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Happy Everything!!

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Lion President Dudley Lang

President's Message

The first Board meeting of the new year proved to be a head start for the L.A. Host Lions Club toward a successful 2008-2009. The directors approved amendments to the Bylaws for submission to the club members, approved a full slate of committee appointments, and opened the subject of a club fundraiser in 2009, a key agenda item for the Board meeting on August 20th. Especially gratifying was the active participation of our new members, all of whom generously volunteered to serve on multiple committees – a great sign.

Sincerely, PDG Dudley

Lion Bob Himrod's 90th

A contingent of L.A. Host Lions joined the Himrod family and friends in the "Knothole" Room at Angel Stadium in Anaheim on June 28th (an away game day) to celebrate Past President Bob Himrod's 90th birthday. With a nice view of Angel Field, everyone enjoyed peanuts, finger food and beer, along with a delightful multimedia presentation of Himrod family events, trips and activities, accompanied by nostalgic music. A perfect setting to recall the good times.

Congratulations to Lion Bob from all of the L.A. Host Lions!

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LA Host President PDG Dudley Lang with SCLEI President PDG David Stewart



LA Host Lions with Bob Himrod Angel fan number 90!



LA Host Lions President Dudley Lang congratulates 90th Birthday celebrant Lion Bob Himrod.

UPCOMING

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

Regular Meeting, August 8, 2008:
"Long Term Care"

Mrs. Florie Leddel, a certified authority on long term care (CLTC) will inform us about the continuum of care, housing and services people may need when they live a long life, and how to provide payment for these resources.

Regular Meeting, August 22, 2008
"Shakespeare at Play"

Lion Debbie Gates and a troupe of talented actors from Shakespeare at Play will present an entertaining medley of scenes from the works of Shakespeare and other classical playwrights. We urge everyone to invite your friends and other Lions to join us for this most enjoyable event.



*May
God
Bless
America*

Dorian Gray and Hamlet

By Lion Dick Radl

Oscar Wilde's novel
has a handsome young man's face never age,
A portrait in attic reveals the soul's actual stage.
The unmodified visage falsely conceals
Sins and misdeeds the portrait fully reveals.

Granted
most mankind never reaches this rigid extent;
However, any distortion we should try to prevent.
As an alternate path hold this in lieu,
"This above all to thy own self be true..."
Polonius asks Laertes to practice if he can
"Thou canst not then be false to any man."

DISTRICT (AND OTHER) HAPPENINGS

Metro Region Cabinet Meeting and Installation. Metro Region Chair Diann Wirth and DG Ron Burdick arranged for an outstanding Metro Region Cabinet Meeting and Installation on July 25-26, 2008 at the Glendale Hilton where the guest of honor and installing officer was International Director Dana Biggs. Attending the event were L.A. Host Lions Dudley Lang (with his wife Gail), Marion Douglas and Dick Radl (who gave a report on LCIF and CSFII).

USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum. The 2008 USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum will be held on September 18-20, 2008 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. Living along the banks of the mighty South Saskatchewan river, the quarter-million residents of Saskatoon consider themselves lucky to be where they are and proud to extend their western Canadian hospitality to all visitors. The Forum will always be the Forum with great keynote presenters, valuable seminars and warm Lions Fellowship. See <https://usacanadalionsforum.org/>.

Sierra Region Cabinet Meeting. On October 17-18, 2008, District 4-L1 Lions will gather at Walker, California and just up the road at Lake Topaz for the Sierra Region Cabinet Meeting. Region Chair Baldo Giorgi and his wife Lion Sandie are working on all the arrangements. We expect that reasonable meal costs will partially offset high gasoline costs, and there is talk of chartering a bus. See the August issue of *4-L1 Today* for details.

2009 Cabinet Meetings. The Valley Region Cabinet Meeting being planned by Region Chair Nancy Hayakawa is scheduled for January 24-25, 2009 at the Airtel Hotel in Van Nuys, California. The Desert Region Cabinet Meeting is scheduled for March 13-14, 2009 in Palmdale, California. See upcoming issues of *4-L1 Today* for details.

MD-4 Convention. The 2009 Multiple District Four Convention is scheduled for February 13-15, 2009 in Fresno, California. As the dates become closer, see <http://www.md4lions.org/> 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 2009 issue of *4-L1 Today* for details.

Happy Birthday

**August Birthstone:
Peridot**

August 3rd Carlos Martinez

August 7th Tom Himrod

L.A. HOST HAPPENINGS

July Board Meeting

President Dudley Lang presided at the July 16th Board meeting. The minutes of the June meeting were accepted as distributed, without correction, and Treasurer Linda Zahradka's report was likewise accepted. Proposed Bylaws changes enabling fusion of contemporary practice and original written intent were read, explained and approved. These modifications will be presented to members at the July 25th regular meeting for ratification.

This first Board meeting of the new business year was designed to expand the standing and activity committee assignments made at the May 9th planning meeting. All four new club members were present, affording an opportunity to delineate the nature and purposes of the committees and how they are fashioned to satisfy club needs and goals. Benefited by this explanation, the entire group response was electric in enthusiasm. Filling additional positions in committees served as a catapult into a vision of future fundraising possibilities, such as a CrabFest in 2009. The depth and range of detailed planning is well recognized.

Our next Board meeting is at noon on Wednesday, August 20th at Taix Restaurant.

July Programs

July 11: PDG David Stewart, President of the Southern California Lions Eye Institute, presented a brief history of SCLEI and an update of its funding of eye surgery for needy patients and its eye clinic providers. During the question period, PDG Dave explained SCLEI's policy on the ineligibility of patients who are not in this country legally, but he noted that SCLEI patients are not required to prove their status. Several L.A. Host Lions suggested that the policy be reconsidered.

July 25: Ms. Agnes Stevens and Matt Rabb presented an update on the programs and activities of School on Wheels. Hundreds of volunteers donate tens of thousands of hours tutoring school-age children who live in shelters, in motels, in the streets and in automobiles, providing stability which is otherwise lacking. The kids also receive backpacks, school uniforms, supplies, and bus money. Ms. Stevens was recently nominated for the World's Children's Prize for Rights of the Child for the for her efforts.

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.org

Calendar of Events

- Aug 8 **Regular Club Meeting**
Long Term Care
Noon, Taix Restaurant
- Aug 8-10 **Sunland-Tujunga Lions Watermelon Festival**
Sunland Park, Sunland
- Aug 20 **Club Board Meeting**
Noon, Taix Restaurant
- Aug 22 **Regular Club Meeting**
Shakespeare at Play
Noon, Taix Restaurant
- Aug 25 **Lark Ellen Board Mtg.**
Noon, Taix Restaurant
- Sept 12 **Governor's Visitation**
Noon, Taix Restaurant
- Sept 17 **Club Board Meeting**
Noon, Taix Restaurant

About our Members

David M. Bermudez, Part III

By Lion Dick Radl

In our second article from new Lion David M. Bermudez we read of his initial and ongoing community services though graffiti removal. Now listen carefully as he presents his concluding remarks. "I was able to utilize the many skills learned from foremost, my father, and then the multitude of vocational classes I attended in high school and junior college and the various jobs I held. I have welcomed the many opportunities which have come to me in my community work. These experiences have enabled me to enhance my leadership skills and with my work at CCAC, managing our City Of Los Angeles funded graffiti abatement program. I have also led community groups in applying for and implementing publicly funded community beautification projects. I now look forward to working with the Los Angeles Host Lions and the local community in providing leadership building opportunities to the local youth. I can't say I have any hobbies, but I did begin collecting miniature Chinese Mud Figurines when I attended my first Lotus Festival at Echo Park Lake fourteen years ago."

HUMOR
&
WISDOM



It was a sunny morning on the first hole of a busy course. I was beginning my pre-shot routine with a few practice swings when a piercing voice came over the club house loudspeaker, "Would the gentleman on the woman's tee back up to the men's tee please!" I could feel every eye on the course looking at me. The loudspeaker voice repeated the demand. I finally stopped, turned, cupped my hands and shouted back, "Would the idiot with the microphone kindly keep quiet and let me play my second shot!"



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