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Lion President Dudley Lang

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### Installation of L.A. Host Officers and Directors

The officers and directors of the L.A. Host Lions Club for 2009-2010 were duly recognized and installed on Saturday evening, June 27<sup>th</sup> at the well attended 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Installation Dinner held at Taix Restaurant.

Lion Pete Ulrich served as emcee, and PDG Doude Wysbeek was installing officer. Lion Hillard Street provided the musical entertainment, and Lion Marion Douglas furnished the printed programs.

Lion President Dudley Lang recognized the many L.A. Host Lions who have contributed to a successful year, and presented Harry J. Aslan Fellowships made possible by gifts from Lark Ellen Lions Charities to the MD-4 Student Speakers Foundation.

We look forward to a growth of membership and another successful Lions year in 2009-2010.

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

On June 15<sup>th</sup>, nearly one thousand students sang, 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, as well as the birthday of Betty Plasencia whose volunteer work resulted in naming the school in her honor.

Lion David Bermudez presented a full size American Flag for the school flagpole made available by the office of Congressman Xavier Becerra, and the local Boy Scout troop served as color guard during the presentation and demonstrated the proper technique of folding the Flag. Recognizing Lions' service to the community, Principal Eleanor Vargas Page introduced L.A. Host Lions Carol Mares and Dudley Lang each of whom spoke of the important opportunities of citizenship and the many blessings of freedom.



L-R with portrait of Betty Plasencia: Lions Dr. Fredy Perez, Carol Mares, and David Bermudez, guest Michael Mares, Principal Eleanor Vargas Page, and Lions Dudley Lang, Gilbert Mares and Linda Zahradka

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

### July 10, 2009: "Dolores Mission"

**Ms. Dana Valenzuela**, Director of Development, will present an update of the programs and activities of Dolores Mission Church and School.

### July 24, 2009: "White Cane Day"

**Lion Sally Torres**, Past President of the Montebello Lions Club who has conducted many White Cane programs held in October of each year, will discuss the goals of White Cane and how to plan and carry out a successful campaign.



*May  
God  
Bless  
America*

### Poet's Dilemma By Lion Dick Radl

Yes, I think I have more to play,  
But a string broke in my lute;  
I grant there be more to say,  
But vague ideas bear no fruit.

But wait, strings and lute lie inside;  
They never leave, they forever abide.  
Dormant deep inside, that's where they lie;  
Find another chord, they do not die.  
So my witness be, I'll not ask when;  
I never really stopped; I keep on again.

## LARK ELLEN LIONS CHARITIES 2009 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 28, 2009, donations totaling \$1,116,947 have been made by Lark Ellen to youth-serving organizations in our community. During the past fiscal year, we distributed \$39,300 in donations to 15 organizations:

All Peoples Christian Center	Mona Foundation
Blind Children's Center	L.A. Optometric Center
Braille Institute Youth Program	Proyecto Pastoral
Catholic Social Services	Salvation Army Youth Center
El Centro Del Pueblo	School on Wheels
ECDP Leo Club	Shakespeare at Play
Homeboy Industries	Transit People
Homies Unidos	

The market value fund balance as of February 28, 2009 was \$739,862, including \$25,011 in the Clyde Martyn Fund, down from a year ago because of the current bear market.

The TABS Group was 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 28, 2009. 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 2nd	Bob Himrod
July 4th	The USA !!
July 14th	Irene Lewis

**L.A. HOST HAPPENINGS**

**June Board Meeting**

President Dudley Lang presided. The May minutes were accepted as distributed. The general account report from the Treasurer was accepted as presented; the charity account portion was unavailable for technical reasons. We had a warm review of the June 15th Flag Day at the Betty Plasencia school. The school children, teaching staff, and visiting adults were all thrilled by this opportunity to share their feelings of patriotism as close to 1,000 flags were distributed. We are making this an annual event. We are going forward with plans to participate in the Echo Park Lake Park Festival with an Eyemobile screening. We plan to have ads in both the Epian Ways and EP Trading Post, local periodicals. We are looking into purchasing attractive, distinctive polo shirts replete with Lions logo for wear by L.A. Host Lions. Our Membership Committee will hold a meeting on July 2nd. Excellent program speakers are lined up for the next few months.

Our next board meeting is on Wednesday, July 15th. Please attend.

**June Programs**

**June 12<sup>th</sup>:** 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 28, 2009. 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 26<sup>th</sup>.** In view of the annual Installation Dinner, the L.A. Host Lions Club was dark.

**June 27<sup>th</sup>.** The L.A. Host Lions Club annual Installation Dinner was held on the evening of June 27<sup>th</sup> at Taix Restaurant. *Story on page 1.*

**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.district4l1.org](http://www.district4l1.org)

**Calendar of Events**

- July 4 **Happy 4th of July !!**
- July 10 **Regular Club Meeting Dolores Mission**  
Noon, Taix Restaurant
- July 15 **Club Board Meeting**  
Noon, Taix Restaurant
- July 24 **Regular Club Meeting White Cane Day**  
Noon, Taix Restaurant
- July 24-25 **Metro Cabinet Meeting**  
Doubletree Hotel  
Rosemead, California
- Aug 14 **Regular Club Meeting**  
Noon, Taix Restaurant
- Aug 19 **Club Board Meeting**  
Noon, Taix Restaurant
- Aug 28 **Regular Club Meeting**  
Noon, Taix Restaurant

**About our Members**

Prairie 911 - Part Four  
By Lion Dick Radl

Early on I decided that to become successful in life I must adopt the posture and visage displayed in group pictures of clinic doctors, particularly those of the founders, Drs Quain and Ramstad. There they were, hands reposed in lap, head tilted back, chin slightly elevated. Self-contained, poised, a bit aloof but not arrogant, with a hint of smile. Yet I never wanted to become a doctor. The engineer and fireman in our first article came into my life in 1948 when they were transferred from freight to passenger. A student at Jamestown College 100 miles east of Bismarck, I sometimes made weekend phone requests to my parents. My mother would heat the preserved, canned grouse, Hungarian partridge, prairie chicken, or ring-necked pheasant my father and I shot during season and she would supplement it with potatoes and carrots. My father would hand the huge thermos container to these men up in the cab at the Bismarck stop. With hungry classmates I made the pickup at the Jamestown station platform. Besides the Northern Pacific, Bismarck was also blessed with the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault (pronounced sue) St. Marie. - continued.

**HUMOR  
&  
WISDOM**



**Observations**

Business conventions are important because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without.

Why is it that at class reunions you feel younger than everyone else looks?

Do you realize that in about 40 years, we'll have thousands of old people running around with tattoos? And rap music will be the Golden Oldies!



### L.A. Host Lions Club

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**2 Year Directors**  
Saundra Bryant  
Peter Ulrich  
Dr. Fredy Perez

**1 Year Directors**  
Marion Douglas  
Muriel Scharf  
David Bermudez

#### Lions District 4-L-1 Officers

District Governor .....	<b>David Hebebrand</b> (661) 823-8516
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#### International Officers

International President .....	<b>Eberhard J. Wirfs</b> Hessen, Germany
First Vice President .....	<b>Sydney L. Scruggs III</b> Vass, North Carolina
Second Vice President .....	<b>pending election</b>

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