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Lion President Dudley Lang

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President's Message

As we enter Spring, the L.A. Host Lions have a full plate of activities and projects. We are utilizing the District Eyemobile for two community eye screenings within a one-month period; we will participate in the Food Faire at the District Convention on May 8th; we plan to participate in a community festival at Echo Park Lake in July; and we are planning for a musical fundraiser at Dr. Marwah's Malibu estate on September 12th. With our many activities and projects, we are building a platform to attract new members, to spread our efforts among a larger membership, and to establish a stronger bond to the Echo Park community.

Our current membership drive is off to a great start, thanks to the work and commitment of Lions Gilbert Mares, Dr. Fredy Perez, Matthew Jaime and David Bermudez. We have every reason to be bullish about the future of the L.A. Host Lions Club and its service to the Echo Park community.

Sincerely, Dudley Lang

Save the Date

On Friday, May 22nd, the L.A. Host Lions will meet for lunch at the offices of L.A. District Attorney Steve Cooley to discuss issues of community safety and the responses of local law enforcement. Mr. Cooley's conference room seats 20 people. We want to fill exactly that number of seats, so please let us know your plans to attend. After April 15th, we'll invite other district Lions to join us.

Eyemobile Screenings

On Saturday, March 28th, PDGs Doude Wysbeek and Wayne Hoffmeyer brought the Eyemobile to All Peoples Christian Center to participate in the 12th Annual Community, Resource & Book Fair. Dr. Fredy Perez and Optometric College students provided the staffing for a very successful eye screening.

Another screening is scheduled for Saturday, April 25th at a Health Fair sponsored by the Center For Non-Violent Education and Parenting to be held on Reservoir Street between N. Alvarado Street and Liberty Street. We'll fill everyone in on the details.

Officers and Directors for 2009-2010

On March 27th, the L.A. Host Lions approved the following slate of club officers and directors for next year:

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| President: | Dudley Lang |
| Vice President | Gilbert Mares |
| Secretary: | Richard Radl |
| Treasurer: | Linda Zahradka |
| Lion Tamer: | Gilbert Mares |
| Tail Twister: | Peter Ulrich |
| Bulletin Editor | Dudley Lang |
| Poet Laureate | Richard Radl |
| Membership: | Dr. Fredy Perez |
| | Linda Zahradka |
| | Matthew Jaime |
| 1-Year Directors: | Marion Douglas |
| | Muriel Scharf |
| | David Bermudez |
| 2-Year Directors: | Sandra Bryant |
| | Peter Ulrich |
| | Dr. Fredy Perez |

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

April 10, 2009:

“Junior Blind of America”

Ms. Faith Nunley, Development Director of Junior Blind of America, will describe the programs and services her organization provides to the blind, visually impaired and multi-disabled community.

April 24, 2009

“Annual Planning Meeting”

With a preliminary budget and calendar before them, the officers and directors of the L.A. Host Club will plan the activities and programs for the coming year. Everyone is invited to participate.



*May
God
Bless
America*

Life's Roadmap

By Lion Dick Radl

Cartographer, print most detailed precise map for me:
Ways I have to go, sights I must see,
Streams I must traverse, paths across field,
A powerful force before me,
Against which all must yield.

But wait cartographer, who then builds map for you?
Perhaps this is something alone each must do!
No, map maker please forget my request.
I must design my own map;
It is I who knows it best.

DISTRICT (AND OTHER) HAPPENINGS

2009 District Convention. “Music, Music, Music” will be the theme of the 2009 District 4-L1 Convention to be held on May 7-10, 2009 at the Palm Garden Hotel in Thousand Oaks, California. At the Thursday evening First Nighters Reception, the district Lions will “Meet and Greet” with a background of films and music from the Fabulous 40’s; on Friday evening, after the Food Faire, we can “Rock and Roll the Night Away” with music from the Nifty 50’s; and on Saturday evening the Sound of Music will bring musicals to the Governor’s Ball. See the April 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 International Convention. Plans are being made for the 92nd Lions Clubs International Convention from July 6-10, 2009 in the city of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Convention-goers can look forward to a rousing International Parade of Nations, interesting seminars and guest speakers, and a gala Hero Awards banquet in recognition of our “Everyday Heroes” and the miracles they are making happen. For details, see www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/news_convention.html.

2009 USA/Canada Leadership Forum. The Forum will be held on September 24-26, 2009 in Memphis, Tennessee. Its theme will be “Move to Grow - Lions Leading Through Service.” Many new and exciting seminars are being planned to educate and motivate. The Memphis Convention Center facilities are first class and are directly across the street from the Marriott Downtown, the headquarters hotel. Many other hotels are within walking distance of the Convention Center. For details see <https://usacanadalionsforum.org/host.html>.

Happy Birthday

**April Birthstone:
Diamond**

April 16th

Debbie Gates

Apr. 17th

Tim Adams

L.A. HOST HAPPENINGS

March Board Meeting

President Dudley Lang presided. he February minutes were accepted with one correction, and the Treasurer's report was accepted. We approved charitable donations towards the next Lions Rose Float, Lions in Sight, and the fishing boat excursion with blind youth. The Nominating Committee presented a slate for the officer and director slots along with Membership Committee directors, enabling newcomers an opportunity to help steer the club through the forthcoming business year of 2009-2010. The slate was unanimously approved and club ratification can occur at our next regular program meeting.

We have set up not just one, but two Eyemobile screenings for our area of service. We are collecting data on how to properly conduct a child identification screening with photo, fingerprint, and DNA sample.

We plan for a September Lark Ellen fundraiser, a history of jazz musical, at Lion Dr. Marwah's beautiful Malibu estate. The April board meeting on the 15th will feature ideas moving towards fruition, offering ever more to the Echo Park area within which our club now dwells

March Programs

March 13th: Ms. Isela Sotelo, Executive Director of L.A. Music and Art School, assisted by Ms. Celia Costellano described the affordable programs of LAMAS, which offers year-round classes in music, dance, drama, and art at its East Los Angeles campus. The L.A. Host Lions were surprised at not having known of this valuable resource in our very midst. LAMAS is planning an impressive expansion of its facilities.

March 27th: L.A. Host Lion **Matthew Jaime** gave an excellent presentation concerning his family business in Mexico, cultivating the Agave and producing premium grade tequila in a beautiful bottle bearing the label "Real de Mexico." Lion Matthew provided a taste testing to confirm the quality and smoothness of both the *Silver* and especially the *Reposado* ultra premium tequila products. We're very impressed.

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

- Apr 10 Regular Club Meeting
Junior Blind of America**
Noon, Taix Restaurant
- Apr 12 Happy Easter!**
- Apr 15 Club Board Meeting**
Noon, Taix Restaurant
- Apr 24 Club Planning Meeting**
Noon, Taix Restaurant
- May 2 Annual Pancake Breakfast**
Griffith Park Lions Club
Atwater Village
- May 7-10 District Convention**
Palm Gardens Hotel
Thousand Oaks
- May 8 Annual Food Faire**
Palm Gardens Hotel
Thousand Oaks
- May 20 Club Board Meeting**
Noon, Taix Restaurant
- May 22 Special Meeting
with D.A. Steve Cooley**

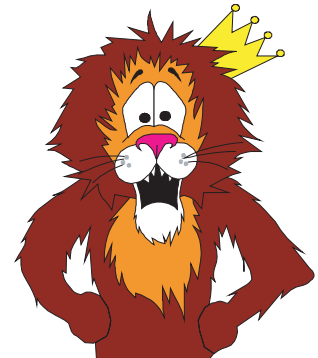
About our Members

Prairie 911 - Part One

By Lion Dick Radl

It happened many times. I was an infant, and my father had his first medical practice in the village of Hebron, North Dakota. The clang of a middle of the night phone call to our apartment from a farm family in distress. Dad said he immediately phoned the Hebron Northern Pacific depot. They in turn called the Dickinson depot 40 miles to the west. Setting off electric semaphore signals along the tracks to their west, Dickinson alerted the next freight train thundering in from Montana to slow and creep through their town. A worker stood on the station platform in Dickinson, close to where the engine would slowly glide by. He held a long, slender, wooden wand, a wide rubber hoop at the end with a note affixed. From the engine cab the fireman quickly extended his right arm within the open space of the hoop. One sharp, vigorous jerk and he possessed the hoop and attached note. He shared the note's precious contents with the engineer at his side. They were to stop briefly at Hebron, ahead, to pick up a doctor! - to be continued.

HUMOR
&
WISDOM



First Graders' Wisdom

A first grade school teacher presented each child in her classroom the first half of a well-known proverb and asked them to come up with the remainder of the proverb. Here are some responses:

1. Don't change horses until they stop running.
2. Strike while the bug is close.
3. It's always darkest before Daylight Saving Time.
4. Never underestimate the power of termites.
5. You can lead a horse to water but How?
6. Don't bite the hand that looks dirty.



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