



Cupertino DeAnza Lions Roar



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The President's Post

President John's jottings for the Cupertino DeAnza Lions

Fellow Lions, as I write I am enjoying the late arrival of summer weather and looking forward to July 4th celebrations. Yes, as a Brit I do celebrate Independence Day; I am enough of a realist to recognize that not everything done in the name of Britain was fair and just!

As we had to cancel the Golf Tournament this year, the major event since the last "Lions Roar" was the Vision Clinic on April 23rd at St. John Vianney Community Center. You can read details in a dedicated article.



As some of you know I am just back from an extended vacation in England and Ireland, chilling out after the excitement, hard work and rigors of the Vision Clinic. My arrival was swiftly followed by a Board Meeting, AM Meeting and Budget Meeting in the space of three days. *Ergo*, I am fully back in the saddle.

We had an excellent Budget Meeting on Saturday June 24th, thanks to the painstaking preparations of Lion Treasurer Al. I won't go into the details but this is a good place to let you know about the implications on the Club for the coming Lions year.



We all wanted to arrive at a balanced budget, that is a budget that does not draw further funds from our bank balances and hopefully adds to them. Therefore, our donations will be limited to the headcount-based charities like Canine Companions and Lions Eye Foundation, plus a few that address our core values (sight, hunger, education). We reviewed a number of suggestions for new fundraisers but rejected all on the basis of risk/reward imbalance. So, we will rely on Register of Voters, Crab Feed and (hopefully) a revitalized golf tournament to provide our income up to July

2024. We realize that the Crab Feed particularly will need an extensive number of volunteers and we regretfully decided not to rely on Leos this year. I took an action to connect with the Boy/Girl Scouts movement to establish a mutually beneficial relationship. This worked extremely well at my last Club in Sonoma County. Lion Jennifer made an excellent suggestion to hold the golf tournament on a Friday, making it easier for the workers to attend. Apparently, this would not involve additional cost.

Our next event will be the Summer BBQ to be held at The Villages on July 22nd, at the Gazebo, a delightful, shaded location overlooking the golf course and meadow. It will be a Pot Luck for side dishes and BYO flat wear; all else will be provided. I look forward to seeing you there.



As our District has adopted Vision Clinic as a District project, I will be free to focus 100% on Cupertino DeAnza this coming year and I plan to work with Lion Liang on Membership and to do a full visitation program with your help.

I look forward to an exciting year and rely on you all to do your best for Lions.

From Our 1st VP: by BKnox



Dear Fellow Lions, As I approach the end of this service year as your 1ST Vice President and Secretary, I realize my life has been changed in ways I couldn't imagine. The trust you as a Club have put in me to keep everyone informed of all the day-to-day business that goes on is an honor. We have had some disappointments but Cupertino DeAnza Lions will survive. As we move into this upcoming year, we have a big commitment to keep our fundraisers—the Crab Feed, the Golf Tournament and working for the ROV—going at top speed. Our Club is an

outstanding club due to its members. So, when the volunteer sheets go out: **sign up** and let's keep our Club on top. Our goal is to serve to benefit those in need.



Name that Lion 1 by LNoone



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

After a little discussion among our Club Member's den partners, 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? **She grew up in San Carlos and moved to Burlington, Ontario for her Jr. and Sr. years of High School. Then she attended San Jose State. She's been married 58 years.**
2. What is the one thing that instantly makes your day better? **Seeing her grandchildren makes the day better instantly.**
3. Reveal one thing that our Club members don't know about you? **She's a good horseshoe player (any challengers?) and a good artist, too.**
4. How long have you been a Cupertino DeAnza Lion? **She's been a Lion 14 years but has been active with the Club for many years more than that.**
5. Name something on your Bucket List. **To take a world cruise; but she's been to many places already.**
6. Who is your hero? **CAL Quarterback Craig Morton.**
7. Do you collect anything? **Yes, she collects anything lighthouse related.**
8. Who was the US President when you were born? **F D Roosevelt.**
9. Do you have a favorite vacation place? **Donner.**
10. What is your favorite cocktail? **A Moscow Mule.**
11. Do you have a favorite or a funny Lion memory you'd like to share? **She loved working on the food drive with her Grandson and definitely enjoyed leading the Elementary School Flag Day Program for several years.**

12. What drew you to become a Lion? **Family involvement and fun drew her to become a Lion.**
Name that Lion: _____

Golf Tournament Cancelled by LNoone



We had to cancel the Annual Charity Golf Tournament this year. Normally a great fundraiser for the CDAL, we needed a minimum of 48 golfers but there were only 30 who signed up. It seems many of our past golfers cannot physically play any longer and other golfers work Monday through Friday so the Monday play day didn't fit in their schedule. We hope to be able to move the day to Friday in Spring/Summer 2024. If this is possible, we might try to hold a tournament once more.

De Anza Dollars by AKnox



The DeAnza Lions Charity checking account is now just over \$6,000.00. We do have just over \$20,000.00 in a Charity savings account and CD. So currently, approximately \$27,000.00 is available for disbursement.

The Budget Committee has met and their work is currently being prepared for approval by the Board of Directors. To say that these are troubling times may be a slight understatement. Our ability to serve the people in need has been curbed by the pandemic and a few other factors. We are optimistic that we will have a successful Crab Feed and are deep in the decision process for a Golf Classic.

The Annual Charitable Giving that we have been able to maintain over the past eight years may be significantly curtailed this year and into the future. We do have a way to raise significant funds through the Registrar of Voters election process **if** we can get the Club volunteers needed. There will be more about this election-time fundraising soon.

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 was born in Oregon but grew up in Redwood City. I didn't go to school after high school, I thought I'd start working instead. I was married 47 years.**

2. What is the one thing that instantly makes your day better? **A morning chit chat with one of my boys.**

3. Reveal one thing that our Club members don't know about you? **I don't think there's anything our Club members don't know about me; my life is practically an open book.**

4. How long have you been a Cupertino DeAnza Lion? **I've been a member for 12 years but I was involved long before becoming a member.**

5. Name something on your Bucket List. **I'd love to get back to Hawaii again.**

6. Who is your hero? **My mother. She was a nurse. At times she seemed practically saintly to me; everybody was welcome in our home and if we only had three pork chops, she could make it seem like a feast for everyone at the table.**

7. Do you collect anything? **Little bird houses.**

8. Who was the US President when you were born? **FDR.**

9. Do you have a favorite vacation place? **You guessed it: Hawaii!**

10. What is your favorite cocktail? **My favorite cocktail is a Vodka Gimlet but, more importantly, my favorite wine is a Chardonnay.**

11. Do you have a favorite or a funny Lion memory you'd like to share? **With former Lions the Gilberts and several others we had a silly weekend (or 2?) with all the Lions on the houseboat.**

12. What drew you to become a Lion? **My husband was a Lion and our best friends, Mort and Eli, encouraged me to join.**

Name that Lion: _____

Cupertino Earth Day by DZimdahl



Like last year, Earth Day Festival 2023 in Cupertino was announced early in the year and Lion Joan reserved two adjacent spaces for the Cupertino DeAnza Lions Club early on, so even though she had to miss the event, the Club was set up to be very well represented.

When I got to our spots before 9:00am, the canopies for Lions (the 'big' one and a smaller one) were already up and Lion Ray was there guarding our two posts. He and dozens of young kids helped to unload my car.

The location of our tables could not have been better: the tables were facing West, we had the big tent with the side cover in the East, and the Brag Board shielding us from the midday sun in the South. There was nobody on our left side and on the right side we had the Santa Clara Master Gardeners. Almost opposite were the 2 food trucks and the ice cream station, which was nice; there were no overwhelming smells, just a whiff of cinnamon from the Waffle truck wafting our way once in a while.

Ray had brought another table and two additional chairs from storage which was great. He helped to put Joan's tablecloths on all 3 tables and put up the Brag Board. Lion Barb joined us at 9:30 and she sent Ray home, as we thought we could handle everything from there.

I had brought around 350 packets of extra seeds ("Free handouts") and photos of our sunflowers at the Camp plus the display of sunflowers we had grown in the greenhouse in the last 6 weeks.



Barb and I peeled off more sunflower seeds when the first visitors came by shortly before 11:00am. By that time, Lion Sue had joined us and she was happy to help people seed sunflowers using the screened soil and the already-peeled sunflower seeds. Many admired the displays and were keen on taking some of the seed packages. Most people were pleasant and polite; they asked about the plantings, were curious about the seeds and all were pleased to be able to plant their seeds and take them home.

Young and old were happily seeding the sunflowers with the help of Sue and volunteer Carol, who arrived before noon time. One older gentleman came by and raved about the sunflowers he had gotten last year; they had grown to 6 feet tall, he

marveled. We ran out of most seed packets by 1:00pm. Basil, Cilantro and Nasturtiums were in high demand – I could have brought at least 50 more packets of each (and we do still have a lot of Cilantro seeds). Carol pulled more sunflowers from the chaff, and Barb made more sunflower seed packages which were also going like hot cakes.

Around 2:30pm, Lion Ray came back with Lions Charlie and Eli to pick up the Lions items, and together with Carol and Sue, he and Charlie helped with the packing up of most of my stuff.

Not many people were interested in the Lions Club *per se*, probably because that table was not 'manned'; but many stopped for a wee chat and were happy to get those seed packets. We now have a few email addresses; one from a lady who asked if we would like to have HS students as volunteers out at the garden. I also talked with the Master Gardeners and gave them my email address to receive their event calendar and info regarding their teaching classes. I asked them if they had met Joan at their garden event a couple of weeks ago, but they did not recognize the name.

It was a great event with lovely, helpful volunteers at an ideal location. The super pre-work and instructions from Joan were an enormous help. I would call the Cupertino Earth Day quite a successful event!



Lions Vision Clinic by JSmith



On Sunday, April 23rd at 8:00am, 10 optometrists and 70 other volunteers (mostly Lions) gathered at St. John Vianney Community Center to run a Vision Clinic, targeting uninsured patients. Nine hours later 350 patients had passed through the door, all

of whom received a detailed eye exam and eye glasses if they needed them.



We had assistance from Lions all around Silicon Valley, Aptos and Santa Cruz and we saw patients whose first language was Spanish or Vietnamese, as well as English. 3000 leaflets had been distributed to soup kitchens, shelters, churches, schools, Catholic Charities, the Salvation Army and the Vietnamese Service Center.

Most of the glasses were issued from the Lions inventory, normally housed in Vallejo and brought down for the day. More unusual prescriptions were ordered online from manufacturer Zenni who generously provided coupons as the clinic was completely free of charge. All orders were delivered within 10 days.



We saw patients of all ages; several children were fitted with glasses for the first time.

We had translators on hand to assist our Spanish- and Vietnamese-speaking patients.

There were three organizations on hand supplying ancillary services:

- Lions Eye Foundation received 17 referrals for patients who needed ongoing treatment.
- Vista Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired attended to assist those with little or no vision.
- San Jose/Santa Clara County Library was set up to present their Adult Tutoring service.



Food for volunteers was available all day, provided by local grocery stores and restaurants, particularly Panera Bread, and was served by volunteer Lions.

Unfortunately, about 150 registrations had to be denied as the clinic was over-subscribed. There will be a similar event hosted by the Mexican Consulate on Saturday, 7 October.

Subsequently, at their annual convention, Lions District 4C-6 adopted Vision Clinics as a District project to enable clubs to work together on repeat events.

Name that Lion 3 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 here in San Jose and went away to school at Norte Dame. We have been married 63 years and were married on the 4th of July.**
2. What is the one thing that instantly makes your day better? **Waking up at this age! And not having to go to work so early.**
3. Reveal one thing that our Club members don't know about you? **I knew Clark Gable really well in Carson City; he was just a rancher with dirty boots. I attended 16 years of Catholic schools. And I was married in Germany. There's probably not much else they don't know about me.**

4. How long have you been a Cupertino DeAnza Lion? **14 years.**
5. Name something on your Bucket List. **I have done most all of the things I ever wanted to do; we've been lucky.**
6. Who is your hero? **My husband. And my dad, he was a great guy.**
7. Do you collect anything? **Just look around, apparently, I collect wine glasses!**
8. Who was the US President when you were born? **FDR.**
9. Do you have a favorite vacation place? **We've been going to Maui for probably 45 years now.**
10. What is your favorite cocktail? **A Margarita, seniorita, of course!**
11. Do you have a favorite or a funny Lion memory you'd like to share? **We had some fun and funny times whenever we were playing golf.**
12. What drew you to become a Lion? **The camaraderie and the mix of people.**
Name that Lion: _____

Greenhouse & Garden – Spring 2023

by JChin & DZimdahl

Springtime arrived, not exactly on 21 March, but soon afterwards, with daytime temperatures climbing up slowly, but rainy days in May – who would have expected this?

In general, all our plants liked the change in weather a lot and they decided to accelerate their growth both in the greenhouse and especially when planted in the warming garden soil.



Still, it was not until the beginning of May that the soil conditions allowed Joan to start transplanting a variety of pole tomatoes from the greenhouse into

those designated garden beds that will soon get professional trellises which will facilitate vertical growth.

Our pleas for support from the powers-that-be at VIA/AbilityPath seem to have been heard, and we received promises, albeit fluffy ones, that someone will be 'ready to take over soon'.

As a first step, a group of five disabled adult men and their mentor Courtney have been coming to the Garden each Friday since the end of April, helping, under the patient guidance of Joan, as much as possible with moving wood chips to the garden to help suppress weeds, raking oak leaves, scattering them on the meadows and seeding beans.

We all have been navigating our paths to and from the garden area either through the immense construction zones or by climbing up the steps in the amphitheater and on over lowered fences. Almost nothing remains from the formerly peaceful quiet camp, especially the stillness during the pandemic, but we have been assured that everything will be beautiful when finished around the end of May. "We'll see"!



We are still dreaming about getting shade cloths, one spanning the whole garden and another one covering the greenhouse, remembering the excessive heat from last year.

Joan will be running the garden and greenhouse operations mostly by herself during June and at the beginning of July, but our new volunteer, Julie, will become an asset, like our loyal friend Carol, who has been helping once a week with harvesting and watering.

Speaking of harvest, in May we more than doubled our April harvest, but wait for the tomatoes,

zucchini, cucumbers, peppers and eggplants coming later in summer!

Here are our harvest totals for the last 5 months:

Monthly Harvest Totals	Pounds	Hours	People
January 2023	26.0	79	6
February 2023	10.2	109	6
March 2023	13.0	121	7
April 2023	28.0	186	13
May 2023	60.0	255	20
Total for Jan-May 2023	137.2	750.25	52
Average	27.0	150	10



Save the Date by LNoone



The date is set for the DeAnza Lions to get together for some socializing and to celebrate the close of the 2022-23 Lions year. The Summer Social will be held at The Villages in San Jose. This event will be held as a pot luck so bring a side dish to share while BBQ and drinks will be provided by the CDAL. Please save July 22nd and mark your calendars so you can enjoy the camaraderie, the fun and the food.

Please sign up at the Google link below or call Lion John at (707) 849-1177 to register the number of attendees to come and the pot luck dish you will be sharing. Friends and family are welcome. Thank you.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1S467e89BsVYJBg6S-Oz7eDKOqMm8ENGzPkITPYHAKw8/edit#gid=0>

Name that Lion 4 by LNoone



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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 San Jose and did not go away for school. We'll be married 64 years on July 2nd and we went together 4 years before that.**
 2. What is the one thing that instantly makes your day better? **My cat; he's the first thing I see when he wakes me up in the morning.**
 3. Reveal one thing that our Club members don't know about you? **I'm a go-cart champion and a certified 45' motorhome operator.**
 4. How long have you been a Cupertino DeAnza Lion? **2 years. But I was active 40 years before that.**
 5. Name something on your Bucket List. **Let's come back to that one (we didn't).**
 6. Who is your hero? **Well, naturally, my husband.**
 7. Do you collect anything? **When I was a kid, I collected Kewpie Dolls.**
 8. Who was the US President when you were born? **FDR.**
 9. Do you have a favorite vacation place? **Mt. Rushmore. I love that place.**
 10. What is your favorite cocktail? **Can it be beer? It's Modelo and Negra.**
 11. Do you have a favorite or a funny Lion memory you'd like to share? **They're all funny. My favorite memories are of the Conventions we went to when the CDAL was committed to attending them, led by Jim Gould. Those are great memories, so good.**
 12. What drew you to become a Lion? **Somebody who was in the Lions for 41 years. He needed some help and I wanted to become more involved.**
- Name that Lion: _____

A Blast from the Past: CDAL History in print and at Camp By AKnox

In 1969 Lion George Fernandez of the Cupertino Host Lions led the formation of the DeAnza Lions Club. The Club was chartered by Lions Clubs International in 1969 but, became a California 501c4 Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation in 1980. We are known officially as the Lions Club of DeAnza Corporation.

Our 1984-1985 Club budget was \$2,920.00 in revenue and \$3,565.00 in expense, showing a deficit of \$645.00. Of those expenditures \$2,325.00 went directly to charity. That's an admirable 65% of revenue. Half of that revenue came from dues and the ever-present tail twister fines. The other

revenue came from a booth at the De Anza College Flea Market. Our balance sheet was a meager \$1,750.00. Our charitable expenditures were interesting, showing funds to our Public Service Committee, Crippled Children's camp (now Camp Via Services/AbilityPath), food baskets to help the needy, Patriotism Day, the Tournament of Bands, Alcohol and Drug Awareness, Diabetes Awareness, the Speech Contest, Service Above Self (High School Scholarships) and Variety Audio (audio recordings for the blind).



Also, during the 1984-85 period, Lion Dick Shuster put out a monthly newsletter called "Here's DeAnza." Here is quote from the September 27, 1984 edition of Here's DeAnza, "Lions Fred Burr, Rocky Vachon, Brian Fitzgerald, Joe Gilbert, Jim Gould, Dick Schuster, Bob Moorman, and Al Knox conspired to put some polish on our Horse Corral and Petting Zoo Project at Camp Costanoan on the 15th of September. These eight Lions did us proud as they flexed their muscles moving 16 tons of crushed rock to the sheep and goat pen and the horse corral. They also reworked the water trough in the horse corral. The sheep, goats and horses are all reported to having been a lot more active on their improved floors. It is amazing what can be accomplished when an inspired and dedicated group of Lions attack a project."

How does the foregoing happen when you only have twenty-one members? Here's DeAnza reported a DeAnza Lions weekly Thursday meeting attendance record at an astounding ninety per-cent. And the Annual Student Speaker Contest for February 1985 was: "TELEVISION – MASTER OR SERVANT." That's the story Fellow Lions, a single

year captioned in the 54-year history of the Cupertino DeAnza Lions Club. **"WE SERVE."**



Op-Ed, Lions Charity Budget 2023-24

This piece was developed by Lion NEliason in collaboration with Past President Lion J Ludlum and "The Lions Roar" Editor Lion LNoone.

As you all know, Lion Al Knox would like to retire as Club Treasurer. We owe a great debt of gratitude to Al for his countless hours and dedication while directing and navigating an increasingly complex set of rules and regulations to keep our Club's budget and finances operating and legal, especially during the pandemic years. For your service, Al, the Cupertino DeAnza Lions (CDAL) will always be grateful.

We now have a dilemma. Budget-wise, our Club faces a real challenge.

Because of CDAL members' work and commitment, in recent years we have been able to deliver over \$40,000 a year in charitable goods and funds. These goods and funds have gone to support international, national, state and local charitable causes, including disaster relief, improving health and living conditions and fighting hunger. Locally, we help the disadvantaged, people with disabilities and others as we try to help those in need to live better lives.

Unfortunately, largely due to the pandemic, we have spent down most of the profits from our fundraising events. In addition, we cancelled our annual charity golf tournaments 2023 and 2024 due to lack of golfer (member) participation; historically the tournament has been a source of good revenue.

Here is the issue: Ideally, we would like to continue supporting a generous, charitable budget (similar to the history of ~\$40,000 annual

donations). Many causes and non-profit entities have come to rely on our DeAnza Lions Charities support. There are a number of possible solutions to achieve this goal. All of them, however, require us as members to become more active and involved in these fundraising events.

Below are some considerations:

1. Our Crab Feed could be far more profitable if we each made a commitment to get more diners to the event. We also need twice as many volunteers at the Crab Feed as we had in February 2023. Let us all attend *and* help work the event. Many Lions make lighter work for everyone volunteering.
2. The same is true for the Thanksgiving Food Drive. We need a commitment from our members and volunteers to participate and help work the event.
3. There are many civic and corporate grants available to service clubs. Many include grant event opportunities requiring volunteer worker participation to qualify for financing. In the past, CDAL has received grant funding from LCIF, the City of Cupertino, the Sobrato Foundation and the Apple Benevity Fund, among others. We could form a Club Finance MEMBER Committee to find sources and apply for funding.
4. Our Club's involvement in supporting the election events through the Registrar of Voters (ROV) has emerged as a great success and income grows with each election. When we volunteer to assist with the many voting tasks, the participating CDAL volunteer receives a stipend for every shift; these stipends have historically then been donated by the member volunteers to the Club. Then the Club has donated the funds to our charity account. The more shifts we fill, the more revenue we bring into the Club. Increasing support for this event is a no brainer. It requires no Personal or Club financial investment; it simply requires "Sweat Equity" (your time). You can choose between day, evening and weekend shifts and various numbers of hours during each shift. These shifts allow you to choose how you want to work volunteering for the ROV into your schedule.

Conclusion: What we need from all fellow Lions, is a much larger commitment from ALL members to support our fundraising and volunteer endeavors. As stated earlier: Many Lions make lighter work for all involved. Remember our Motto: WE SERVE.

Looking back:
"Little Eli" and
Project Linus



Happy Birthday, dear Lions,
Happy Birthday to you 🎵

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

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
Denise Paternoster	Aug 16
Jim Gould	Aug 19
Dagi Zimdahl	Sept 8
Pam Hershey	Sept 10
Jen Dyer	Sept 12
Mort Eliason	Sept 14
Chris Noone	Sept 26



Name that Lion Revealed by LNoone



1. Mort Eliason



2. Anne Harris



2. Pat Coppe



4. Barbara Knox

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 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 leslyenoone@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

