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President's Message

The L.A. Host Lions look forward to the many blessings of the holiday season, a period of celebration, gifts, parties and amusement. As reported on this page, we look forward on Friday, December 12th to the Annual Christmas Luncheon at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel, and on the next day to our participation in the annual Echo Park Community Parade. Not long after that on January 30th, we will host a dinner welcoming the charter members and officers of the El Centro Del Pueblo Leo Club, the second Leo Club sponsored by the L.A. Host Lions Club.

We just received another blessing in the form of a check from the California State Controller in the amount of \$13,840.68 derived from unclaimed bank accounts left by the former Echo Park Lions Club. Many thanks to Lions Dr. Fredy Perez and Marion Douglas for pursuing our claim to these funds which have been deposited in our Charity Account, bolstering this year's charity budget.

Finally, I take this opportunity to thank the L.A. Host Lions for their commitment to service and for their work on behalf of our community, and to wish every one and their families a Merry, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely, Dudley Lang



Annual Christmas Luncheon Friday, December 12th

The L.A. Host Lions Club will hold its Annual Christmas Luncheon on Friday, December 12th 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; the ticket price of \$55 (same as last year) covers the food and entertainment. 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 13th, assembly at 10:00 a.m. Our parade entry will consist of a late model convertible to be driven by Lion Irene Lewis followed by the Lions District 4-L1 Eyemobile. L.A. Red Shield Leo Club members will walk the parade distributing Lions balloons.

ECDP Leo Club Installation

The El Centro Del Pueblo Leo Club Installation Dinner will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, January 30, 2009 at Barragan's Restaurant, 1538 Sunset Boulevard in Echo Park. PDG Doude Wysbeek will officiate the induction of charter members and installation of Leo Club officers. Invitations will be sent out with all of the details.

UPCOMING

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

December 12, 2008:

“Christmas Luncheon at the Millennium Biltmore”

See page 1 for a description of the Annual Christmas Luncheon at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel featuring the Beverly Hills High School Madrigal Singers.

December 26, 2008
“Dark”

There will be no meeting in recognition of the Christmas weekend.



*May
God
Bless
America*

Keeping Lost Connections

By Lion Dick Radl

December, approaching Christmas,
Home from work and my Helen would say
“Look at the stack of cards in the mail today!
But I don’t remember a Lois and Phil
And you’ve never mentioned ‘your old pal’ Bill.”

“That couple at the party, wanted to see us again;
So Bill’s still alive, from way back when.
Helen, just keep cards, envelopes in neat pile.
I’ll reply later on - get to it after awhile.”

But after awhile never happens,
Memories further fade;
Cards tossed with wrapping paper, tinsel, tree,
Life’s passing parade.
But really, it doesn’t have to happen this way;
Scrooge himself learned that one Christmas day.

DISTRICT (AND OTHER) HAPPENINGS

Lions Float Decoration. The Lions of District 4-L1 have been assigned the following dates to participate in decorating the Lions Float for the Tournament of Roses Parade on January 1, 2009: Sunday, December 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; and Sunday, December 28th from 5:00 to 11:00 p.m. Leo Clubs are invited to decorate the Float on Friday, December 26th in four shifts from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Valley Region Cabinet Meeting. The Valley Region Cabinet Meeting being planned by Region Chair Nancy Hayakawa is scheduled for January 23-24, 2009 at the Airtel Hotel, 7277 Valjean Avenue Van Nuys, California. Make your reservation directly with the hotel by calling (818) 997-7676 and ask for the Lions rate of \$105 plus tax, which is guaranteed until January 7th. See the current issue of 4-L1 Today for details and meal reservations.

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.

Desert Region Cabinet Meeting. The Desert Region Cabinet Meeting is scheduled for March 13-14, 2009 in Palmdale, California. See the February issue of 4-L1 Today for details.

Proposed Amendments to District Constitution. Lion Marion Douglas, Chair of the District Constitution, Bylaws & Rules Committee, is working on proposed amendments to provide for the new office of Second Vice District Governor adopted at the 2008 International Convention in Bangkok, Thailand.

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

December Birthstones: Turquoise and Blue Topaz

Dec. 1st	Linda Zahradka
Dec. 14th	Rose Himrod
Dec. 17th	Dudley Lang
Dec. 31st	David Bermudez

L.A. HOST HAPPENINGS

November Board Meeting

President Dudley Lang presided the November 19th Board meeting. The October minutes were approved after one correction. In his report, Secretary Dick Radl emphasized the necessity of monthly membership reports being received at Lions International by the 20th of the month, lest they be regarded as tardy. He also reported that four high school students have been lined up to debate at the Friday, February 13th Student Speakers Contest. Director Marion Douglas was ready to distribute attractive fliers heralding the Friday, December 12th Biltmore Emerald Room Christmas party replete with the Beverly Hills High School Madrigal Singers. The ticket price is maintained at \$55 per person. We are in receipt of the Melvin Jones materials to honor seven very worthy Lions at that event. We have procured 200 balloons to be set aloft and make the local community well aware of Lions presence at the Saturday, December 13th Echo Park Community Parade. The Eyemobile screening at the All People's Christian Center on March 28th will be augmented with a second screening at an Echo Park site in October, 2009. The final 2008 Board meeting will be on Wednesday noon, December 17th.

November Programs

November 14: Stephanie Azima of All Peoples Christian Center presented an interesting program about a remarkable three-day event held in September at the Loyola Marymount University campus in Westchester. It was a Global Call to Action Conference put together by Global Peace Jam, an organization that exposes young people to new ideas and the customs of others as a means to develop international understanding. The Conference featured seven Nobel Laureates who lectured on subjects of tolerance and peace. Introduced by Past President Sandra Bryant, Ms. Azima narrated slides and films that featured the comments of All Peoples Christian Center students who attended the event. They enjoyed meeting young people of other lands, but they complained about the box lunches.

November 28: In recognition of the Thanksgiving weekend, no meeting was held.

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.district411.org

Calendar of Events

- Dec 12 Christmas Luncheon
11:30 a.m.
Millennium Biltmore Hotel
- Dec 13 Echo Park Parade
Assemble at 10:00 a.m.
- Dec 17 Club Board Meeting
Noon, Taix Restaurant
- Dec 25 Merry Christmas !
- Dec 26 No Meeting
- Jan 1 Happy New Year !
- Jan 9 Regular Club Meeting
Braille Institute
Noon, Taix Restaurant
- Jan 21 Club Board Meeting
Noon, Taix Restaurant
- Jan 23-24 Valley Cabinet
Meeting
Airtel Hotel, Van Nuys
- Jan 30 El Centro Del Pueblo
Leo Club Installation
Barragan's Restaurant

About our Members

IPDG Tom Himrod

By Lion Dick Radl

L.A. Host suffered a great loss when Lions Tom and Rose Himrod moved to New Mexico in 2003, but as associate members they remain dear to us through the series of articles appearing here. Tom is now an Immediate Past DG. Recently, International President Al Brandel with wife Doctor Maureen Murphy visited the Lions of Tom's District 40 N. IP Brandel appeared at an Indian Reservation on World Sight Day, October 16, 2008 to mark the date as very special. The Arizona and New Mexico eye vans convened to provide screenings in the parking lot of the Navajo Nation Museum in Window Rock, Arizona. The Arizona eye van facilities extended to writing eyeglass prescriptions, helping clients select frames, and mailing the eyeglasses to Lions clubs for delivery.

An Operation KidSight machine was effectively used at a school. Under an open tent in the parking lot, the Arizona unit deployed other vision testing software on laptop computers. IP Brandel and spouse also toured the Navajo Legislative Quarters and exchanged respects with Doctor Joe Shirley, Navajo Nation president. - to be continued.

HUMOR
&
WISDOM



INTERESTING MERGERS:

Hale Business Systems, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Fuller Brush, and W. R. Grace Co. Will merge and become Hale, Mary, Fuller, Grace.

PolyGram Records, Warner Bros., and Zest Crackers join forces and become: Poly, Warner Cracker.

3M will merge with Goodyear and become: MMMGood.

FedEx is expected to join its competitor, UPS, and become: FedUP.



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