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Happy St. Patrick's Day

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Lion President Dudley Lang presents Certificate of Organization to ECPD Leo Club Advisor Carlos Martinez.

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President's Message

February was a very busy month for the L.A. Host Lions. The Student Speakers Contest on February 13th was very successful. The winner, Kevin Merry from Loyola High School, gave an excellent presentation and we expect him to do well at the next level. L.A. District Attorney Steve Cooley, who once again honored us by serving as a contest judge, reminded us that we will be meeting in his office on May 22nd.

During our February 18th Board meeting, we discussed the possibility of a fundraiser at Lion Dr. Marwah's Malibu estate that would feature a popular music program by the Couchois Brothers Band. Lion Dick Radl and I will pursue the details with Dr. Marwah and will report back.

Also at the Board meeting, Lions Matthew Jaime and David Bermudez joined in a discussion of a membership drive. The Membership Committee is meeting and working on its plan.

David Bermudez and I have reintroduced our Lions Club to the Echo Park Chamber of Commerce. We are reinstating our Chamber membership, and I plan to attend its meetings. Chamber membership should provide an opportunity for the L.A. Host Club to establish a stronger bond with the Echo Park community. At the next meeting of our Board, I will propose that we participate in the upcoming Art and Music Festival in July at the Echo Park Lake Park. Please attend our meetings and participate in our projects.

Sincerely, Dudley Lang

Student Speakers Contest

On February 13th, the L.A. Host Lions Club held its 2009 Student Speakers Contest. Chaired by Lion Dick Radl, the event featured two speakers from Loyola High (Kevin Merry and Edgar Tejada mentored by speech coach Karen Jardine) and one speaker from Belmont High (Antonio Castaueda mentored by speech coach John Kim). The presentations were judged by Messrs Anthony Lee, Michael Thorpe and L.A. District Attorney Steve Cooley. Joe Faris, a speech coach at L.A. Science High School, was there as an observer.

Assisting Lion Radl were L.A. Host Lions Marion Douglas, Carol Mares, Linda Zahradka, Peter Ulrich, Gilbert Mares and Dr. Fredy Perez.

The winner, Kevin Merry of Loyola High, will compete at the Metro, Zone A contest on March 11th at the Golden Dragon Restaurant, 960 North Broadway in the Chinatown area of Los Angeles.

Echo Park Chamber

The L.A. Host Lions Club has applied to reinstate its membership in the Echo Park Chamber of Commerce. At a Chamber meeting on February 19th, Lions Dudley Lang and David Bermudez gave a presentation about the L.A. Host Lions. The Chamber will undertake sponsorship of an Echo Park Art and Music Festival in July at the Echo Park Lake Park (in lieu of the Lotus Festival this year as the Park will begin renovations). We have expressed interest in participating in the festival.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

March 13, 2009:

“L.A. Music and Art School”

Ms. Isela Sotelo, Executive Director of L.A. Music and Art School, will describe the affordable programs of LAMAS, which offers year-round classes in music, dance, drama, and art at its East Los Angeles facilities.

March 27, 2009

“Premium Tequila”

L.A. Host Lion Matthew Jaime will present an interesting program on the history of tequila and its production. Lion Matthew owns a company that produces a lineup of premium tequila in Mexico and markets it in Southern California. Rumor has it that Matthew will bring samples. Don't miss this.



*May
God
Bless
America*

Our Promise
By Lion Dick Radl

Builder, Architect, build us a house.
Some how, Some way, with neither roof nor wall,
Rooms width around the Globe, ceiling incredibly tall,
Invite the afflicted to come live there.
Lions want vast space for all to share,
A home wherein there are no blind,
Lions demand that gift for all Mankind.
Architect, do not say such house cannot be;
We will build it so they can see.

DISTRICT (AND OTHER) HAPPENINGS

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.

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 issue of *4-L1 Today* for details.

More Photos from ECDP Leo Club Installation



Charter members of El Centro Del Pueblo Leo Club listen to speakers at the Installation Dinner.



PDG Doude Wysbeek inducts the charter members of ECDP Leo Club and installs its officers.

Happy Birthday

**March Birthstone:
Aquamarine**

Mar. 2nd	Hillard Street
Mar. 13th	Sandra Bryant
Mar. 14th	Norbert Samek
Mar. 23rd	Sandra Figueroa

L.A. HOST HAPPENINGS

February Board Meeting

President Dudley Lang presided. The January minutes were accepted as distributed. The Treasurer's report, clear and accurate, was quickly accepted. The sample club brochure, polished and colorful, is off to a large initial printing. It will be utilized as one of the attractions for new members. Mike Couchois, highly active South Bay musician, was in attendance to describe his band's new feature of a two hour 20th Century chronology of music which could be presented at Lion Dr. Marwah's Malibu estate as a Lark Ellen fundraiser. President Dudley will spearhead the next exploratory steps. President Dudley planned to attend the next Echo Park Chamber of Commerce meeting, not only to continue to make our presence known, but to ensure alertness of any forthcoming community projects where we could be represented. Our recent new El Centro del Pueblo Leo Club installation was adjudged a stellar success.

The next Board meeting on March 18th will be highlighted by nominations and elections for the 2009-2010 business year. Please attend.

February Programs

February 13: The L.A. Host Lions Club held its 2009 Student Speakers Contest featuring two speakers from Loyola High and one speaker from Belmont High. See story on page 1.

February 27: Kathleen Gates, substituting for L.A. Host Lion, Rev. Monsignor Gregory A. Cox (who was ill), gave a very informative presentation on the mission, projects and good works of Catholic Charities of Los Angeles. Msgr. Cox is Vice President and Executive Director and Ms. Gates is Agency Development Coordinator. She pointed out that, last year, Catholic Charities assisted over 220,000 different individuals in Los Angeles County to help meet basic needs such as rent, health care, transportation, food, taxes and other necessities of daily life. The need is real and Catholic Charities and other agencies work hard to fill it.

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

- Mar 3 Zone A Advisory Mtg.
Golden Dragon Restaurant
960 N. Broadway, L.A.
- Mar 11 Zone A Speak-off
Golden Dragon Restaurant
960 N. Broadway, L.A.
- Mar 13 Regular Club Meeting
L.A. Music & Art School
Noon, Taix Restaurant
- Mar 13-14 Desert Reg. Cab. Mtg.
Palmdale, California
- Mar 18 Club Board Meeting
Noon, Taix Restaurant
- Mar 27 Regular Club Meeting
Premium Tequila
Noon, Taix Restaurant
- Mar 28 Chinese New Year
L.A. International
Empress Pavilion
988 N. Hill, L.A.
- Apr 10 Regular Club Meeting
Noon, Taix Restaurant
- Apr 15 Club Board Meeting
Noon, Taix Restaurant

About our Members

IPDG Tom Himrod, Conclusion

By Lion Dick Radl

Associate Member Tom Himrod, now a New Mexico resident, Immediate Past District Governor and President of his Lions Club, presents exciting new strategies for increasing membership. International 2nd Vice President Sid Scruggs recently honored the Lions of New Mexico with a visit to participate in chartering three new Lions clubs. He emphasized service at the three charter ceremonies on a mid-October weekend. He was accompanied by Jack Ferguson, a trainer from Lions Clubs International. Jack had taught volunteer techniques for going door to door in the business community. Lions teams spent three days talking to prospects for a new club in the Albuquerque uptown business area. The Eldorado Basin Club located in a bedroom suburb of Santa Fe, was jump-started by a determined Lions couple who set up a table inside the community grocery store with solicitation of prospects in a low key manner. The third club, situated in the southeastern community of Roswell, was formed around the nucleus of a mariachi band for youth. Let's learn from these innovations and see what we might apply.

HUMOR
&
WISDOM



Mark Twain's Wisdom Today

"If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed; if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed."

"Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress. But then I repeat myself."

"No man's life, liberty, or property is safe while the legislature is in session."

"The only difference between a tax man and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the skin."



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