



Cupertino De Anza Lions Roar



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**WEEKLY AM MEETINGS ARE
EVERY THURSDAY AT 9:45 AM
AT HOLDER'S COUNTRY INN, SJ/CUPERTINO
AND
MONTHLY PM MEETINGS ARE THE
FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 6:30 PM
AT TONY & ALBA'S PIZZA & PASTA, SAN JOSE
Zoom information available upon request.**

The Past-President's Post

Past-President Jeff's last message to the Cupertino DeAnza Lions

THE DEANZA LIONS INSPIRE. I've had the tremendous pleasure and honor of serving as Club President since 2013 (Editor's note: that's 9 years, folks!) when the old guard decided it would be a good idea for one of "the PM group" to be President.

During my successive terms, the Club has continued to shine with hands-on service projects. That work has included long-standing community involvement, as well as new service opportunities—think Hunger at Home and Center for Farmworker Families—brought to our Club by members. We've been fortunate in attracting new Lions, further diversifying our membership. Our Lions have found new ways to be involved in the county community, supporting local democracy during election events.

Our Club has also continued successful charity fundraising efforts through many donated hours of time, organization and generous support. Even over the last two years of pandemic, we've continued to serve the community and support one another. Creative new service efforts noted above have gained our club and one of our members special volunteer recognitions; well-established programs to

help others have also advanced. Generosity of time and treasure remain the bedrock of our work. As I conclude my time as President, I am proud and also humbled to call myself a De Anza Lion, and to live by the Lions motto, "We Serve."

The President's Post

President John's first message to the Cupertino DeAnza Lions

It is with a mixture of excitement and trepidation that I start my second term as President of Cupertino DeAnza Lions Club. Looking back at my records it is 26 years ago since I was installed at Lion Mike Kedell's home. Jim Gould was very involved with the event and at that time his sister, Debbie, had a fancy-dress business. Obviously, at that time Jim thought that all Brits dressed up in ceremonial clothes so Carmel and I were directed to don wigs and gowns as if we were attending a High Court! (See The Lions Roar, April 2021, A Blast From the Past!!)

At the end of that year DeAnza was presented with 4 awards at the District Convention in Sacramento, not bad for a club that was classified as "At Risk" because we had had less than 20 members!

I have no idea if we will be as successful again this time, but I can only promise to give the Club my best efforts and with the continuing "Can Do" spirit that has always characterized our Club, I am very optimistic.

From Our First Vice President

Hello. I am Lion Barb Knox. I have been a Lion for one year with the Cupertino DeAnza Lions Club. As a Lion, I will be the First Vice President and the Secretary for the next two fiscal years. I'm looking forward to serving and having a great 2 years of doing for others, keeping our club engaged by socializing

and having fun. So, please come join me in this endeavor.

Installation/Tail Twister/Charter Day by BKnox

Come one, come all to the Cupertino DeAnza Lions' catered Picnic on **Sunday, July 17th**. Bring your family and friends for a great time. It's time for all of us to get together and celebrate our Club's 53rd birthday and this year's achievements, to welcome the incoming officers and directors and to thank our previous officers and directors.

Please RSVP by July 13, 2022.

**DeAnza Lion's
Installation, Tailtwister, Charter Day(1/12/1969)
PARTY**

July 17, 2022

11:00 AM to 3:00* PM at Memorial Park, Lunch at noon.
21121 Stevens Creek Blvd.
Cupertino, CA 95014

All Welcome, Lions families and friends.

Tri-tip, pulled pork, vegan sausage BBQ. Potato and Coleslaw salad. Beer, Wine, Water and soft drinks, all compliments of the DeAnza Lions Club **PLEASE RSVP by 7/13/2022 to Lion Barb due to catered BBQ.** The theme is a Family Picnic, the purpose is a celebration of DeAnza Lions leadership, families and friends.

- . *The Lion Year to Come by President John*
- . *Installation by Lion PDG Liz Crooke.*
- . *Awards*



Lions Eye Clinic by JSmith

On May 15, Las Gallinas Lions Club held a Vision Clinic in San Rafael. Three members of our Club volunteered, Leslye Noone, John Smith and new member Trevor Newman. We attended the second shift which was less busy than earlier in the day. The clinic supported all needs of their clients: eye testing, detailed eye examination, diagnosis of vision issues, prescription of corrective lenses, issue of recycled glasses and provision of new glasses for unusual prescriptions. Lions Eye Foundation was represented in case any clients needed subsequent procedures, cataract removal, for instance. The organizer was Graham Forder, a member of Las Gallinas Club and a trustee of Lions in Sight, the organization that provided medical and technical volunteers.

Graham estimates that around 300 clients received attention that day, a figure that was a little disappointing to him as he had been assured by local health authorities that the figure would be nearer 400. However, the event was a resounding success and all clients were accepted regardless of financial means or immigrant status. All treatment was provided free of charge and the eyeglasses issued were from the Multiple District 4 inventory.



Center for Farmworker Families by CKalia

The Cupertino DeAnza Lions Club is partnering with the Center for Farmworker Families in Watsonville to gather and transport donations of clothes, baby items and hygiene items to needy migrant farm families in the South County area. Approximately once per month, Lions volunteers collect donations from the community and from the Lions and friends, load them into large cars and SUVs, and deliver them to the Center for Farmworker Families donation center in Watsonville. The need is great as the migrant families have very little, but thanks to the efforts of the Cupertino DeAnza Lions Club; we hope to do our small part to help this hard-working community. If you'd like to get involved in this effort, either by gathering donations or transporting donated items, please contact Lion Claire Kalia at 415.613.1054 or Lion Barb Knox at 408.482.0086.



Lions Ray, Al, Barb & Steve w/Ellen Ratner delivered these bags of clothing & items on 6/30.

Earth Day by JChin



We had a fabulous day at the Cupertino Earth Day Celebration. About 7 Lions and 3 Volunteers worked hard to set up our tables and displays.

Then the fun began, as we offered to all the children a chance to plant a couple of sunflower seeds in a little pot that they could take home and nurture. What we didn't expect was that adults would also want to do the activity and to have a chance to grow those spectacular flowers.

It helped to have a display of sunflower plants at different stages of growth plus a beautiful photo of the flowers they can look forward to seeing on their new plants. For this activity, we used "saved seeds", that is seeds we saved from our crop last year. That means they were FREE! The pots were recycled yogurt cups and some spares pots we had. Our only expense was a bag of soil. All Earth Day friendly! We also had free packets of flower and vegetable seeds that were very sought after. People wanted to learn how to care for their seeds. Yay! more new gardeners go home happy.

A couple of membership applications were handed out, so we were able to reach out that way, too. Importantly, everyone who participated had lots of fun. Thanks to Barbara, Leslye, Ray, Al, Ron, Dagi and Joan, as well as Carol, Wayne and Akila, we had a very successful booth!

De Anza Dollars by AKnox



Since the advent of Covid-19 we have been severely curtailed in our ability to raise charitable contributions. However, despite budget deficits totaling -\$69,480.81 since 2019, we have maintained our annual charitable contributions of approximately

\$35,000.00 annually. The fund raising of three years prior to 2019 enhanced our cash position beyond our expectations. By comparison and example our annual surplus in 2016 was \$25,433.26. So much surplus, that we budgeted large deficit spending in the 19-20, 20-21, and 21-22 fiscal years regardless of Covid and the reduced revenue.

Coming off a recent redesigned but successful Annual Golf Classic we must now focus on a continuing return to our usual November Food Drive and Annual Crab Feed in February of 2023. Over the years these fund raisers have allowed the DeAnza Lions Club to provide for our donors, have fun and contribute to the needs of the less fortunate.

The Student Speaker Contest by SKamasetty



On behalf of the Cupertino DeAnza Lions Club, a big THANK YOU to each and everyone who supported our 85th Annual Student Speaker Contest sponsored by California Lions Multiple District 4. This contest is designed to bring high school students from all over California the opportunity to develop skills in critical thinking, public speaking, and presentation. Sudha Kasamsetty, Ray Lancon and Liang Chao were contest chairs. We had a terrific response in sign-ups, recruiting about 45 students, and we had a grand kick-off meeting. We narrowed it down to 14 participants and then qualified 5 of them from the prelims. Congratulations and all the best to Winners. Go Lions! We Rock! 🙌

Greenhouse & Garden-Summer at Via West

by JChin & DZimdahl



We are on the verge of large Summer harvests (with luck), while we are winding down on our generous Spring harvests of greens and peas.

The chef at Via West loves to receive our kale, tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, and wide variety of fresh herbs. And we are told that the clients at West Valley Community Services Food Mart are eager to select our freshly picked garden greens versus the (not-so-fresh) grocery store discards; we provide greens aplenty as much as we can. It's great to be of service to all these people, knowing our produce is not only fresh, but also nutritious and grown organically.

Our garden is very productive, especially with certain crops, such as chard, kale, collards and cabbage in spring and fall. Summer harvests of tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini squash and peppers were terrific last year. This year we are hoping for even more tomatoes, having planted about 35 plants! All those vegetables are protected from bugs by herbs and flowers that make the garden space beautiful!

We also experiment with unusual varieties and new crops to see what works best in our environment. Saving seeds will allow us to grow more of what works best for us and save us money. Trellising everything we can lets us grow more crops and utilize the vertical space well. The shade from tall plants nurtures other plants that love that shade.

We have enjoyed the shade we now have over some of our plants and other shades for the gardeners, both of which we can adjust as needed. The garden is so exposed to hours of sunlight most days, more than the plants need, so the shade promotes more growth and less evaporation. Many thanks to our Lions volunteers who set those up for us and keep it maintained.

We are learning more and more about how to create the best soil environment, which is the best step to successful growing of nutrition-loaded veggies. And we make compost on site as well as all the compost we get from Cupertino, both with the labor of our Lions volunteers. We have developed a new space outside our fence to grow lots of sunflowers, fava beans and fennel, crops that don't need a lot of extra irrigation. We have more than 1,000 sq. feet under cultivation at this point.

Speaking of outside the fence, we have been trying to eradicate the star thistle between the greenhouse and garden with the hard labor and daily efforts by volunteers (especially Wayne Chin), along with oak leaves to mulch the area. This effort began last year and will continue for another year, at least. We plan to learn what is best to grow there instead, to give the property an environmental benefit.

Support from our Club members has been so very helpful, such as setting up new irrigation in the

greenhouse and new raised pots for tomato planting (Steve), tightening our support wires (Bill, Ray, Ron, and Steve) and compost delivery (which Ray organized, many others shoveled). Dagi and Joan really appreciate all these and other volunteer helpers. Getting wood chips distributed by the Tessellations students has been very successful in preventing weeds in the garden paths. We have had great help from Carol Wynne, Akila Natarajan, Ashish Ray and Wayne Chin on a regular basis to all sorts of garden tasks. These volunteers have been invaluable to get our harvesting, planting and weeding tasks accomplished. More volunteers will always be welcomed, just come on up and join us!



Registrar of Voters by AKnox



The Santa Clara County Registrar Of Voters elections of September 14, 2021, and June 7, 2022, have been a blessing to the DeAnza Lions. Because there have been up to twelve civic-minded Lions willing to devote up to eleven days of time to the Registrar of Voters, we have increased our Club budget by twelve thousand (\$12,000.00) dollars-plus.

The volunteering is simple, you become a **Courier** requiring a two-person vehicle. Mileage is recovered at a set rate which has recently been .57 cents/mile. Or you may become an LaSC Supply Truck **Coordinator**.

The LaSC Couriers are scheduled eight hours per day for eleven days, a split-shift of 4 hours and shared days are allowed. The hours are 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Compensation is \$115.00 per shift.

Vote Center/Box Couriers are scheduled four-hour shifts daily, generally between 5:00 PM and 9:00 PM, later on election day. Compensation is \$65.00/shift. The Coordinator position is located at a fixed Supply

Truck location. It is a daily 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM shift that pays \$115.00/shift.

The blessings come about when Lions understand that most of these \$12,000.00 will go directly to our charitable 501c3 corporation, the **Cupertino DeAnza Lions Charities, Inc.** These dollars then go directly to the many people in need that we assist every year.

Golf Tournament by RLancon



On the course—Lions Charles & Carl w/ “future Lions” Nicholas & Eli

The DeAnza Lions 34th Annual Golf Tournament held at Spring Valley Golf Course was a great success. We had two silver sponsors and there were about 50 golfers playing. Players started at the 10th thru 16th holes. A new opportunity was presented at the 10th hole. Golfers were asked to donate \$5 per player to move from the tee box to the 150-yard marker where they would lie one shot. (That would be the equivalent of a 300+ yard drive.) A large percentage of golfers took the deal. Golf was followed by a great steak dinner. After dinner, prizes were awarded for the *two* best winning team scores (there was a tie), the best women’s team, the longest drives for men and women, the putting contest and the most *honest* score. We held a Silent Auction and raffle tickets were sold and drawn, as well. Several Lions were generous by volunteering their time to make the event possible.

This was the return of the event after a two-year absence due to Covid. It was a small tournament compared to previous tournaments we’ve held but still a good fundraiser. We plan to build on this event next year.



Golf was followed by a great steak dinner at Spring Valley’s Clubhouse

**Happy Birthday, dear Lions,
Happy Birthday to you**

Anne Harris	Jul. 2
Carl Erickson	Jul. 6
Siva Gandikota	Jul. 15
Joan Chin	Jul. 25
Venkat Ranganathan	Jul. 26
Liang Chao	Aug. 2
Jenni Erickson	Aug. 6
Danessa Techmanski	Aug. 7
Madison Stoltzfus	Aug. 11
Jim Gould	Aug. 19
Dagi Zimdahl	Sept. 8
Pam Hershey	Sept. 10
Jen Dyer	Sept. 12
Mort Eliason	Sept. 14

Above is the list of Club members whose birthdays fall from now until the October edition of “The Lions Roar”! We hope you all have lots of fun celebrating!



A Blast from the Past



*The DAL Watsonville Golf Classic, late '90's
Lions Eli, Mort, Barb and Al*

Editor's Note: The Cupertino DeAnza Lions Roar is a quarterly publication. It is written for all members of the CDAL so you are kept informed of and up-to-date with the activities and events our Club has been involved with in the past or working on right now or planning on in future quarters. If you have been participating in something, don't hesitate to send me a write-up or blurb of what you have been up to! Or if you are waiting to be involved, let someone know what's on your mind! This is *our* Club and *all of us* should be involved or have ideas about what we want to do with the Club in the future. This publication should be one way to keep you in touch so you really *want* to be involved, so you *will be* involved. As we've learned from Past-President Jeff, "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else." ~Melvin Jones. Let's keep doing it together.

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