



Cupertino De Anza Lions Roar



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We revived our Crab Feed for the first time since the pandemic struck in 2020 and I got nothing but favorable feedback from our attendees. As is Lions' way, we have noted several tweaks for next year, but there was general agreement that if we started publicizing earlier and re-introduced paper tickets, possibly get another Club to assist, then we should continue to satisfy this demand. Kudos to all who worked so hard on this event.

The President's Post



President John's jottings for the Cupertino DeAnza Lions

I am a great believer in visiting other Clubs, they are a source of new ideas and present opportunities for us to collaborate. We have done no visitations this calendar year as my time has been consumed by the Vision Clinic. Late last year I tried several times to arrange visitations but got almost no response from Club Presidents and Secretaries. Next Lions year (July 2023 onward) I would like DeAnza to at least aim for the Short Tail Award (to visit all clubs in our Zone). I will use a different strategy by informing a Club that we will visit on a certain date unless I hear otherwise.

We are all delighted to have new member Sue Moore on board. She did sterling work at the Crab Feed and told me at Charter Night that she enjoyed the evening and found it informative.

I believe that all 40+ attendees at Charter Night enjoyed the occasion (except maybe my grandchildren!) More about Charter Night in a dedicated article.



Unfortunately, we were unable to hold our Speech Contest this year as all students became unavailable. After investigating further, we believe that we should not rely on emailing when teenagers are involved. In person contact will be the means in future. However, Carmel and I attended the Zone 1 contest and were impressed by both speakers and we felt that the winner of this round will probably move onward in the contest.

We continue to provide the farmworkers with clothing and household goods on a monthly basis. My thanks to all those Lions who provide storage, load and unload, and make the trek to

Watsonville. This is Lionism at its very best. We are investigating right now if this project will be a good fit for the Hunger grant program from California Lions Foundation. Zone Chair Dave Kaplow has provided us with a sample grant request.

I attended the Rise Against Hunger work party, along with about 60 other Lions and about 20 Leos. Our Club was represented by 5 members. We were packing soy, vegetables, vitamins and rice into plastic bags weighing about 12 ounces each. Then



the bags were sealed, labeled, counted and packed. Work got under way around 10:15 and it was only about 10:25 when the gong rang for the first 1,000 meals. Then the pace picked up and we heard the gong every 5 minutes or so. Looking around the room you saw a hive of activity, each worker focusing on their part of the operation. By 11:15 it was complete and all that remained was to load the boxes into a truck. I left my email so that we will get to know the destination of our meals we generated. I was told by Lion Barb that we may have a new member as a result, although I'm not sure if the Club is ready for *two* Charlies!

From Our 1st VP: Communities Working Together

by BKnox



A month ago, I was contacted by Laura Gloner from the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Saratoga. Laura had been working with the Saratoga Lions and was not able to get in contact with them after many tries. She then went to LionsClubs.org to see if there was a Club interested in receiving glasses, ink cartridges and hearing aids.

I responded to Laura, and she had one hundred thirty-eight pairs of glasses, ink cartridges and hearing aids for us. We set up a time and she dropped them off at my home.

While talking and getting to know Laura, she mentioned that they had clothes to give to a good cause. I told her that the DeAnza Lions Club

distributes clothes to the Farmworker Families in Watsonville. She was very impressed and had to get permission from her church. She has since gotten permission and a couple, Kirk and Debbie Zimmer, from the Church will be dropping off eight bags of clothes for our March 30, 2023 distribution.

It amazes me how God puts people into our lives to help those in need. Cupertino DeAnza Lions are blessed that our Club is so well trusted to carry on with this humanitarian endeavor.

Cupertino DeAnza Lions Support Union Middle School & Alta Vista Elementary School with Project Linus

by CKalia, LNoone

Always on the lookout for service projects with Lions involvement, Lion Claire once again got the OK from the Union Middle School Principal to hold a Blanketeering event for Project Linus; this year in person rather than over Zoom. With funds in hand, Lions Les, Dagi and Joan had fun shopping for the desired number of fleeces. On one of the rather rare sunny afternoons, March 8th, the 17 or so registered students, parents, siblings and friends, armed themselves with a fleece and the necessary tools, chose one of the picnic benches in the quad, and after a short introduction by Claire with Dagi beside her, started enthusiastically in on making blankets.



During the 90-minute event, 23 beautiful blankets were completed, with a few people taking some material home to finish another blanket there. (A few days after the blankets were given to the Project Linus organization, Leslye got a call telling us that the blankets made by the Union Middle School students and families had been delivered to the Red Cross in Pajaro to help the children after the floods.)

A note from the principal stated that the combined effort of this service project was 'extremely appreciated'. Well done, Middle Schoolers!



On Saturday, March 25, Lions Leslye and Claire ran a Project Linus Blanketeering event at Alta Vista Elementary School in Los Gatos. Approximately 25 parents, students and siblings attended and 25 blankets were made. A couple of families wanted to keep working so took a few fleeces home to finish on their own time. Many of the attendees mentioned how much fun they had! One fun fact about the Blanketeers there that day: NONE had made a Project Linus blanket before!

The events were terrific. The students were excellent. Thanks to all involved and cheers to the partnerships between both schools, the DeAnza Lions and Project Linus.



Name that Lion 1 by LNoone



"I can name that Lion in 12 clues"...or can I?

After a little interview with our Club Member, here are some clues for you:

1. Where did you grow up; did you go away to school, where? How long have you been married? **I grew up in Palo Alto. I went to Foothill Community College and then on to CSUSF, now SFSU.**
2. What is the one thing that instantly makes your day better? **Cookies for breakfast.**
3. Reveal one thing that our Club members don't know about you? **I grew up as a strict Lutheran.**
4. How long have you been a Cupertino DeAnza Lion? **I joined in either 1973 or 1974.**
5. Name something on your Bucket List. **I'd like to see my grandchildren graduate from college.**

6. Who is your hero? **Joe Biden, or Obama.**
7. Do you collect anything? **Pull tabs and glasses.**
8. Who was the US President when you were born? **F. D. R.**
9. Do you have a favorite vacation place? **Donner Lake, I've been going there for 60 years.**
10. What is your favorite cocktail? **Beer.**
11. Do you have a favorite or a funny Lion memory you'd like to share? **At Camp Costanoan, CDAL were in charge of a nature area and had to maintain a water wheel there. It had to be painted dark brown once a year. Bill Reed and I worked there that year. The paint was donated by someone else and a Camp employee came along and poured the paint into our empty gallon jug, gave us each a brush and left us to it. While we were painting it looked fine as it went on, appearing to be a dark brown. It might have looked brown while we were painting but as it dried, it turned bright pink! We really got harassed by everyone for that. I'm sure it cost me and probably Bill, too, a couple of quarters in fines when we got back to our next meeting.**
12. What drew you to become a Lion? **I was called into my boss' office and told I was going to join the Lions Club. But service is rewarding and I was surrounded by good men so I'm still here. I don't think any of us join the Lions Club because we want the recognition of being a Lion or whatever. That is just not what service is. But because "we serve", I'm a Lion.**

Name that Lion: _____

Odd Fellows Pancake Breakfast to Fight

Cancer by DLang



Our DeAnza Lions Club has recently been invited to the Cupertino Odd Fellows Lodge for their annual Pancake Breakfast, whose purpose is to fight cancer. All money collected, plus some money added by the Lodge, will go to the City of Hope, which has a great cancer program. Our Lions Club collects money

every week for the City of Hope during our AM Club meeting and once a year we also add money to that cause from our charity budget fund. The Odd Fellows Lodge donates the food and supplies for the breakfast, so the entire \$10 fee goes to charity.

For only \$10, your breakfast consists of a stack of pancakes, scrambled eggs, pan fried potatoes, sausage, orange juice and tea or coffee. There were just shy of 100 people who showed up for the breakfast with our DeAnza Lions being a big part of that. Just about all of the regular members who come to the AM meetings were there to support the Odd Fellows. They also had a 50/50 raffle, where 50% of the profit went to City of Hope and the other 50% went to two participants who took part in the drawing. Some of our Lions told me that they were disappointed that they didn't receive a telephone call telling them that they had won some money.

We have been working together in partnership for over 10 years now, supporting one another at each other's events and the Odd Fellows have been letting us use their dining room or meeting room for many of our events. The biggest event being our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive, where we use their dining room with as many tables as can fit in it. We sort and package the food we collect there. On Monday morning, we transfer all the boxes and extra food to our trucks and cars to be delivered to their designated drop off spots. The other times that we use their hall is for Lions Love Project Linus and our Youth Speaker Contest. The Odd Fellows also started to help out with the Food Drive and to take part in our Golf Tournament.

The DeAnza Lions also support and donate to the Odd Fellows and Rebekah Children's Home, also known as Rebekah Children's Services (RCS), in Gilroy. RCS is expanding their services to Santa Clara County's youth rehabilitation program, training youth from Juvenile Hall to become Chefs, cooking for the County on West Hedding Street. They also have a Family Services Office located above Nob Hill on Campbell Avenue in Campbell called Campbell Family Practice.

We are grateful for this long-lasting partnership between these two organizations and look forward to watching the relationship grow.

Charity Crab Feed & Auction by LNoone



The 27th Annual Charity Crab Feed and Auction was held February 4th at the St. Lawrence the Martyr Community Center. We are happy to report that we had a very successful event—downscaled in terms of number of guests, but with the best all-you-can-eat crab in town, fine wine and lovely, happy jazz provided by the Thrown Together Jazz Band. The silent Auction was also a big success seeing all items sold to the highest bidder. Our guests told us that their servers were all cheerful, quick to respond and enthusiastic. They also reported that the meal was delicious and the Thrown Together Jazz Band was a blast to listen to throughout the evening.



De Anza Dollars by AKnox



This is a reminder that there will be another annual dues billing on July 1, 2023. We started annual dues billing last July and this document is information for you explaining where that money goes and what supplements our dues revenue.

You are a member of two California Corporations chartered by Lions Club International. Your dues, fines, opportunity drawings and happy dollars are paid directly to the Cupertino DeAnza Lions Club (501c7). Generally, none of which are deductible. As an aside, the Club raises over fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) annually just from fines, drawings and

happy dollars paid in by members that are frequent attendees at our AM and PM Group meetings.

Most recently twelve members of our Club have found the time necessary to volunteer for the Registrar of Voters during elections and in turn donate all their earnings to the Cupertino DeAnza Lions Club. This effort has brought thousands of dollars into our Club. It enables us to have a significant balance of cash and donate funds to our Cupertino DeAnza Lions Charities, Inc.

These revenue supplements provide us with the capability to maintain an active social club. More importantly it provides one hundred percent of the administrative costs of our Cupertino DeAnza Lions Charities, Inc. (501c3). Therefore, all monies paid to Cupertino DeAnza Lions Charities, Inc. go to the benefit of donors and recipients of our charitable endeavors.

Thank you for your time and treasury, it is the life blood of our efforts.

Name that Lion 2 by LNoone



"I can name that Lion in 12 clues" ...or can I?

After a little interview with our Club Member, here are some clues for you:

1. Where did you grow up; did you go away to school, where? How long have you been married? **I grew up on the East coast and came to California when I was 16. I went to San Jose State. We've been married 48 years.**

2. What is the one thing that instantly makes your day better? **Our dog. And my wife when she's nice!**

3. Reveal one thing that our Club members don't know about you? **They pretty much know me; there's not much they don't know. And if I haven't told them by now, then I want it to remain a secret.**

4. How long have you been a Cupertino DeAnza Lion? **I joined in 1998.**

5. Name something on your Bucket List. **Luckily, I have pretty much done all that I wanted to do, travel and all. I want to keep getting out and doing things and playing golf as long as I can.**

6. Who is your hero? **Ronald Regan and John Wayne.**

7. Do you collect anything? **Nope. I try to rid of everything.**

8. Who was the US President when you were born? **Roosevelt—F D R not Teddy!**

9. Do you have a favorite vacation place? **Hawaii is always a good place to be; it used to be my favorite but I'm not into the ocean much anymore. How 'bout right here—it's just like a vacation spot, the weather and everything around us.**

10. What is your favorite cocktail? **Cocktail? It used to be bourbon and ginger ale but I don't drink the hard stuff anymore. Now it's beer.**

11. Do you have a favorite or a funny Lion memory you'd like to share? **Going out to the storage unit is always a funny story; no matter what we want, we always have to take everything out to find anything. But we did do something funny during a golf tournament once. Herb hit this beautiful shot and it was honestly the "longest drive". So, we submitted it but not for the men; it was submitted as a woman's drive under "Herbie Yeary" 's name. He won but it was in the women's competition.**

12. What drew you to become a Lion? **I was an Optimist before I retired. Then my neighbor, Joe Gilbert, invited me to attend a Lions meeting. The people, the camaraderie, the way everyone worked together, all of that made me want to stay and become a Lion.**

Name that Lion: _____

Rise Against Hunger (could it be "rice" against hunger?) by DZimdahl



Five Cupertino DeAnza Lions joined about 80 other volunteers on Saturday, March 25, for a District Project "Rise against Hunger—Packaging Event" at the Church Hall of St. Francis Episcopal Church.

About 10 volunteers had already set up various stations and some people had already occupied places either at the filling, bag-closing or box-stuffing tables.

The aim was to fill 10,000 bags with a nutritious packet of vitamins, soy, a mixture of dehydrated

vegetables and, the main ingredient, rice, weighing it and running the packages to the closing stations, from where they would be carried to a table for labelling and finally another table where an exact number of bags would be stuffed in equal-sized boxes. The event was hosted by Justin, an energetic young man, and refills of the rice buckets were administered by a very tall, strong man. Completion of every 1,000 bags was accompanied by a 'gong' and cheers from everyone.

Lions Al, Barb and Dagi were members at the fastest filling station, while Lion Ray was one of the runners, and Lion Prez John worked at the labeling station. It was a great event!

For more information about this worthwhile cause go to: [Stories of Impact - Rise Against Hunger](#).

Charter Night 2023 by JSmith



We held our first Charter Night celebration since 2019 at the Blue Pheasant on Saturday, March 18th. We had attendance from over 40 Lions and families, including Guest Speaker PDG Phyllis Rogers and Zone Chairman Dave Kaplow.



The general consensus was that the food was excellent but at least one more server was needed.

After dinner the program started with the keynote speaker. Phyllis is a dedicated Lion, a firm friend and a former colleague at Montgomery Village Lions Club. During her witty and interesting speech, we benefited from her deep knowledge of Lions and her enthusiasm was infectious.

I have not known Dave for long but we have worked closely together on the Vision Clinic since the start of the year. I would have been lost without his knowledge of the non-profit service organizations and his marketing skills are impressive. During his address we were treated to an extract of the presentation he made at the recent

MD 4 Convention. His theme was "How to Market Your Club" and he has agreed to visit our Club to make the presentation in full.



I spent a few minutes updating the Club on where we stand and where we're going. From July 2023 the theme is More. More members, more social events, more visitations and more income.

Next, we had fascinating insight into the history of our Club from Past President Eli, when the membership was mainly comprised of teachers who met before school. Several attendees requested it and his text will appear later in the Lions Roar.

Lastly, Lions Jill Eliason and Claire Kalia compared and contrasted their experiences as daughters of Lions in USA and UK and the transformation from Lion Cub to Lion Pride. A great way to round off the evening. Thanks, Ladies.

We closed with the awards: well-deserved Melvin Jones Fellowships to Lions Charles Ice and Pete Perino. Joan Chin was recognized with a special pin for the new members she recruited. Then I'm always happy to award juniors for their service. We had certificates of appreciation for Sophia Ice, Nicholas Ice and "Little Eli" Erickson, whose astonished face was a wonder to behold.

Lions Vision Clinic by JSmith



The Vision Clinic that our Club is jointly sponsoring with Lions in Sight is now less than 4 weeks away. As of Monday, 3/27, we have 505 patients registered and 16 vacant slots, with just under a month to go. At this stage I am expecting a full house as the numbers include five extra slots per hour to offset expected "no shows". So, throughout the day we will be processing 5 patients every 5 minutes, meaning that we will be very busy.

This is a unique event for our Club and for the District and I am proud that Cupertino De Anza has agreed to sponsor it. But with sponsorship comes responsibility. We need to step up and volunteer to make the event a success. As we have had little success to date with online sign up from Club members, Leslye will pass around the sign-up sheet at each meeting and I will check the result before I close the meeting. There are currently 34 volunteer opportunities available to members and their circle of friends, family, colleagues and neighbors. This could be a great source for new members.

Let's put our Lions motto "We Serve" into effect and make this event a roaring success.

<p>GRATIS</p> <p>Clinica de ojos Domingo, 23 de Abril, 2023 (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)</p> <p>Ubicado en St. John Vianney Centro Comunitario, 4602 Hyland Avenue, San Jose</p> 	<p>FREE</p> <p>Eye Clinic Sunday, April 23, 2023 (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)</p> <p>Located at St. John Vianney Community Center, 4602 Hyland Avenue, San Jose</p> 	<p>Para Unete:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elige 9, 10, 11 AM, 12, 1, 2, 3, 4 PM • Envía un mensaje de texto con nombre de pila, número de pacientes, hora del día al (408) 596-3692 <p>To Sign Up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choose a time from 9, 10, 11 AM, 12, 1, 2, 3, 4 PM • Send a text containing First Name, number of patients, hour of the day to (408) 596-3692 <p><small>Patrocinado por el Cupertino De Anza Lions Club Sponsored by Cupertino De Anza Lions Club (A 501(c)(3) Non-profit Organization and the Lions in State)</small></p> 
<p>Servicios incluyen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consulta con un optómetra • Examen de visión & Glaucoma • Anteojos reciclados • Otros servicios de ojos <p>NO SE REQUIERE SEGURO MEDICAL O DOCUMENTACION</p>	<p>Services Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eye Doctor Consultation • Vision & Glaucoma testing • Recycled Eyeglasses • Other eye-related services <p>NO MEDICAL INSURANCE OR DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED</p>	

Name that Lion 3 by LNooone



"I can name that Lion in 12 clues"...or can I?

After a little interview with our Club Member, here are some clues for you:

1. Where did you grow up; did you go away to school, where? How long have you been married? **I grew up in Campbell. I've been married 64 years.**
2. What is the one thing that instantly makes your day better? **People. I don't like these Zoom things. I need the face-to-face.**
3. Reveal one thing that our Club members don't know about you? **I stopped going to get haircuts in 1963.**
4. How long have you been a Cupertino DeAnza Lion? **I was a Lions volunteer in 1979-1980. I became a Lion in October 1981.**
5. Name something on your Bucket List. **Driving Route 66, west to east.**
6. Who is your hero? **My wife is.**
7. Do you collect anything? **I collect data and memorabilia, pins, hats, pictures.**

8. Who was the US President when you were born? **F. D. R.**
9. Do you have a favorite vacation place? **On the road.**
10. What is your favorite cocktail? **I might have a Bloody Mary.**
11. Do you have a favorite or a funny Lion memory you'd like to share? **My favorite Lions memory was seeing my daughter Brenda inducted as CDAL President on July 1, 1986.**
12. What drew you to become a Lion? **It was my wife's boss who invited me to come up to Camp Costanoan to do some volunteer work. I spent a lot of time up there working with the campers who were a part of the Crippled Children's Society. It was basically the kids who caused me to join the Lions because I could clearly see where my efforts would directly benefit the children. After volunteering about 18 months up there and elsewhere during Club activities, I joined.**
Name that Lion: _____

Greenhouse & Garden - end of winter 2023

by JChin & DZimdahl



We are already moving towards the end of March, and the garden looks a little desolate after a record number of rainy days in January, February and March. Some plants (turnips, beets, carrots, kale, arugula) and herbs (cilantro and parsley) decided to grow a bit during the occasional warm dry moments and we had some modest harvests, but other plants seem to have just given up. In addition, we unfortunately already experience critters that harvest before we do – possibly moles or gophers who come up through underground tunnels and pull chard, beets and fennel right down to their nests. Thanks to Lion Danessa, there are half a dozen of

traps deployed now, so we hope those pests will be caught soon.

In contrast to the garden, the seeds in the greenhouse seem to be fairly happy, as they grow according to schedule, despite almost the same temperatures as outdoors, sometimes near freezing. As soon as the atmospheric rivers move on, and expected drier weather and regular sunshine will take over, those plants will finally get transplanted into the garden beds that are not occupied by underground critters. Keeping fingers crossed.

Joan has done a marvelous job organizing bins and buckets to collect the ample rainwater and Dagi has made good use of this water supply on the greenhouse seedlings.

Dagi's volunteer hours, excluding any home hours spent in service to the garden, were 106 hours between Jan 27 and March 19.

Total volunteer hours for the first 3 months of 2023: 261 and counting; Count of Volunteers: 7



Save the Date by LNoone

Fore! Heads up, Lions and golfers. The date is set for the DeAnza Lions 35th Annual Golf Tournament to be held at the Spring Valley Golf Course. Please *save June 12th* and mark your calendars so you can enjoy the venue, the friendly competition and the food.

Ancient Lion History & It's Amazing We

Made It This Far! By NEliason



The Cupertino DeAnza Lions (CDAL) Club was founded 54 years ago in January 1969. Our sponsor was the Cupertino Lions Club. We split off from them because they met weekly at a restaurant/bar for cocktails, dinner, the meeting and poker. The Club was all men consisting mainly of orchardists, businessmen and educators. (Fun fact: Lion Sam

Lawson belonged to Cupertino Host and CUSD's Lawson Middle school was named after him.)



George Fernandez, who was my sponsor and the founder of our Club, decided that a morning breakfast meeting would work better for those working regular hours. He grew up here attending Fremont High, teaching at Fremont and becoming Principal of newly-formed Cupertino High. He actively recruited administrators and teachers, including me, to join the Club. At that time the FUHSD had a policy that encouraged administrators and faculty to join local service clubs by paying their dues and giving them time off to attend meetings and charitable events. He adjusted my schedule assigning me a first period prep so I could attend the Lions meetings.



CDAL was a "men's club" with a bunch of good guys as members. Roger Gould, Jim's dad, was a major player and insisted that, after the flag salute and invocation, we sing a patriotic song. We met weekly at a restaurant and it was fun to watch the reaction of the other people having breakfast. The tail twister was a short, little guy about 5' tall who fined anybody 25 cents if they said the word "short". And, yes, he collected those fines with the Club toilet. George might have been the President but Joe Gilbert was the Secretary and he ran the Club. When the meeting started Joe would hand the

President the agenda, take meeting minutes and then hand the President his work list for the coming week.

Our fundraising then was slim. We sold goods at a fireworks stand during the 4th of July holiday. We set up outside of an orchard on the corner where Vallco was built. We also held a trap shooting contest above the Stevens Creek reservoir. We started around 10:00 am serving doughnuts, coffee and whiskey. Around 11:00 the shooting competition began with teams of 2 shooters going from one station to another, shooting clay pigeons and keeping score. Whoever thought guns and whiskey were a good match should have been penalized but somehow there were no injuries from gunfire so it continued. *It's amazing we made it this far!* The competition was followed by a steak dinner with awards, beer, wine and whiskey.

I'm not sure of the date but Lions Club memberships were finally opened to women. We lost a few men as a result of going coed, but we are now bigger, better and stronger. Our first female president was Brenda Knox. We now have 18 women who are members of our Club.

Eventually we noticed a lot of grey hair during Club events and came to realize that we would not survive as a Club unless we did something to encourage the younger generation to become Lions. John Smith's friend Trevor (who is now a CDAL!) was in a Lions Club in Redwood Shores that emphasized whole families joining and attending meetings. President Al Knox agreed that John, Dagi and I attend several of their meetings. We decided that having families join a monthly dinner meeting would be the way to improve our membership. The PMers Club came to life and the rest is history. And so concludes the *ancient history* lesson of our Cupertino DeAnza Lions Club.

From Lion Cub to Lion Pride by JEliason & CKalia

This year's Charter Night was a welcome event after missing three years of celebration due to the Covid intrusion. PMers Jill and Claire talked about growing up with Lions in their lives.

Growing up in Cupertino, Jill Eliason somehow didn't really know her dad Eli was a Lion although there were always plenty of aluminum can pull-tabs

around. Eli went to fundraisers and service projects but it didn't quite touch her.



Growing up in a quaint English town, Claire Kalia (nee Smith) knew her dad John was a Lion and he and his wife Carmel often took their four kids with them to several Lions events. Picture a quiet English village, the local riverside park filled with people and bunches of numbered rubber duckies. At the prescribed time, all participants dropped their ducks over the bridge railing into the flowing river below. Those ducks traveled downstream till the first crossed the finish line winning a prize. The Smith kids were also expected to participate in service projects, like reading to seniors. They learned that service was just a part of what you do.

When the idea of a PM Club came up, Eli said to Jill, "You should join. You SHOULD join." She thought about going to meetings only once a month with a toddler and with members of her same age also working fulltime; about Sydnie with all the other kids in the group. She thought, "Yes, let's do it!" She, Scott, Jeff, Jenni, Carl, Charles and Pete became a part of the *PMers*.

John asked Claire to join. She considered, thinking there was no way she could join a club while she worked fulltime and had three little ones crawling around. But if others were in the same position as she and Anil... "Yes, let's do it!" And there she found a group that was loud and comfortable, where her three were crawling around and where Ellen and Steve began setting up an arts and crafts table for all of the little ones. Anjali even grew to sell Girl Scout cookies at the Crab Feed. It was always kid-friendly.

Jill says Sydnie grew up and "those Lion activities—the Crab Feed, the Christmas party, the Golf Tournament—just became a part of her tradition and she still wants to be a part of it even though she

is off to college. My nephew Eli is here tonight (and was just recognized for the hard work he does for the Club.) and I know it's all seeping in."

Claire stated that, "we'd always hoped that what the Lions Club offered this next generation is what we were able to get from our parents: it's not whether you join the Lions or not, it is not if you serve, it's *that* you participate in service and gain fellowship from working with those you know and love. We are so lucky to have a multi-generational Club, look, there are three generations at Charter Night tonight."

Jill reminded us that the next generation is learning volunteerism from us. She sees having a younger group with children attending our events as hope for our future and for the future of our Club.

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

Below is the list of Club members whose birthdays fall before the July edition of the Lions Roar is released. We hope you all have lots of fun celebrating!

Barb Knox	Apr 5
Mike Martin	Apr 6
Al Knox	Apr 7
Pat Coppe	May 10
Trevor Newman	May 14
Phil Lellman	May 16
Eli Eliason	May 21
Sudha Kasamsetty	May 21
Joan Chin	May 25
Muni Madhdipatia	Jun 2
Jill Eliason	Jun 7
Paul Paternoster	Jun 7
Bill Hershey	Jun 20
Steve Ratner	Jun 22
Claire Kalia	Jun 25
Bill Reed	Jun 29



Name that Lion by LNoone



A Blast from the Past



From the Crab Feed 2011 – Look, we had 32+ tables!

Editor's Note: The Cupertino DeAnza Lions Roar is a quarterly publication written for members of the CDAL to keep all informed of the activities and events our Club has been recently involved with. If you have been participating in something, please send me a write-up and/or pictures of what you have been up to! Scan and send any write-up/pictures you might like to have posted in the Lions Roar to leslynoone@gmail.com; be sure to label pictures with the subject/persons in the picture and the date taken if possible. Or attend a meeting and give them to her in person. If you are waiting to be involved, let someone know. "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else." ~Melvin Jones.

Editor: LNoone