

- Jan 1 Happy New Year !
- Jan 9 Regular Club Meeting
Braille Institute
Noon, Taix Restaurant
- Jan 21 Club Board Meeting
Noon, Taix Restaurant
- Jan 23 Regular Club Meeting
Economic Forecast
Noon, Taix Restaurant
- Jan 23-24 Valley Cabinet
Meeting
Airtel Hotel, Van Nuys
- Jan 26 Lark Ellen Board Mtg.
Noon, Taix Restaurant
- Jan 30 El Centro Del Pueblo
Leo Club Installation
Barragan's Restaurant
- Feb 13 Regular Club Meeting
Student Speakers Contest
Noon, Taix Restaurant
- Feb 18 Club Board Meeting
Noon, Taix Restaurant

About our Members

IPDG Tom Himrod, Part 2
By Lion Dick Radl

Our lead article last month related International President Al Brandel's visit to Tom Himrod's New Mexico District 40-N. A special lunch was held to honor New Mexico and Arizona clubs supporting the visit, especially the Window Rock-Fort Defiance club of Arizona. The highlight was the invocation and pledge, along with songs sung by a second grade class, all rendered in Navajo language. A stirring tribute was sung by Miss Navajo to deceased Lori Piestewa, the Hopi soldier who gave her life in Iraq. IP Brandel, his spouse, and staff returned to Phoenix by plane leaving all feeling the visitation was regrettably short-lived but there lingered the presence of warm personalities under the guidance of the leadership skills of our Lion family president. It was hoped Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley could travel to Lions Clubs International Chicago Headquarters in time to meet past U.S. president PDG Lion Jimmy Carter to include the Navajo Nation flag in the Lion's Parade of Flags. In our next issue we will learn about new Lions clubs that have sprung up in New Mexico.

**HUMOR
&
WISDOM**

**PUN INTENDED:**

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationary.

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road, and was cited for littering.

Two silk worms had a race; they ended up in a tie.

Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana.



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