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Lion President Dudley Lang

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### President's Message

Our current membership drive is proceeding nicely, thanks to the work and commitment of Lions Gilbert Mares, Dr. Fredy Perez, Linda Zahradka, Matthew Jaime and David Bermudez. We're building lists of prospective new members from sources within the Echo Park community; we're introducing our Club by establishing personal contacts as, for example, with members of the Echo Park Chamber of Commerce; and next, we'll be mailing invitations to a "Meet & Greet" reception to be arranged probably in early summer at Taix Restaurant. Let's all pitch in on this.

I'd like to share some favorable comments we're beginning to hear from our club members. During our annual planning meeting on April 24th, we observed a sense of strengthening morale, an esprit de corps, as we work together to build our membership and club projects for a strong community identity. As well, I believe we're strengthening personal bonds among ourselves. It's what happens when we work as a team, and it's neat.

Sincerely, Dudley Lang

### Lunch with D.A. Cooley Rescheduled for May 29th

Because of a schedule conflict, L.A. District Attorney Steve Cooley has rescheduled our luncheon event in his offices to May 29th. See "Upcoming Programs" on page 2. His conference room seats 20 people, and we want to fill that number of seats; so please let us know your plans to attend.

### Eyemobile Screening in Echo Park

On the afternoon of Saturday, April 25th, PDG Doude Wysbeek brought the Eyemobile to Echo Park to participate in the Festival of Childhood that featured art, music and health activities for children and families sponsored by the Center For Nonviolent Education and Parenting held on Reservoir Street directly behind Taix Restaurant. L.A. Helpers included Host Lions Gilbert and Carol Mares, Linda Zahradka and her husband Nile, Dudley Lang and his wife Gail, David Bermudez, and Carlos Martinez and four members of the ECDP Leo Club. Once again, Dr. Fredy Perez and L.A. Optometric College student Max, staffed the Eyemobile for a successful eye screening project, including eye examinations for many young people.

### Annual Planning Meeting

Taking place a little early this year, the annual planning meeting was conducted during the regular club meeting on April 24th. The L.A. Host Lions acted efficiently to revise as necessary the membership of the standing committees and activity committees, and to staff a new committee to plan and carry out the fundraising event on September 12th at the estate of Dr. Amarjit Marwah in Malibu.

Those present at the meeting also worked through the 2009-2010 preliminary budgets for both the General Account and the Charity Account, and reviewed a tentative calendar of events for next year.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

**May 8, 2009:**

### “Root Beer Floats Anyone?”

There will be no regular meeting. Instead, the L.A. Host Lions will serve root beer floats at the Food Faire at the District Convention to be held at the Palm Garden Hotel in Thousand Oaks.

**May 22, 2009**

### “Dark”

**May 29, 2009**

### “Lunch with D.A. Steve Cooley”

The L.A. Host Lions will meet for lunch in the conference room of Los Angeles County District Attorney Steve Cooley, located at 210 West Temple Street, Suite 18000, in downtown Los Angeles. Please plan to arrive at 11:30 a.m.



*May  
God  
Bless  
America*

### Our Dwelling By Lion Dick Radl

Travel Agent, book me passage,  
Quarters, on Planet Earth.  
Nothing special, I require only modest, basic berth.  
The cost, the stipend, how shall I pay my way?  
I promise some little contribution,  
Some offering every day.

I think Service perhaps be payment of the fee;  
Think deeply on it – a Lions universal currency.  
Pretty landscape only? No, hide nothing I might see.  
Earth's a fixer-upper, that will always be.  
Something ugly out there?  
Something darkened in the view?  
Then something needs repair, a thing for me to do.

## 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; the International Food Faire will take place at noon on Friday; then Friday evening, 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.shtml](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/news_convention.shtml).

**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

### May Birthstone: Emerald

May 2	Robert Morales
May 28	Larry Clark

L.A. HOST HAPPENINGS

April Board Meeting

President Dudley Lang presided. The March minutes were approved as e-mailed. The Treasurer's report, requiring only brief review, was accepted. President Dudley led us step by step through a well conceived thirteen point agenda which permitted us to catalog achievements and set sights on new tasks, some which can be accomplished in the immediate future, others requiring additional research before fruition. A team from our club has visited a social mixer composed of Echo Park business people to initiate better exposure of the Lions resources and events which can assist the populace within the area where we convene in exchange for our firmer grasp of local needs and wants. We are investigating the possibility of engaging a professional organization which conducts kids identification programs utilizing a new technology which immediately transmits a child's data to the FBI data base in Arizona where it can be stored for up to eighty years. An age-enhanced color photo is generated at the moment of a crisis in the child's subsequent years. Our next board meeting is on Wednesday, May 20th. Help make the possible a reality

April Programs

**April 10<sup>th</sup>:** Ms. Faith Nunley, Development Coordinator of Junior Blind of America gave an interesting presentation, with PowerPoint, on the mission and services of JBA. She was assisted by Ms. Bonnie Harris, Director of Planned Giving. Junior Blind of America, located in the Windsor Hills area of Los Angeles, provides services to children and adults who are blind, visually impaired or multi-disabled.

**April 24<sup>th</sup>:** The L.A. Host Lions worked through the annual planning session to map out the committee assignments, preliminary budgets, and a calendar of programs and events for 2009-2010. Among other things, new activity committees were formed to carry out fundraising events generally and the fundraiser to be held on September 12<sup>th</sup> at the Malibu estate of Dr. Amarjit Marwah.

Lions Websites

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

Calendar of Events

- 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 29 Special Meeting  
with D.A. Steve Cooley  
210 West Temple Street,  
Suite 18000, Los Angeles
- June 12 Lark Ellen Annual Mtg.  
Noon, Taix Restaurant
- June 17 Club Board Meeting  
Noon, Taix Restaurant
- June 26 Dark
- June 27 Annual Club Installation  
6:00 p.m. Reception  
7:00 p.m. Dinner  
Taix Restaurant

About our Members

Prairie 911 - Part Two  
By Lion Dick Radl

The Northern Pacific Baldwin Z-5 series world's largest locomotive, each side eight big wheels, three smaller, capable of pulling 4,800 tons of freight train, seems an overmatch for the simple task of pausing in Hebron to help a doctor with valise up into the engine cab to locate in the inky night a horse and buggy waiting somewhere at a rutted farm house cross road. Once with the patient there was diagnosis and limited treatment and sleep. Transport to a distant hospital could be arranged in the morning's daylight. Depression economics dictated returning to Minneapolis to work at the University Student Health Center and be the Golden Gophers football team doctor. In a pivotal game a coach forbade halftime exam of the injured team star. Post game x-rays revealed second half play had been life threatening. Furious, disregarding income loss, my father instantly resigned. But in 1935 the Quain and Ramsstad Clinic, second oldest group in the U.S., founded in the 1890's in Bismarck, North Dakota, nationwide pioneers in x-ray, cancer, and back treatment, asked him to join - to be continued.

HUMOR  
&  
WISDOM



More 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 more responses:

- 7. No news is impossible.
- 8. A miss is as good as a Mr.
- 9. You can't teach an old dog new Math.
- 10. If you lie down with dogs, you'll stink.
- 11. Love all, trust Me.
- 12. The pen is mightier than the pigs.



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