



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 TONY & ALBA'S PIZZA & PASTA, SAN JOSE**

The President's Post

President John's message to the Cupertino DeAnza Lions

Fellow Lions,

I am writing this after 3 months of my second term as President of this great Club. You will see below what a busy Summer this has been.

Almost as soon as I had rung the first bell, we heard that our home at Holders had suffered a fire and we had to find a new AM meeting venue. Thanks to Lions Al, Barb and Kent we finally ended up at IHOP, which is working well for us.

We have enjoyed presentations at the PM group from Canine Companions – always good to see the dogs at work, and last week from Ann Lopez, Director of Farmworkers.org. We got a really good understanding of the work that this group does. I was under the impression that their work was limited to welfare, but we heard that they have done significant lobbying in Sacramento that has resulted in several bills beneficial to this under-privileged group.

Lions Joan and Dagi have continued to work tirelessly at our garden at Camp Via. Last I heard was that 240lbs of produce had been harvested. Great going! A Lions' Roar also to Joan's husband,

Wayne, who has been stretching his back pulling weeds all across the hillside.

Keeping to our original mission, we have attended eyeglass cleaning sessions and lensometer training sessions at the Vista Center.

Four Lions and two partners attended the (Camp) Via Ball, where we saw an exciting auction that raised a large amount of funding for this charity.

A couple of weeks ago our Club attended a Volunteer Fair in Cupertino and as a result we have an organization publishing our volunteer opportunities at the Food Drive next month and at the Vision Clinic next Spring. Given the low attendance we were surprised and pleased to get a bunch of sign-ups of those who want to help.

Our Club will once again be participating with the Registrar of Voters in the upcoming November election helping to coordinate supply distribution and working as ballot couriers.

Upcoming events include a B J's fundraiser on 10/13 (don't forget to publicize it), Omar's Dream on 10/16 and the Food Drive on 11/19, 11/20, 11/21. Lion Claire has sent out a sign-up sheet, please be generous with your time and talents.

Keep up the good work. Sincerely, President John

Eyeglass Collection & Training by LNoone

Eyeglasses collection still continues. If you have a site in mind that might prove to be a good source for glasses, ask Lion Ray Lancon for a collection box.

Eyeglass cleaning and sorting is going on at the Vision Center almost daily. Recently, Lion Steve and his wife Ellen were trained to use the lensometer. If you are interested in participating or being trained contact Lion Ray at raymondlancon@gmail.com.

Installation of Officers by JSmith



On Sunday, July 17th, the DeAnza Lions celebrated a 3-in-1 event, organized in big part by Lions Barbara and Al Knox, the new First VP/Secretary, and the new (and former) Treasurer respectively. It all happened at the picnic area in Memorial Park in Cupertino, where 50—60 Lions along with family members had gathered under shady canopies, enjoying a beautiful Summer day and the company of fellow Lions. Lion Jeff, our outgoing President, addressed Club members a last time in his official capacity, thanking all of us for the last 9 years (and we thank him!) before a catered lunch was served by three former Girl Scouts. After lunch Former District Governor Liz Crooke thanked the outgoing Board members for their service and inducted the new President and his new ‘cabinet’.

Awards were presented to quite a few lions—congratulations all!

Lion John, our new President for the next two Lion years, gave an overview of his ambitious plans for the Club, including visitations to other clubs and invitations to speakers at our meetings—plans already in full swing. Lion Prez John remarked after the event:

“A big Lions’ Roar to Barb Knox and her team for all the hard work in organizing the picnic. We have a new team installed, congratulations to those who received their well-deserved awards and we really impressed Installing Officer, Liz Crooke (which is not easy). Great job, Barb and Al”.



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. If possible, AJ Robinson facility will also be there to provide diabetes screening.

I have assembled an awesome team to organize this significant event:

- Global Services Coordinator Larry Hidalgo will manage communication with our District officers.
- Sight Preservation Chair Art Low has taken on Vision Testing and Eyeglass Dispensary.
- Lion Alan Woertink is responsible for finding volunteers.
- Lion Leslye Noone will manage volunteer sign up, administration and communication.
- Lion Claire Kalia will direct the Registration process.
- Lion Trevor Newman will handle ordering of new glasses (where we don’t have the prescription in our inventory).
- Lion Steve Ratner and his wife, Ellen, will beg, borrow or steal food to nourish the volunteers on the day.
- Lion Jeff Ludlum will handle logistics (parking, people flow, equipment and signage).
- Lion Ron Ahearn and I will be responsible for event publicity, media communication, leaflet distribution.

We will hold an initial meeting at the Vista Center on Monday, October 24th.

More information will be available in the coming months.

Canine Companions Paid a Visit by LNoone



One of Lion John’s goals as President this year is to increase the number of guest speakers who come to

talk with us at our AM and PM meetings. (Hopefully, a lucky result of hosting interesting speakers will be that attendance will improve if members are motivated to hear the speakers!) Right off the bat, we welcomed two Canine Companions and their trainers to our August PM meeting. We learned more about the organization and experiences the trainers have had over the years. Then we watched the puppies do their work and learned why certain behaviors have to be trained in very specific ways. The puppies are always a delight to watch and the trainers are inspirational. We are proud to support this organization. (For info see www.canine.org.)



De Anza Dollars by AKnox



Revenue for the DeAnza Lions remains low. So far this fiscal year, it is just over \$1,450.00. Expenses include donations to My New Red Shoes, Camp VIA and Garden maintenance, Vista Center, Lions Eye Foundation per-capita, and Center for Farmworker Families; all totaling \$1,740.00.

Business Expense, Facilities and Equipment, and Operations required an additional \$1,858.00 for a total deficit of \$2,506.15. Total budgeted benefit to the needy is \$58,091.50 so we have a way to go. We will need all hands-on-deck for the upcoming Food Drive, Crab Feed and Golf Tournament if we hope to come close to this goal. Despite a nearly break-even budget, our financial position is still very strong, and we will provide for the needy this fiscal year. However, as your Club Treasurer, I am optimistic we can create a successful REVENUE year.

Disbursements are pending for AJ Robinson, Camp VIA West, Canine Companions, City of Hope, Lions Eye Foundation, Hearing Foundation, and twenty-

two other viable causes. So, again, the DeAnza Lions are gearing up to have fun, provide for our donors, and contribute to the needs of the less fortunate.

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

Center for Farmworker Families by CKalia

The Cupertino DeAnza Lions Club has been supporting the Watsonville-based Center for Farmworker Families for several years. Executive Director Dr. Ann Lopez visited the PM group on October 5th and discussed the advocacy and service activities of the nonprofit. The Club's support for the migrant workers in recent months has increased with the initiation of monthly donation deliveries led by Lions Barb and Al Knox and Lion Steve and Ellen Ratner. Each month, up to three car loads of donations of clothes, hygiene items, household goods and other necessities are delivered to Watsonville for distribution to the migrant families. For more information, visit farmworkerfamily.org.



My New Red Shoes by CKalia



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 of the nonprofit. This Summer, My New Red Shoes took on a massive undertaking – sorting, inventorying, labeling, and packing 100,000 pairs of boots for Ukrainian refugee families at their warehouse in Sunnyvale. Our Club responded to their request by doing what we do best – stepping in and providing sweat equity for the effort. Many of our members went to help out, some multiple times. The effort is still ongoing and if you wish to help, you can sign up [here](#).



Registrar of Voters by AKnox



ROV Blessings

Again, we are scheduled with the Santa Clara County Registrar Of Voters elections from October 29 through November 8, 2022. DeAnza Lions are again willing to devote up to eleven days to increase our Club budget by approximately seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00).

The blessings come about when Lions understand that most of these twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00), soon to be nineteen thousand dollars (\$19,000.00) earned from the ROV 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 who we assist every year.

Cupertino Volunteer Fair by LNoone

The Volunteer Fair was held outside of the Cupertino City Hall. Several community members stopped by our tent, studied our “brag board” and put their names down stating they were interested in getting more information about our organization. Lion President John Smith will soon follow up with these individuals. Club members, Lions Eli, Ray and Herb helped pick up and set up the tent and tables and secure the brag board, as shown, before the Fair

began. Lions Joan, John and Barb with her daughter Brenda, manned the tables during the event and others helped take everything down at its conclusion. Thanks all for your good work.



Thanksgiving Food Drive by CKalia



The Cupertino DeAnza Lions Club annual food drive kicks off again in November with our new family sponsorship and community food drive beginning in early November, and our store donations, packing and delivery happening the weekend before Thanksgiving (November 19-21). Last year we expanded our offerings to include the migrant farm workers in Watsonville, who received 50 fresh turkeys and lots of perishables, and we will continue that this year. Volunteers are needed the weekend of November 19-21 to solicit donations in stores, pack and box donations in the warehouse, and to deliver the donations. Please sign up [here](#) and contact Lions Ray Lancon, Jeff Ludlum, Jen Dyer or Claire Kalia with any questions.

Greenhouse & Garden-Harvest at Via West

by JChin & DZimdahl

Now it is October at Camp Via West, so it's a bit quieter with fewer activities, shorter days, and all of the workers catching their breaths just a bit after a very full Summer. And the deer are beginning to gather all around the camp, bucks, does and young ones alike. The Via Lions Co-op Garden has been beautiful and productive despite some extremes in temperature and many unexpected “lunch guests”. Since we grow lots of herbs and flowers to ward off the pests, it becomes very pretty and lush under our shade netting.



We suffered almost ten straight days of extreme heat, including six days above 100 degrees in the Garden itself. Who knows how hot it got in the Greenhouse because our thermometer doesn't read that high! We've added more critters to our list of critter-types that feel invited to eat our bounty before it has been harvested: ground squirrels and chipmunks were voraciously enjoying our greens, sunflowers, and tomatoes. Plus, who let the grasshoppers in? The abundant crop of Napa Cabbage looked like *Swiss Cheese* for all the holes those bugs made in almost all the leaves for weeks. Bit by bit, Lions Dagi and Joan countered their attacks and prevented their entries as much as they could, so they got to the end of Summer with just an occasional magic but uninvited chipmunk munching paste tomatoes.

Speaking of tomatoes, that was our bumper crop



this season, with over 150 pounds harvested in September alone for a total of 240 pounds this Summer with more ripening daily. With all our crops added together, we have harvested about 450 pounds since July. There were ups and there were

downs, downs such as cucumbers, peppers, and zucchini, which didn't do as well this year as last. We try to rotate the crops, so in doing that, we are discovering which beds give us a better yield of which crops. The greens grew faithfully, except those that were affected by the high heat in their early days. All together we have almost 50 vegetable crops; many grow year-round including the herbs.
 **September Harvest 277 pounds; 150 pounds of tomatoes included in the 277 pounds
 **September Volunteer Hours 120; Number of Volunteers 8

BJ's Restaurant-a Social & Fundraiser

All attendees had a great meal and a great time.


 JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS WAY TO
RAISE MONEY!

Date: Oct 13, 2022 Time: 5:30PM to 10:00PM

For Dine In, Takeout or Curbside at this BJ's Location:

511 Coleman Ave
 San Jose, CA 95110
 408-343-7230

Enjoy delicious food in a fun atmosphere along with your family and friends while earning funds in support of:

De Anza Lions Fund Raiser

WITH EACH FLYER PRESENTED DURING THIS FUNDRAISING EVENT, BJ'S WILL DONATE 20% OF FOOD AND SOFT BEVERAGE SALES TO THE DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION!

VISIT US IN PERSON, ORDER ONLINE OR PLACE A TAKE-OUT ORDER

When dining in: Present this flyer to your server at any time during your meal.

When ordering online: Enter the 6-digit fundraiser code below at the time of checkout.

When placing a take-out order: Present this flyer to a BJ's team member upon your arrival.




Valid for dine in, takeout or curbside when applicable. Not valid toward alcoholic beverages, Happy Hour specials or for delivery orders. Please do not distribute flyers on site during the event.



A Holiday Celebration is Planned by LNoone



Hey Lions, we haven't had a holiday celebration together since the pandemic began. Well, it's time to gather together to celebrate once again. Please mark your calendars for the evening of December 3rd to save the date for a holiday party/pot luck at Lion Ray and Barbara Lancon's home. Their address is 7548 Leeds Avenue, Cupertino. Be on the look-out for info and sign-up sheets in the near future!

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

Below is the list of Club members whose birthdays fall *this* Fall, before the January edition of the “Lions Roar”. We hope you all have lots of fun celebrating!

Pete Perino	Oct 1	1969
Herb Yeary	Oct 5	1941
Ron Ahearn	Oct 6	1945
Vijay Caveripakkam	Oct 17	1973
Leslye Noone	Oct 24	1954
Gerry Tammi	Nov 4	1942
Sashi Begur	Dec 1	1961
Scott Ludlum	Dec 12	1971



A Blast from the Past



San Jose Christmas Parade 12/2009
All of those in yellow jackets are Lions!

*Please scan & send any pictures you'd like to share to Leslye at leslyenoone@gmail.com; be sure to label them with the subject/persons in the picture and the date taken whenever possible. Or attend a meeting & give them to her then. Thanks!

Editor's Note: The Cupertino DeAnza Lions Roar is a quarterly publication written for members of the CDAL to keep you informed of and up-to-date with the activities and events our Club has been 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.
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