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### President's Message

As we approach the holiday season, let's reflect on the many contributions of Lionism within our community and to humanity throughout the world.

Think of Campaign SightFirst which has distributed over \$211 million to save the sight of 27 million people worldwide and to help eradicate river blindness in South America.

Think of Campaign SightFirst II, raising an additional \$200 million to continue to preserve the precious gift of sight for millions more. Think of selfless volunteers like Lion Dick Radl who coordinated the successful fund raising efforts in Lions District 4-L1.

Think of the contributions by Lark Ellen Lions Charities which since 1978 has distributed over \$1 million for the benefit of youth in the Los Angeles inner city.

Think of L.A. Host Lions Sandra Bryant, Muriel Scharf, Irene Lewis, Sandra Figueroa, Debbie Gates, Tim Adams, Carlos Martinez, and David Bermudez who devote their professional lives to inspiring young people to succeed in life.

Think of the L.A. Host sponsorship of two inner-city Leo Clubs to help instill in young people the ethic of service to the community.

Think of Monsignor Gregory Cox who devotes his life to self sacrifice and spiritual guidance.

And think of all of the L.A. Host Lions who devote their time and treasure to help make a difference.

**Well done, Lions!**

Sincerely, Dudley Lang

### Annual Christmas Luncheon Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

The L.A. Host Lions Club will hold its Annual Christmas Luncheon on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel at 506 South Grand Avenue in downtown Los Angeles. A delicious luncheon will be served along with the beautiful holiday music of the widely acclaimed Beverly Hills High School Madrigal Singers led by Joel Pressman.

This is not a fundraising event; Lions Linda Zahradka and Marion Douglas are working to hold down the cost to last year's level. Every guest will receive a Christmas gift from Santa. L.A. Host Lions are encouraged to bring guests and to bring wrapped gifts for our guests.

### Echo Park Community Parade

The L.A. Host Lions Club will participate in the Echo Park Community Parade on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, beginning at noon. Our parade entry will consist of a late model convertible with L.A. Host Lions Club signage in which Lions members will ride, and alongside which Leo Club members will walk the parade route and distribute Lions balloons. The L.A. Host entry will be located between Shakespeare at Play, and the Lions District 4-L1 Eyemobile.

L.A. Host Lion Carlos Martinez is in charge of the community parade and will announce all of the entries as they reach the prime viewing location.

## UPCOMING

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

### Regular Meeting, November 14, 2008: "Global Peace Jam"

**Past President Sandra Bryant**, along with high school students from All Peoples Christian Center will report on Peace Jam's recent Global Call to Action Conference held for three days in September at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles with seven Nobel laureates in attendance.

### November 28, 2008

#### "Dark"

There will be no meeting in deference to the Thanksgiving weekend.



*May  
God  
Bless  
America*

### Thanksgiving Home - then and now

By Lion Dick Radl

I can show the tables, chairs, each dinner plate,  
Family, friends, exchange students- where we ate.  
But hour glass drained, and family tables now bare;  
Everyone disbanded, gone off to when and where.  
Whiz, whiz, whiz - it all happened so fast;  
Now I'm left with dusty cobwebs of past.

Seeking directions, staring into stranger's face;  
Requesting knowledge, which path to embrace.  
Yet, some place out there a table is set;  
Keep groping to find it -not there yet.

## Leo Club Members Participate in Flagship Leadership Development Program

The L.A. Host Lions Club has sponsored two Leo Clubs: the L.A. Red Shield Leo Club (for which Lion Irene Lewis is the Advisor) and the El Centro Del Pueblo Leo Club (for which Lion Carlos Martinez is the Advisor). Both Leo Clubs are participating in the Los Angeles Youth Leadership Council (LAYLC), an innovative leadership development collaborative that brings together high school students and staff from six inner-city youth centers.

Since its inception, the Los Angeles Youth Leadership Council has helped more than 300 at-risk teens develop leadership skills. Programs include monthly student meetings, volunteer efforts and community service, SAT prep and college tours, leadership camp, forums with high-profile guest speakers, and job training workshops. Given the drop-out rate in Los Angeles, a most impressive statistic is that every one of the high school seniors last year graduated from high school and went on to some form of higher education.

LAYLC students, many of whom come from low-performing schools and gang-ridden neighborhoods, represent their youth centers at civic and community events across the city and county.

The Los Angeles Youth Leadership Council mirrors the **Leo Club Motto:**

**Leadership** - Leos develop skills as organizers, time managers and motivators of their peers.

**Experience** - Leos learn the importance of cooperation through community service.

**Opportunity** - Membership provides young people with a chance to excel, to develop positive character traits, and to receive recognition for their contributions to the community.

Through the LAYLC, the Leo Club Programs at The Salvation Army Red Shield and El Centro del Pueblo have been enhanced and strengthened as Leo members show increased leadership skills and a deep desire to make a difference in their communities.

## Happy Birthday

### November Birthstones: Topaz and Citrine

Nov. 1st	Msgr. Gregory Cox
Nov. 4th	Richard Stebbins
Nov. 10th	Richard Radl
Nov. 24th	Peter Ulrich

**L.A. HOST HAPPENINGS**

**October Board Meeting**

President Dudley Lang presided the October 15th Board meeting. The September minutes were accepted as distributed. Under President Dudley's direction we concluded the effort, initiated at the beginning of his term, of preparing the budget for the year, meticulous in detail, for both the general account and the charity account. Our Christmas party on December 12th at the Biltmore Hotel will again have the Beverly Hills Madrigal Singers and will be augmented by dispensation of Melvin Jones Fellowships to seven deserving recipients. Past President Irene Lewis related the interface of the newly founded El Centro del Pueblo Leo Club and the established Red Shield Leo club in monthly meetings with the overall Los Angeles Youth Leadership Council. The El Centro Leos will be inducted after the first of the year. Our club will be an entrant at the Saturday, December 13th Echo Park parade, replete with an open top convertible. The Eyemobile will be on exhibit as a symbol of Lions activities. The next Board meeting will be on Wednesday, November 19th. Come to help establish our goals and direct the way to them.

**October Programs**

**October 10:** Doude Wysbeek, PDG, presented a travelogue, complete with photos, about his adventurous trek along the Amazon in Peru and his experiences with the tribesmen in villages along the way. He related the greater outside exposure on people traveling in boats along the Amazon as compared with people living in the interior whose culture and practices are more isolated.

**October 24:** In a special meeting held at El Centro Del Pueblo, Lion Carlos Martinez and Fernando Chacon presented updates on the activities and programs of ECDP. Legislative Aide Andrea Ambriz and Field Representative Alana Yañez filled in for Assemblyman Kevin De León to update us on the legislative priorities supported by Assemblyman De León in his new position as Chair of the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**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**

- Nov 14 Regular Club Meeting**  
 "Global Peace Jam"  
 Noon, Taix Restaurant
- Nov 19 Club Board Meeting**  
 Noon, Taix Restaurant
- Nov 27 Happy Thanksgiving!**
- Nov 28 No Meeting**
- Dec 12 Christmas Luncheon**  
 11:30 a.m.  
 Millennium Biltmore Hotel
- Dec 13 Echo Park Parade**  
 starting at noon
- Dec 17 Club Board Meeting**  
 Noon, Taix Restaurant

**Look for  
 El Centro Del Pueblo Leo Club  
 Installation Dinner  
 to be announced**

**About our Members**

**Robert J. Morales, Part II**

By Lion Dick Radl

Robert has traveled the world in search of the sequential sacred places within Nature herself. For fifteen years he studied Tai Chi prior to travels to Asia, Europe, and Latin America. Also, he is a student of Landmark Education. Now he plans a new life (post retirement) building a Ranch Health Spa Meditation Center (Sanctuary For Humans). He is writing a book entitled "Yoga for Men." Robert has great interest in the subject of Neuro Linguistics Programming. Interest in Holistic and Alternative Medicine led to membership in a Native American Indian sweat lodge where ceremony and ritual are traditional ways of healing through invocation of the spirit world as an alternate modality for good health. In traveling, he enjoys great food and riding motorcycles, along with the Arts in general. Teacher and writer, Robert is passionate about self discovery and he Human Potential Movement, while watching our youth enthusiastically unfold their possibilities. Thank you new Lion, Robert, for opening the door to acquaint us with your many talents and full, rich life.

**HUMOR  
 &  
 WISDOM**



**PUN INTENDED:**

The roundest knight at King Arthur's court was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.

I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.

She was only a whisky maker, but he loved her still.

A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.

The butcher backed into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.



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