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Installation of L.A. Host Officers and Directors

The officers and directors of the L.A. Host Lions Club for 2008-2009 were duly recognized and installed on Saturday evening, June 21st. Lion Hillard Street provided the musical entertainment; Taix Restaurant provided the perfect room and delicious dinner; and Lion Marion Douglas furnished the printed programs.

Past President Pete Ulrich ably served as emcee, and PDG Doude Wysbeek of the Palmdale Lion Club was installing officer. PDG Doude related his personal memories of the L.A. Host Club when it met weekly at the Biltmore Hotel, and expressed his admiration for the quality and prestige that L.A. Host continues to represent.

With the Board having elected PDG Dudley Lang incoming president following President Esau Tenorio's withdrawal from pursuing a second term, PDG Dudley presented recognition and gifts to those L.A. Host Lions who have contributed selflessly to club projects during the past year.



Enthusiastic Betty Plasencia students waving flags and singing patriotic songs.

L.A. Host Celebrates Flag Day at Betty Plasencia School

On June 12th, nearly eleven hundred students marched and waved their American Flags (presented by the L.A. Host Lions Club) on the Betty Plasencia Elementary School quad to celebrate Flag Day. The local Boy Scout troop acted as color guard during the presentation and demonstrated the proper technique of folding the Flag. Then Principal Eleanor Vargas Page and Assistant Principal Brenda Lara led the children as they sang patriotic songs, such as Grand Old Flag and God Bless America. The Lions were introduced with mention of their service to the community. Immediate Past President Esau Tenorio spoke of how proud we are of the children and how well they honored Flag Day. He urged them to go to college, to be good citizens, and to pursue their dreams



L-R: Lion Dr. Fredy Perez, Assistant Principal Brenda Lara, Lions Esau Tenorio and Debbie Gates, Principal Eleanor Vargas Page, and Lions Gilbert Mares and David Bermudez celebrate Flag Day at the Betty Plasencia Elementary School.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

Regular Meeting, July 11, 2008

“SCLEI Update”

Past District Governor David Stewart, President of Southern California Lions Eye Institute will present an update of SCLEI’s funding of eye surgery for needy patients and its eye clinic providers.

Regular Meeting, July 25, 2008

“School on Wheels”

Ms. Agnes Stevens and Matt Rabb will present an update on the programs and activities of School on Wheels. Ms. Stevens recently received international recognition for her efforts in working with children.



*May
God
Bless
America*

Colours

By Lion Dick Radl

I agree with those opposing fire engine red;
Cause for alarm, some dubious outcome to dread.
No polka dots please, nor colors run askew,
No odd mixtures nor blends, nor dull bleak hue.
Light blue now my favorite be,
Gentle warm touch like Coral Sea.
Remember the colors kept in mind inside
Are those in conduct outward you will abide.
The colors you keep and insist to deeply know,
Are, good or bad, to others the colors we show.

LARK ELLEN LIONS CHARITIES 2008 ANNUAL REPORT

Lark Ellen Lions Charities is sponsored by the Los Angeles Host Lions Club, and you as a club member are automatically a member of this youth-oriented charity foundation. The directors of Lark Ellen are elected by and from the members of the Los Angeles Host Lions Club.

From March 1, 1977 through February 29, 2008, donations totaling \$1,077,647 have been made by Lark Ellen to youth-serving organizations in our community. During the past fiscal year, we distributed \$59,000 in donations to 15 organizations:

All Peoples Christian Center
Blind Children’s Center
Braille Institute Youth Program
Catholic Social Services
El Centro Del Pueblo
Homeboy Industries
Lions Camp at Teresita Pines

L.A. Optometric Center
Proyecto Pastoral
Salvation Army Youth Center
School on Wheels
Shakespeare at Play
St. Johns Wellchild Center
Student Speakers Foundation
Transit People

The market value fund balance as of February 29, 2008 was \$1,149,301, including \$36,888 in the Clyde Martyn Fund.

We, the directors of Lark Ellen, want to extend our thanks to the members of our Lions Club and to other friends for their donations to our foundation this fiscal year. We sincerely hope that you will continue your financial support, through direct donations or through United Way, as well as in your will. All donations to Lark Ellen Lions Charities are tax deductible.

The TABS Group were selected by your directors to make the annual audit and to prepare the tax returns and other regulatory reports for the fiscal year ended February 29, 2008. Since October 1, 1999, we have utilized Chelsea Management Company as our investment advisor.

Finally, I want to express my sincere personal thanks to the directors for their dedication which, together with your financial support, continue to make Lark Ellen Lions Charities such an important and successful project of the L.A. Host Lions Club.

Peter H. Ulrich, President

Happy Birthday

July Birthstone: Ruby

July 1 st	Nelson Galvez
July 2 nd	Bob Himrod
July 4 th	The USA !!
July 14 th	Irene Lewis
July 19 th	Esau Tenorio

L.A. HOST HAPPENINGS

June Board Meeting

Past President Peter Ulrich ably presided. The minutes of the May meeting were approved as distributed, and the Treasurer's Report was likewise approved.

With deep regrets the Board accepted President Esau Tenorio's request to remove his name from the list of nominated officers for next year. We appreciate his year of service with a record induction of four new Lions. Past President/Past District Governor Dudley Lang accepted the Board's nomination as club president for the new business year upon us. Dudley will shepherd the club through a transitional year, permitting new Lions to acquire orientation and initial experience in Lionism before subsequently, if they wish, offering their talents to posts which will later open.

The Flag Day ceremony at Betty Plasencia School was a success and now we ponder having a Christmas party there with food distribution to impoverished families of students. We have set Friday, December 12th as the date for our annual Christmas Luncheon at the Biltmore Hotel featuring the Beverly Hills High School Madrigal Singers led by Joel Pressman.

Our next Board meeting will be on Wednesday, July 16th at Taix Restaurant.

June Programs

June 13: The Annual Members Meeting of Lark Ellen Lions Charities was held to elect directors and to receive President Pete Ulrich's annual report (*see page 2*), Chelsea Management's review of our investment portfolio, and the financial report for the fiscal year ended February 29, 2008. A Board meeting followed with the election of Pete Ulrich as President, Bob Himrod as Vice President, Marion Douglas as Secretary, and Dudley Lang as Treasurer.

June 21: The L.A. Host Lions Club annual Installation Dinner was held on the evening of June 21st at Taix Restaurant. *Story on page 1.*

June 27: In view of the annual Installation Dinner, the L.A. Host Lions Club was dark on June 27th.

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.district4-L1.orgs

Calendar of Events

- July 4 **Independence Day**
- July 11 **Regular Club Meeting**
SCLEI Update
Noon, Taix Restaurant
- July 12 **Eagle Rock Lions 70th**
6:00 p.m. Reception;
7:00 p.m. Dinner
Brookside CC, Pasadena
- July 14 **Lark Ellen Board Mtg.**
Noon, Taix Restaurant
- July 16 **Club Board Meeting**
Noon, Taix Restaurant
- July 25 **Regular Club Meeting**
School on Wheels
Noon, Taix Restaurant
- July 25 **Metro First Nighters**
Glendale Hilton
100 West Glenoaks Blvd.
Glendale, California
- July 26 **Metro Reg. Cabinet Mtg.**
and Installation Dinner
Glendale Hilton
- Aug 8 **Regular Club Meeting**
Noon, Taix Restaurant
- Aug 20 **Club Board Meeting**
Noon, Taix Restaurant

About our Members

David M. Bermudez
 By Lion Dick Radl

In the June issue new member David M. Bermudez described family background, growing up, education. Let's listen to him as he continues describing how he helped make Echo Park a better place in which to live: "I grew up in a household where my parents were adamant about cleanliness around our home and street. As a community activist I began fighting the battle against graffiti along with many of my neighbors. We were the original 'Graffiti Busters.' Soon we formed the Silver Lake Improvement Association which began to address the blight in the neighborhood, including graffiti, trash, drug dealing, and the gang presence. Approximately fourteen years ago I was introduced to and employed by Central City Action Committee, the Echo Park based youth program. They were beginning to receive funding for graffiti abatement in the immediate area. As they say, the rest is history. Over these many years, CCAC and I have - unbelievably - been abating graffiti in the Metropolitan Los Angeles area." - to be concluded

HUMOR
 &
 WISDOM



Short and Sweet, Part II:

The irony of life is that, by the time you're old enough to know your way around, you're not going anywhere.

God made man before woman so as to give him time to think of an answer for her first question.

I was always taught to respect my elders, but it keeps getting harder to find one.

Every morning is the dawn of a new error.



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