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Kudos to the L.A. Host Lions who have been busy from the get-go to carry out club projects, so far including:

- We amended our Bylaws to require Board approval of committee appointments, and the Board has approved this year's appointments.
- Treasurer Linda Zahradka has submitted draft budgets for the general and charity accounts.
- Lion Marion Douglas is finishing up this year's club directory.
- Lion Muriel Scharf and her committee are working on a new club brochure to promote the club.
- Lion Gilbert Mares continues to arrange outstanding programs for our regular club meetings.
- We continue to publish the LA Host Herald on a monthly basis.
- Our Leo Club Committee is very active. *See adjacent column.*
- Lions Marion Douglas and Linda Zahradka are making arrangements for our annual Christmas Luncheon at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel.
- Our committees are working on a Christmas Party and a Flag Day event at Betty Plasencia School.
- Lion Dick Radl is gearing up for the Student Speakers Contest.
- Eyemobile screenings are being arranged this spring at All Peoples C.C. and at an Echo Park location.
- We will participate in the District Convention Food Faire in May. Root beer floats anyone?

NICE GOING LIONS !!

L.A. Host Lions Sponsor El Centro Del Pueblo Leo Club

Sixteen charter members of the newly formed El Centro Del Pueblo Leo Club, their parents and L.A. Host Lions will gather at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, September 19th to celebrate the formation of the new Leo Club, the second sponsored by the L.A. Host Lions Club. The event will be held at the ECDP youth facility at 1157 Lemoyne Street, about 1-1/2 blocks from Taix Restaurant. Dinner will be served. PDG Doude Wysbeek will officiate the ceremonies.

The ECDP Leo Club will maintain communication with the L.A. Red Shield Leo Club actively operating in the Pico Union area, for which Lion Irene Lewis is the Lion Advisor.

L.A. Host Lion Carlos Martinez will serve as the Lion Advisor for the ECDP Leo Club. Under his leadership, the ECDP Leos have already taken on several projects, including:

- In June, a camping event and a beach clean-up event;
- In July, a strategic planning meeting;
- In August, a pull-top drive and a BBQ event at the Ronald McDonald House at L.A. Childrens Hospital;
- In September, the Leos plan to participate in a Cancer Walk.

The L.A. Host Lions Club is proud to support two Leo Clubs with such fine leadership and accomplishments.

UPCOMING

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

Regular Meeting, September 12, 2008: "Governor's Visitation"

District Governor Ron Burdick, along with members of his Cabinet, will make an official visitation to the L.A. Host Club. He will discuss the themes and goals of Lions Clubs International, as well as his own goals for District 4-L1.

Regular Meeting, September 26, 2008 "Lions South of the Border"

PDG Vicente Martinez Barrios from Lions District B-1 (Baja and Sonora, Mexico) will talk about Lions activities in Mexico and how Mexican and American Lions are working together for the good of our communities.



*May
God
Bless
America*

Mountain and Valley By Lion Dick Radl

In valleys below
we till the soil, raise our crops, tend our sheep.
Glancing up at mountains snow, crests so steep.
Climbers linked by ropes to spare their fall;
Here below invisible bonds protect us all.
Understand those climbing dangerous slopes so high
Be no closer than we below to touch the sky.
Envy not they who seek lofty ascent,
With home and hearth below remain content.

DISTRICT (AND OTHER) HAPPENINGS

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

September Birthstone: Sapphire

All of these famous people were born in the month of September: Richard I, "the Lion-Hearted," (1157); Elizabeth I (1533); James Fenimore Cooper (1789); Antonin Dvořák (1841); Anna Mary Robertson "Grandma Moses" (1860); Robert A. Taft (1889); James A. Van Allen (1914); Patsy Cline (1932); and Buddy Holly (1936). Unless your editors missed something, no active L.A. Host Lion was born in the month of September.

L.A. HOST HAPPENINGS

August Board Meeting

President Dudley Lang presided at the August 20th Board meeting. The minutes of the July meeting were accepted as distributed. Copies of the latest Bylaws were ready. Along with regular monthly reports, Treasurer Linda Zahradka presented an annual budget for group consideration.

Past President Marion Douglas distributed a proof for this years club directory, and Past President Muriel Scharf reported progress on a new club brochure. We are on target for the December 12th Christmas Luncheon at the Biltmore Hotel, and Past President Dr. Fredy Perez is establishing contact with the Betty Plasencia School concerning a students Christmas party with possible food distribution.

A second Leo Club, augmenting that already established at the Red Shield Salvation Army Youth Center, is ready for induction/installation ceremonies on Friday, September 19th at El Centro Del Pueblo.

August Programs

August 11: Mrs. Florie Leddel, a certified authority on long term care (CLTC) presented an informative program 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. The presentation was thorough and understandable.

August 25: Lion Debbie Gates and a troupe of talented actors from *Shakespeare at Play* presented an entertaining medley of scenes from the works of Shakespeare. Introduced by Director of Operations Donn Angelos, the players captivated the audience with scenes from *The Taming of the Shrew* and other great Shakespeare moments, and even involved the L.A. Host Lions and guests in an animated rendition of the "To be or not to be" soliloquy from *Hamlet*.

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

- Sept 6 **Open House: Lions Camp at Teresita Pines**
- Sept 12 **Regular Club Meeting**
Governor's Visitation
Noon, Taix Restaurant
- Sept 17 **Club Board Meeting**
Noon, Taix Restaurant
- Sept 18-20 **USA-Canada Forum**
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
- Sept 19 **Leo Club Induction and Installation Ceremonies**
El Centro Del Pueblo
- Sept 26 **Regular Club Meeting**
Lions South of the Border
Noon, Taix Restaurant
- Oct 10 **Regular Club Meeting**
Trek Along the Amazon
Noon, Taix Restaurant
- Oct 15 **Club Board Meeting**
Noon, Taix Restaurant
- Oct 17-18 **Sierra Reg. Cabinet Mtg.**
Lake Topaz, Nevada

About our Members

Robert M Himrod
By Lion Dick Radl

Bob Himrod, a Past President of L.A. Host who recently celebrated his 90th birthday, was born at Good Samaritan in L.A. to mother Ada Belle and father William B. Himrod. He attended public Schools through the 12th grade; graduated Pomona College 1940, magna cum laude in economics; and trained in law at Yale Law School and 1947 Loyola Los Angeles. He started practice in June, 1947. He married Jane Betts in 1941, and they have five children, three grandchildren, and a great grandson. Bob conducted a solo law practice mostly except for ten year partnership as Powers, Himrod and Pepys. He and his son Tom practiced together from 1982 until 2002. Bob moved the law office to his home five years ago. He joined Lions in 1982 sponsored by Walter Herz. Jane and Bob started back packing in their late sixties, climbing Mount Whitney in 1987. Bob has been up twice since, once with son Bill and lastly with Tom. Jane and Bob have done a lot of hiking in the high east end of Yosemite, and have traveled to Europe, Central America, and Asia. They attended the earlier Hong Kong Lions Convention with Tom, Rose, Sandra and Leo. Jane and Bob live in Fullerton in excellent health. They should be around for a long time.

HUMOR
&
WISDOM



Sunday School kids say the darnedest things:

Ancient Egypt was old. It was inhabited by gypsies and mummies who all wrote in hydraulics. They lived in the Sarah Dessert. The climate of the Sarah is such that all the inhabitants have to live elsewhere.

Moses led the Hebrew slaves to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients. Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten commandos. He died before he ever reached Canada, but the commandos made it.

Solomon had three hundred wives and seven hundred porcupines. He was a actual hysterical figure as well as being in the bible. It sounds like he was sort of busy too.



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