



Cupertino De Anza Lions Roar



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**WEEKLY AM MEETINGS ARE
EVERY THURSDAY AT 9:00 AM
AT IHOP ON MILLER AVENUE SJ/CUPERTINO
Zoom information available upon request.
AND
MONTHLY PM MEETINGS ARE THE
FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 6:30 PM
AT HOLDERS COUNTRY INN, 10088 N WOLFE RD, CUPERTINO**

The President's Post

*President John's jottings for the Cupertino DeAnza Lions
Fellow Lions,*

It has been a busy Autumn for us with the annual Food Drive (summarized later in the Lions Roar), deliveries to the farmworkers, preparations for the Crab Feed and a revival of the Christmas Party at Lion Ray Lancon's home.

We also welcome new Lions, Chris Noone, Denise and Paul Paternoster. I am delighted that Lion Liang Chao has agreed to take on the role of Membership Chair. Membership is the future of our precious Club and with Liang's extensive community connections, I look forward to badging more new Lions.

Lions Bill Hershey, Al and Barbara Knox, Kent Vincent, Leslye Noone, Steve and Ellen Ratner have made several deliveries to Watsonville to provide farm workers with much needed clothing and household items. When Dr Anne Lopez addressed the Lions meeting, she emphasized that books would be very welcome. At last week's PM meeting Lion Jennie told me she has a consignment ready to go. We are grateful to Lion Claire Kalia and husband

Anil for collecting and storing the goods in their garage.

The Christmas party was a great success, many thanks to Ray and Barbara Lancon for welcoming us into their home. Liang brought 2 guests who may be potential members. I already have a task for one of them who is a graphic designer.

Upcoming events include the Student Speaker Contest to be held on February 16th. Lion Sudha is tasked with finding contestants, Ray and I will handle logistics on the night.

We have The Blue Pheasant booked for Charter Night Celebrations on March 18th. I have invited PDG Phyllis Rogers to be our guest that night. She is Past District Governor of District 4C-2 and a fellow club member for 5 years while Carmel and I lived in Sonoma County.

Lastly, we have decided to go ahead with the Crab Feed on February 4th, despite concerns about price and availability of crustaceans. We need members to volunteer unstintingly for as many tasks as they can manage. And, of course to sell tickets to family, friends and neighbors. Sincerely, President John

De Anza Dollars by AKnox



It is Time to Step UP\$

By virtue of witnessing the recent performance of our Congress without distancing and masks it can be concluded it is time for DeAnza Lions to Step-out and **Step-up!** The upcoming 27th Classic Charity Crab Feed is critical to our return to fund raising. Every Lion must contribute if we are to continue our greatness as a Lions Club.

We are currently in position to meet our charitable contributions for the 2022-2023 fiscal year regardless of the following. We can do this easily if we meet our goal of a combined net of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) from the Crab Feed and Golf Tournament. We all praise and respect our donors, but you know they rely on DeAnza Lions to make it happen.

WE SERVE because every dollar of net charitable proceeds goes to helping those less fortunate, GO DEANZA!

Charity Crab Feed & Auction by LNoone

The Crab Feed is coming! The Crab Feed is coming! **The 2023 volunteer sign-up sheet is LIVE**, that means you can sign-up for all the jobs you can manage. Get your friends, neighbors and relatives who can help out to sign up, too. Are they eating at the crab feed? They can help out on the other shift. If we want a successful crab feed, we need people to volunteer to help!!! **Link to the sign-up sheet:** <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1A9tuZeS WvO5uQhLyzW16C VzX76TTnYiM73vlZ8tCwg/edit?usp=sharing> We need you!

Eyeglass Collection & Training by LNoone

WE NEED YOUR HELP



Lions Club Eyeglass Recycling

A Lions partnership with *Lions in Sight* and *Vista Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired*

<p>Saturday 9 am - 2 pm (following lunch) March 4, 2023</p>	<p>Vista Center 101 N. Bascom Avenue San Jose, CA 95128</p>
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TASK:

- Help sort, clean, and box for shipment
- Bring apple boxes for storing and shipping the processed eyeglasses
- Obtain used apple boxes from your grocery store produce manager

BACKGROUND:

- Lions are in receipt of 100,000 or more used eyeglasses every couple of months through an anonymous corporate relationship
- The recycling prescription eyeglasses are distributed to the needy in *Lions in Sight* and *Lions Clubs International* sponsored international medical missions
- Vista Center, San Jose has graciously provided a room for storage and use of their auditorium for sorting and cleaning

For more information email bob@lionstewart.com

www.californialions.org



Cupertino De Anza Lions

27th Classic Charity Crab Feed and Auction Saturday, February 4th, 2023

Seatings: 1st – 4:00-6:00 PM (sells out early) 2nd – 7:00-9:00 PM

Advance Tickets: Adults \$75 Kids 4-12 \$35

NO DAY OF EVENT SALES

ALL YOU CAN EAT

Fresh Crab, Pasta, Salad & Garlic Bread

All Crab Provided by the Fish Market –

Live Music by *The Thrown Together Jazz Band*

SAINT LAWRENCE THE MARTYR COMMUNITY CENTER

1971 Saint Lawrence Dr. – Santa Clara

Proceeds Benefit Lion Supported Charities

*** Please No Outside Beverage ***

For TICKETS: ALKNOX@COMCAST.NET

Checks to AI Knox 217 N. Milton Ave Campbell, CA 95008

Checks made payable to "Cupertino DeAnza Lions"

EIN: 77-0573626



Use QR Code for electronic payment

Silent Auction and Raffles for great prizes



Melvin Jones Fellowship Luncheon by A&B Knox

On January 8th, Lions AI and Barb represented the DeAnza Lions Club at the Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) Recognition Luncheon at the Coyote Creek Golf Club in Morgan Hill. DeAnza Lions have traditionally utilized the one-thousand-dollar (\$1000.00) Fellowship as recognition of our individual Lions performance and dedication. Of significant note is that District 4c6 has sponsored this luncheon annually for many years and has mentioned the Cupertino DeAnza Lions first for our support of LCIF's efforts.

Also, the Lions of District 4c6 have maintained a contribution record over the past four years as follows: 2018-2019 \$55,000.00, 2019-2020 \$38,000.00, 2020-2021 \$37,000.00, 2021-2022 \$97,000.00 and 2022-2023 \$74,000.00 to date. Sixty-seven Lions were in attendance and over two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) was raised from contributions. DeAnza Lions use of this method of recognition should continue be it by personal donation or donor contributions. LCIF grants are

available to District 4c6 clubs returning a portion of our donations and LCIF uses funds for Disaster Relief wherever it may help worldwide.

Guest speaker Lion Dr. Mark Mansell gave one of the most inspiring presentations in support of LCIF. There is no way we can do justice to this Lion. If you are interested, you may go to the following blog and relate an amazing story of Lionism.

www.leaderdog.org/blog/voice-of-the-leader-dog-community-mansell/.

Lions Vision Clinic by JSmith

As most of you already know, our Club, with Lions in Sight, is jointly sponsoring a Vision Clinic to be held at St. John Vianney Community Center, 4602 Hyland Drive, San Jose on Sunday April 23rd, 2023, between 10AM and 5PM. Our aim will be to provide free services to 400 uninsured clients, including detailed eye exam and issue of corrective lenses. AJ Robinson facility will also be there to provide diabetes screening.

I have assembled an awesome team to organize this significant event. We held an initial meeting at the Vista Center on Monday, October 24th. More information will be available in the coming months. Please contact John at john.asmith@att.net for a response to any questions you may have.

DeAnza Lions Cupertino T-shirts are Available for Purchase by BKnox

DE ANZA LIONS
Cupertino
\$20.00

Opportunity to purchase a Tee Shirt for \$20.00, with no logos so it may be worn by non-Lions. Suggest it can be worn by De Anza Lions, family, friends and volunteers. Quality is DT 6000 Cotton. Male sizes are small, medium, large, X large and XXlarge.



Color Darker than shown.

Minimum quantity order is twelve (12). We will order at least 12 in assorted sizes if quantity not met.

Please advise Lion Barb of the sizes and quantity you would like to order:

EMAIL

durangogram@comcast.net
TEXT/Phone 408 482-0086

Registrar of Voters by AKnox ROV Chair

The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters (ROV) has the responsibility for conducting elections. Since 2020 the Cupertino DeAnza Lions have volunteered to assist ROV by performing transportation duties. Basically, we have transported ballots from the Vote Centers to ROV, transported materials from ROV to the Vote Centers and manned the remote Supply Truck transporting supplies to the Vote Centers.

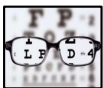
These duties required a minimum of four-hour shifts as follows: 8AM to Noon, Noon to 5PM and/or 5PM to 9PM. Many of our volunteers work eight-hour shifts and some for eleven days straight. The point is if you're available even for a four-hour shift it can be very beneficial to the Club. Compensation is \$65.00 per four-hour shift which is paid directly to the Club. And, it is \$115.00 per eight-hour shift. Mileage is also paid based on the miles traveled in your vehicle. Couriers are two-person vehicles and supply truck management must be two persons, as well.

Approximately twelve Lions or Friends of Lions have worked these past five elections generating twenty-seven thousand seven hundred and

GRATIS

Clinica de ojos
Domingo, 23 de Abril, 2023
(9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

Ubicado en St. John Vianney
Centro Comunitario, 4602
Hyland Avenue, San Jose



Servicios incluyen:

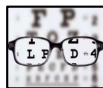
- Consulta con un optómetra
- Examen de visión & Glaucoma
- Anteojos reciclados
- Otros servicios de ojos

NO SE REQUIERE SEGURO MEDICAL O DOCUMENTACION

FREE

Eye Clinic
Sunday, April 23, 2023
(9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

Located at St. John Vianney
Community Center, 4602
Hyland Avenue, San Jose



Services Include:

- Eye Doctor Consultation
- Vision & Glaucoma testing
- Recycled Eyeglasses
- Other eye-related services

NO MEDICAL INSURANCE OR DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

Para Unete:

- Elija 9, 10, 11 aM, 12, 1, 2, 3, 4 pM
- **Envia un mensaje de texto** con nombre de pila, número de pacientes, hora del día al **(408) 596-3692**

To Sign Up:

- 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) 596-33692**

Patrocinado por el Cupertino De Anza Lions Club
Sponsored by Cupertino De Anza Lions Club
(A 501(c)(3) Non-profit Organization)
and by Lions in Sight



Charter Night 2023 by LNoone

Save the date!

Charter night, the event when we celebrate our Club's birthday, will be held on March 18th at the Blue Pheasant Restaurant in Cupertino. Food! Drinks! Fellowship! Guest speakers! Awards! Keep a look-out for more information to come!

seventy-seven dollars and fifty-five cents. This \$27,777.55 is paid directly to the Club and not the Charity. And even though the Club donates most of these funds to the Cupertino DeAnza Lions Charities, Inc., we maintain a small amount for our administrative and social accounts.

These funds helped keep us afloat during the past pandemic and we may volunteer again for the next election, just think how much we could raise if you threw in a shift or two?

Thanksgiving Food Drive by JSmith & Clce



We had our usual, frantically busy weekend preceding Thanksgiving, running our Annual Food Drive. The net result was that we distributed goodies to 220 families, including to 50 farmworker families in Watsonville. If we conservatively value each box of produce and canned goods at \$75, this represents a charitable donation totaling \$16,500. A Herculean effort!

We carried over some innovations from the past COVID-impacted years and had a strong social media campaign, tied into other well established social networks directly by key Lions, that resulted in significant direct financial donations to the cause as well as community volunteers assisting at the stores, the sorting at the hall, and most significantly during final packing, loading, and distribution on Monday morning. This also included a significant representation by our partner organization of many events, the Oddfellows.

Unique difficulties this year were the price of turkeys, which meant that not many birds were donated and we had to buy most of them. Also, we agreed that the general increase in the cost of food resulted in fewer and smaller donations. Additionally, we were denied access to one of the stores on Saturday morning. To compensate we worked into Sunday afternoon which meant a late Sunday night for Lion Charles, his family and crew, ensuring that everything was ready for distribution the following day.

Even with all of the successes and growth in this year's event, we made notes on how to improve future years by continuing and growing the use of social media, removing canned goods from the flyer and several other actions that will result in efficiency gains and labor reduction.

We had a good number of volunteers from our club, friends and families and community members but a special mention has to be made of the contributions by Lions Charles, Jeff and Ray for their tireless work over those 3 days. Great Job, guys. We will make every effort to spread the workload next year.



Loading boxes with food items on Monday morning before distribution.

My New Red Shoes by LNoone



Local Bay Area-based My New Red Shoes has been providing new shoes for needy school children since its inception and the Cupertino DeAnza Lions Club has been a proud supporter.

Minh Ngo, the Executive Director of MNRS, visited a PM meeting in November to give an update on the Ukraine Boots Project. The Project was successfully completed with over 100,000 pairs of boots getting to Ukraine before winter. She expressed her gratitude, emphasizing how great it was for our Club to come down and actually do the work it took to make this project the success it was. Their effort is still ongoing, volunteers are always needed. If you wish to help, you can sign up [here](#)



Minh Ngo, the Executive Director of MNRS

Greenhouse & Garden-Harvest at Via West

by JChin & DZimdahl

As the year ends, we look back to a mostly frosty and very wet December with fewer harvested produce, but an astounding 90 pounds of green tomatoes we harvested before sub-zero temperatures set in, which – thanks to Joan’s care – ripened in her warm home to yield another 45 pounds of red fruit for WVCS so far and counting, where customers have been noticing the deliveries and grabbed a few tomatoes right off the volunteers, knowing that they have been grown completely organically.



The frosty nights in the last weeks killed most flowers and a few herbs, like Basil, and reduced growth of the remaining greens. However, little onions are peeking through the mulch, and collards and turnips prove that they are frost-resistant. A good number of beds have been covered with ground cover seeds or mulch to retain moistness and renew the soil for spring planting.

Predictably, the plants in the greenhouse are using much less water than during summer and autumn, and we can supply the needed H₂O from buckets and bins we had positioned outdoors to be filled during the recent rainstorms. We might be able to harvest a few turnips from the GH, but are looking forward to transplanting others plants, like fennel

and beets, into the garden beds, soil temperatures permitting.

November and December Volunteer Hours 136;
Number of Volunteers 5



OMAR's Dream Run by AKnox



Omar's Dream Run helps in **Making Dreams Come True!**

As many of you already know, Omar was a young teenager who had leukemia and was unable to attend school because of the critical illness. But Omar had a big dream. Omar's parents learned his dream was to go to school and be with his classmates. Technology was capable of placing him *virtually* in his classroom where he was seen and heard, and he enjoyed his classmates likewise. On his passing at age 13, the dream expanded to include all children denied classroom presence because of their illness.

Omar's Dream Foundation provides all the necessary technology to children in need of virtual schoolroom attendance. The DeAnza Lions Club learned of this desire through a Lion member whose sister was Omar's teacher. The Cupertino DeAnza Lions Charities, Inc. provided equipment, volunteers and most importantly the 501c3 non-profit corporate structure to get this effort off the ground.

In 2013-14 and 2014-15 DeAnza Lions Charities provided all the necessary 501c3 status and accounting as Omar's Dream Foundation 501c3 was formed. That two-year effort provided just over \$50,000.00 in funds raised. Yet we continue today to provide equipment and volunteers to this growing provider of virtual classroom attendance. The Dream Run takes place every October.

Go to <https://www.omarsdream.org> and read about an amazing 501c3 that the Cupertino DeAnza Lions Club played a small part of in its beginning.

Meet Omar



Omar Hassan was a student at Tom Matsumoto Elementary School and our very own superhero.

Having battled leukemia from age 2, he had to undergo a bone marrow transplant in 4th grade. Rather than face months of isolation, he participated in all his classroom activities, including assemblies, science fair, and music lessons, via videoconference from his hospital room. He stayed in touch with his friends and remained a vital part of the class.

Omar had a dream of extending this program to other children. While Omar lost his battle to leukemia on April 7, 2012, his legacy continues through Omar's Dream Foundation.

A Blast from the Past



Photograph courtesy of Cupertino De Anza Lions Club

In celebration of Flag Day, Cliff Govaerts of the Cupertino De Anza Lions Club talks about the meaning of the American flag to a group of first-graders at Kathryn Hughes Elementary School. The Lions later cooked hot dogs for the students.

From the Cupertino COURIER (Est. 1947)
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*Please scan & send any pictures you might like to post to the Lions Roar to Leslye, leslyenoone@gmail.com; be sure to label them with the subject/persons in the picture and the date it was taken whenever possible. Or attend a meeting & give them to her in person. Thanks!

The Holiday Celebration by LNoone



The Lancons' humble abode was filled with cheer, especially on December 3rd as loads of Lions swooped in to share the joy of the season.

It has been three years since Club members have been able to gather for this annual tradition and, boy, did we celebrate; special treats were shared and spirits flowed. We were entertained by our own Blue Bells who played and sang the songs of the season. And we saw a new group evolve before our eyes: the Blue Bell Dancers who will soon become a part of this great tradition!

A huge thanks to Barbara and Ray for graciously opening their home once again.



Blue Bells and dancers—just a sampling of what went on during the party.

Happy Birthday, dear Lions,

Happy Birthday to you

Below is the list of Club members whose birthdays fall this Winter, before the April edition of the "Lions Roar". We hope you all have lots of fun celebrating!

Ray Lancon	Jan 5
John Smith	Mar 8
Jeff Ludlum	Mar 22
Don Lang	Mar 26
Charles Ice	Mar 28



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! 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