President’s Proclamation

Dear Fellow Lions,

To start, I’m writing this the day we found out about the passing of one of our guiding Lions PPG Al Russell. He was instrumental in me becoming a Lion and setting us on the correct way to run our club. It’s a sad day in Lionism.

On a brighter note we have our members meeting 9/12, Lion Pat is going to show us how to make a blanket that she learned about at the International Convention. We will all then make blankets to be donated to an organization that we choose.

Look forward to seeing all of you on the 19th.

Sincerely,
Lion Ray Mahaffay
President

Student Speaker Contest Topic & Schedule:

This year’s topic is Freedom of the Press—What does it Mean? Contest Packets need to be ordered before October 1, 2018 to avoid $25 late fee. Contest Schedule: Club—by February 25, 2019, Zone—by March 18, 2019, Region—by April 8, 2019, District—by April 29, 2019, Area—by May 20, 2019, MD4 Final Contest—on June 8, 2019. Last season, District 4-C4 had a contestant reach the final, earning over $11,000 in scholarships for college. The student is now attending UCLA.

PDG Al Russell Services:

Sunday, September 2, 2018
10 AM Skylawn Memorial Park (Highway 92 & Skyline Blvd)
11:30 AM Interment
Reception immediately following burial
San Mateo ROAR...

Lions Clubs Code of Ethics

♦ **To Show** my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.

♦ **To Seek** success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.

♦ **To Remember** that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another’s; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.

♦ **Whenever** a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.

♦ **To Hold** friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.

♦ **Always** to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state, and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act, and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.

♦ **To Aid** others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.

♦ **To Be Careful** with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.

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Save the Date

9/4 San Bruno Lions 75th Anniversary Dinner
9/8 1st District Cabinet Mtg
9/13 SM Mtg @ The Qube
9/24 PCL Meeting—Location TBA
9/27 Pasta BINGO
9/30 Rocky Lombardi Wine Tasting
10/11 District Governor Visit to SM Lions Club
10/13 Lion Veterans Charities USO Night

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Links to event flyers provided where applicable
Making Memories

When “We Serve” together, we build our club strength, our feeling of family and our sense of purpose.

“We Serve” the community, but we also serve to strengthen the ties that bind us together as Lions and as family.

To Give is To Serve
By: IP Gudrun Yngvadottir

Hello Lions!

As you know, there are many aspects to being a Lion. One of the benefits of being a member of the world’s largest service organization is that you have access to a vast network of support. A very important part of that support is through grants from LCIF. Any district has the opportunity to help its community through applying for an LCIF grant. Read more at—International President’s Message

The Zone Meeting is typically a 1-2 hour meeting held up to 3 times a year for members of the District Governor Advisory Committee, which include the Club President, Club Secretary, & Zone Chair. District & club business are discussed. Club leaders can meet and engage with each other and share ideas. The Zone Meeting is a requisite for the 100% Secretary and Club Excellence Awards.

Volunteers Needed

Second Harvest Food Bank
September 15, 2018
9 AM—12 PM
Contact Lion Elaine to volunteer.
Updated List of Used Eyeglasses Drop Off Sites

Recently updated by Lions Pat, Lou, and Sabrina, here are our used eyeglasses drop off sites:

1. All American Storage
   2000 E. 3rd Avenue, San Mateo, CA (650) 376-0775
2. Site for Sore Eyes
   115 E. 3rd Avenue, San Mateo, CA (650) 347-1500
3. Beresford Recreation Ctr
   2720 Alameda De Las Pulgas, San Mateo, CA (650) 522-7440
4. Senior Center
   2645 Alameda, San Mateo, CA (650) 522-7490
5. Bel Mateo Bowl
   4330 Olympic Ave, San Mateo, CA (650) 441-2616
6. Just for Optical—SM
   200A 2nd Ave, San Mateo, CA (650) 685-8828
7. Redwood City Kaiser Permanente
   1400 Veterans Blvd 2nd Floor, Redwood City, CA

Meet Our New Member, Ken Kupperberg.

My name is Ken Kupperberg. I was born in San Francisco in the Sunset District and moved to San Mateo when I was 13 years old. I attended San Mateo high school.

I decided to join the San Mateo Lions Club as I have been volunteering alongside my wife Sabrina since she joined.

This is the first time in my life that I am embarking on a journey of this nature. Helping individuals that I do not know, and the community that I grew up in. I have always lived a quiet single life style, playing golf and bowling both of which are very individual games. I realize by volunteering my time—something that is not required nor obligated to do I have become enriched.

I do not volunteer for the pursuit of a monetary prize or recognition. I volunteer because the optimist inside me, perhaps the idealist, spikes a glimmer of hope. I now understand the meaning of helping. I see that my time is worth something. I believe that I am capable of inciting change and making progress in someway large or small. Empathy and awareness is often a driving force that comes with this experience. Working side-by-side with others connects me to other human beings as never before. Pulling to reach a common goal through my actions and involvement I am benefiting others as well as myself.

I am so happy to be part of San Mateo Lions and for us as a club to grow stronger together and help serve our community.

Thank you
Lion Ken Kupperberg
Humor...

During the Vietnam war, a Lieutenant asked a Marine why he was falling back during a really fierce battle. "Didn't you hear me say that we're outnumbered 4 to 1?"

The Marine replied, "I got my four Sir."

Source: http://www.dillsborolegion.org/jokesmarine.htm

Condolences / Donations for PDG Al Russell

Condolences may be sent to Loretta Russell and Family, 456 Mariners Island #320, San Mateo CA 94404. Donations to San Carlos Lions Club, c/o Lion Scot Marsters, 990 Cherry St, San Carlos CA 94070.

LCIF Offers Hope in Kerala...

By: LCIF Blog

Kerala, in southwestern India, is known for palm-lined beaches and lush tea and spice plantations. Every year, monsoon season leaves Kerala bright and verdant. But this year is different. This year, Kerala’s annual monsoon is one of the worst since 1924. The last six days have seen more than 200 landslides and dozens of deaths.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has responded with a US$50,000 Major Catastrophe grant, which will allow local Lions to provide food, water, and other immediate needs to the more than 60,000 people displaced by the flooding and landslides.

UPDATE, 08/23/2018

More than 1,000,000 people are now displaced and more than 400 have perished. LCIF has awarded a second Major Catastrophe grant, bringing the total to US$100,000 for relief in the wake this historic calamity, the worst Kerala has seen in a century.

Editor’s Corner...

I remember Past District Governor Al has having a softness that could put any Lion at ease when talking to him. He was not only a Guiding Lion for our club, but also for the Peninsula Veterans Lions Club. I had thought he was a Marine, but I didn’t know he made it to Captain. Per his obit, PDG Al was an alum of San Mateo High School and entered the USMC as a reservist his senior year and active duty after college. He was a prior member of the Burlingame Lions Club before moving to the San Carlos Lions Club. He was a Lion for 55 years and a past PCL president.

Lion John Gill, Newsletter Editor
Lions Clubs International Purpose

- To Organize, charter and supervise service clubs to be known as Lions clubs.
- To Coordinate the activities and standardize the administration of Lions clubs.
- To Create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- To Promote the principles of good government and good citizenship.
- To Take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.
- To Unite the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.
- To Provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.
- To Encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.

Contact Us

Give us a call for more information about our services and meeting times.

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Visit us on the web at www.sanmateolions.org

Regular Meetings: 2nd Thursday Monthly, 6:45pm
The Qube Restaurant
4000 S. El Camino Real, San Mateo

San Mateo Lions ROAR 2018-2019

San Mateo Lions Club, Post Office Box 5623
San Mateo, CA 94402-5623 USA

First Cabinet Meeting Preview - September 8, 8:30 AM to 2 PM, Belmont

Our First Cabinet meeting of the season will be at Belmont Sports Complex at 550 Island Parkway in Belmont behind Oracle. Featured presentations are Lions Eye Foundation and Ear of the Lion/Hearing Foundation. Visiting Governor Guests are: 2nd VDG Linda Pugliese from 4-C6, 1st VDG Juanita Nichols from 4-A3, and District Governor Skip Zehnder from 4-C3. District Committee reports featured include Constitution & Bylaws, Student Speaker Contest, Student Speaker Foundation, Lions Veterans Charities, District Convention, Peace Poster Contest, Lions Alert/Disaster, Peninsula Council of Lions, SF Coordinating Council, Youth Exchange, Sunshine, Rose Parade, Historian, and Lions Quest. PDG Ken Ibarra will speak as candidate for International Director. Agenda includes Club President Announcements for 1 minute, Raffle, District Cabinet Officer Reports, breakfast, lunch, and raffle. Price is $20 in advance, $25 at door. Time is an estimate. Meeting may be shorter than 6 hours. Breakfast is at 8:30, meeting starts at 9 AM. See flyer for RSVP details.