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Happy Valentine's Day

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Lion President Dudley Lang

President's Message

As the L.A. Host Lions Club finds ways to increase its impact in the Echo Park community, I ask every club member to participate in, and to enjoy, our regular club meetings. Thanks to Lion Gilbert Mares our Program Chair, the programs presented at our meetings are uniformly excellent. Each speaker is knowledgeable and provides new information in understandable terms. You'll find something new and interesting in each program.

As I pointed out in a recent e-mail message to our members, it's important to mark your calendars well in advance of each meeting and to get in the habit of attending every meeting you can. In this way, you'll enjoy more fully your L.A. Host membership, you'll help strengthen our club, and we'll be more attractive to prospective new members as we seek to increase our membership. We'll be the club to join.

Speaking of membership, we're very pleased with the news that Lions Matthew Jaime and David Bermudez are now serving on our Membership Committee. Both are wired in to the Echo Park business community from which we plan to draw new members. But let's not just leave it up to the committee; let's all do our part to attract quality new members. With increased numbers, we'll be able to spread the work and to provide more service in the community. Think in terms of asking your most respected friends and acquaintances to join the L.A. Host Lions Club, and **Just Ask.**

Sincerely, Dudley Lang

El Centro Del Pueblo Leo Club Installation Dinner

On January 30th, 16 (of 22) charter members of El Centro Del Pueblo Leo Club, along with their parents and guests, gathered at Barragan's Restaurant in Echo Park to celebrate the induction of the Leos and the installation of their officers. They were joined by enthusiastic L.A. Host Lions; Lion Irene Lewis and members of the L.A. Red Shield Leo Club; and District dignitaries, including District Governor Ron Burdick and his wife PDG Pam, officiating officer PDG Doude Wysbeek, PDG Ross and Rita Adams, and PDG Lita Guidotti.

The new Leo Club is the second to be sponsored by the L.A. Host Lions Club. PDG Dudley Lang, in his role as Club President welcomed everyone. Lion Irene Lewis gave the invocation, and dinner was served without charge to the Leos, their parents and guests; and courtesy of Barragan's Restaurant, everyone else paid a reduced price for a great tasting meal.

Following dinner, District Governor Ron Burdick gave opening remarks, and PDG Doude conducted the induction of the Leo Club members and installation of its officers. Each Leo was presented with a letter from International President Al Brandel, a Leo pin and a special certificate of membership. A framed Certificate of Organization bearing the signature of IP Brandel, and a cash gift from the District Youth Outreach Chairman, were also presented. All in all, it was a memorable event.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

February 13, 2009:

“Student Speakers Contest”

Four students will compete at our club-level student speakers contest, commencing at 12:15 p.m.. Please arrive 15 minutes early. Lunch will be served at the conclusion of the contest.

February 27, 2009

“Catholic Charities”

L.A. Host Lions Club’s own **Rev. Monsignor Gregory A. Cox**, Executive Vice President of Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, will describe the mission, projects and good works of Catholic Charities as only he can. Don’t miss this.



*May
God
Bless
America*

School Days By Lion Dick Radl

Quiet, hark now, hear ye school bells peal,
Student speakers make us listen, think and feel.
On Friday, February 13th, please attend;
So to Taix Restaurant our path wend.

Judges, watches, score sheets we’ll well prepare,
To augment open mind you’ll bring there.
Candidates challenge to debate and ask us why
“Water - Will California be left high and dry?”

DISTRICT (AND OTHER) HAPPENINGS

Valley Region Cabinet Meeting. The Valley Region Cabinet Meeting was held on January 24th at the Airtel Hotel in Van Nuys. L.A. Host Lions Marion Douglas, Dick Radl and Dudley Lang (along with his wife Gail) attended and gave reports.

MD-4 Convention. The 2009 Multiple District Four Convention is scheduled for February 13-15, 2009 in Fresno, California. See <http://www.md4lions.org/> for details.

Desert Region Cabinet Meeting. The Desert Region Cabinet Meeting is scheduled for March 13-14, 2009 in Palmdale, California. See the February issue of 4-L1 Today for details.

Proposed Amendments to District Constitution. Lion Marion Douglas, Chair of the District Constitution, Bylaws & Rules Committee, is working on proposed amendments to provide for the new office of Second Vice District Governor adopted at the 2008 International Convention in Bangkok, Thailand.

2009 District Convention. The 2009 District 4-L1 Convention will be held on May 7-10, 2009 at the Palm Garden Hotel in Thousand Oaks, California. See the April 2009 issue of 4-L1 Today for details.

Happy Birthday

**February
Birthstone: Amethyst**

Feb. 4th	Amarjit Marwah
Feb. 15th	Gilbert Mares
Feb. 24th	Matthew Jaime

L.A. HOST HAPPENINGS

January Board Meeting

President Dudley Lang presided the January 21st meeting. The December minutes were approved without correction. The Account printouts prepared by Treasurer Linda Zahradka were readily accepted. The lovely first draft of a club brochure prepared by Director Muriel Scharf and her staff was reviewed by the directors to achieve subtle, final refinements. Secretary Dick Radl, who is also Student Speakers Contest Chairman went over all aspects of the forthcoming club contest at noon on Friday, February 13th. The identities of tellers and timekeepers were established. There are to be four judges and four high school contestants to debate the topic "Water - Will California be Left High & Dry?" The next zone-level contest will be at the Golden Dragon Restaurant in Chinatown on Tuesday evening, March 10th. We intend to supplement the scheduled March 28th Eyemobile Screening at All People's Christian Center with an Echo Park screening next Autumn. Our next fundraiser may be an outdoor jazz concert. We are in early exploratory stages of possibilities. Our next Board meeting will be on Wednesday, February 18th.

January Programs and Projects

January 9: Four L.A. Host Lions had lunch with **Carmen Apelgren**, Community Relations Coordinator for Braille Institute. She came to speak to us, but with such sparse attendance, we agreed to reschedule her talk. Let's all give attention to our habits of attendance.

January 23: **David Soloway**, Portfolio Manager in the L.A. office of Northern Trust Bank, presented a knowledgeable, complete, and easily understood account of the current economic meltdown and how it evolved. The L.A. Host Lions were very attentive and asked excellent questions, all of which Mr. Soloway answered expertly.

January 30: The L.A. Host Lions joined the charter members of El Centro Del Pueblo Leo Club, along with their parents, guests and Lions dignitaries, at a dinner at Barragan's Restaurant to celebrate the induction of the Leos and the installation of their officers. *See story on page 1*

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

- Feb 13 Regular Club Meeting
Student Speakers
Noon, Taix Restaurant
- Feb 13-15 MD-4 Convention
Fresno, California
- Feb 14 Happy Valentine's Day!
- Feb 18 Club Board Meeting
Noon, Taix Restaurant
- Feb 23 Lark Ellen Board Mtg.
Noon, Taix Restaurant
- Feb 27 Regular Club Meeting
Catholic Charities
Noon, Taix Restaurant
- Mar 13 Regular Club Meeting
Noon, Taix Restaurant
- Mar 13-14 Desert Reg. Cab. Mtg.
Palmdale, California
- Mar 18 Club Board Meeting
Noon, Taix Restaurant

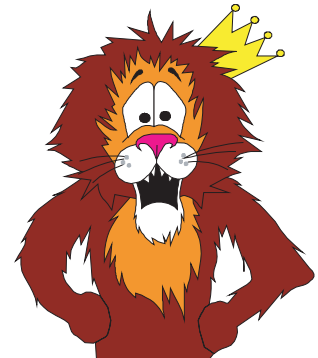
About our Members

Gilbert Mares, Sr., father of Past President Gilbert Mares, passed away in his sleep on Christmas Eve. Past Presidents Bob Himrod, Pete Ulrich and Dudley Lang attended the beautiful memorial service held at the Church of St. Philip the Apostle in Pasadena. Then on January 9th, the Mares family gathered at Riverside National Cemetery where 24 U.S. Marines, including a drum & bugle corps and a rifle team, participated in an inspiring ceremony and 21-gun salute honoring the WWII service of Gilbert's father.

Past President Peter Ulrich and his wife Carol have moved. Their new address is 1420 Santo Domingo Avenue, Duarte, California 91010. Now what to do with all those boxes.

Past President Marion Douglas and her friends recently took a sightseeing train trip to Santa Fe, New Mexico where they visited L.A. Host Associate Members, Tom and Rose Himrod at their home. Lion Marion reports that she very much enjoyed both the trip and the visit with Lions Tom and Rose.

HUMOR
&
WISDOM



"UP," A MUCH USED WORD

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| Look up at the sky. | Warm up the leftovers. |
| Wake up. | Clean up the kitchen. |
| What's up? | Lock up the house. |
| A topic comes up. | Fix up the car. |
| Write up a report. | Stir up trouble. |
| Speak up. | Line up for tickets. |
| Up for election. | Work up an appetite. |
| Call up a friend | Think up excuses. |
| Brighten up a room. | Dress up for a party. |
| Polish up the silver. | Wrap it up. |



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