



Cupertino DeAnza Lions Roar



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**WEEKLY AM MEETINGS ARE
EVERY THURSDAY AT 9:00 AM
AT IHOP ON MILLER AVENUE SJ/CUPERTINO
GoogleMeet at: meet.google.com/bfb-swnx-qyv
AND
MONTHLY PM MEETINGS ARE THE
FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 6:30 PM
AT CICERO'S PIZZA 6138 BOLLINGER ROAD SJ/CUPERTINO
GoogleMeet at: meet.google.com/bfb-swnx-qyv**

The President's Post



President John's jottings for the Cupertino DeAnza Lions

Another Lions year has gone around and I'm delighted to report that our Club received not one, but two awards at the District Annual Convention. We were recognized for our cumulative contribution to LCIF and also for sponsoring and executing the vision clinic last April (see article "Vision Clinics" following).

We held a social event in July, a Summer Barbecue at The Villages, on one of the hottest days of the year. I swear that given time we could have produced cooked food without lighting charcoal. Anyway, we used that same charcoal to roast ribs, chicken, portabellas and corn. Delicious side dishes and desserts were brought along by members. I was told that a good time was had by all. Sincere thanks to Jim Gould and his wife, Simone, for their awesome assistance.

I mentioned before that I would like to revive visitations by our Club. To that end I have reviewed

clubs that are not too far away and don't clash with meetings of our own Club (we have at least 6 meetings every month). My shortlist is

- San Jose Los Amigos, 1st Monday, 7pm
- San Martin, 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7pm
- Los Gatos, every Wednesday, 12pm
- Milpitas Exec, 1st Monday, 7pm

We'll put together a schedule shortly.

We have already started planning our upcoming Food Drive, over the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, November 18th and 19th. We plan to use the same stores as last year but finish food collection midday Sunday to allow time for shopping and packing. With rising prices this project is even more beneficial than ever. I encourage all members to sign up for duty over this busy weekend.

Looking ahead to next year, the Student Speaker subject has been announced as "For a Better World, what would you change?" Lion Dagmar has agreed to chair the event, to be ably assisted by newish member, Denise Paternoster. Thank you, lady Lions. We are hoping that our increased presence on social media will result in getting a number of candidates to compete.

A "moveable feast", is in the early stages of planning. This where several homes are opened, each for a different course and diners bring along pot luck appetizers, entrees and desserts. We already have 4 members willing to host and detail planning will start early next year.

From Our 1st VP: by BKnox



My fellow Lions,

What an honor to be a Lion and to be the VP and Secretary for the Cupertino DeAnza Lions. Despite not having our big fund raisers, we have managed to keep most of our commitments to the charities we support. I'm proud of this and am looking forward to an outstanding Crab Feed and Golf Tournament. Our Thanksgiving Food Drive is well on its way to serving those in need. Because of these and other events we participate in, we have the great distinction of being honored by a Past District Governor as holding The Best Event in the 4-C6 District supporting the Lions Clubs International Foundation. Volunteer as much as you can to keep us Roaring.

Love and Blessings, Lion Barb

De Anza Dollars by AKnox, Office of the Treasury



The DeAnza Lions Charity checking account had reached a level of \$894.00. We do have just over \$10,000.00 in a Charity savings account and just over \$10,000.00 in a Charity CD. Our Fund Raising had placed \$16,108.30 in our Charity PayPal account. Those funds are now transferred to the Charity general checking account. If we meet our 2023-2024 Revenue Budget, all is well. If not, the Finance Committee will have some decisions to make in the 2024-2025 budget preparation.

Though troubled times appear to be in the past, we need every member doing their part as we raise funds this year. 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 twelve years may be significantly curtailed as we move into the future. We have a new way to raise significant funds through the Registrar of Voters election process if we can get the Club volunteers. Although those funds are legally deposited in our 501c7 Social Corporation, we have made substantial donations to our Charity 501c3. There will be more about this election time fund-raising soon.

Garden Report–Summer 2023 by JChin

The material for the long-awaited trellis for one 4x32-foot bed finally arrived at the beginning of July

and Rick's workers put it together rather quickly. Joan was finally able to string the 32 tomato plants (several leaders each) to the top of the structure. Unfortunately, the delay in the delivery caused an enormous amount of extra work for her, which she made up with working quasi around the clock to disentangle the bushy tomatoes, cut off extra growth and make them grow orderly and vertically.



Contrary to original promises, we only got one trellis instead of two; let's hope we can afford another set of materials before the next year's tomato planting season.

For some time now, the garden front has been decorated with a 'forest' of sunflowers which came into existence by themselves as they are self-seeded from last year's plants. Some reach a height of 14 feet and more, and a couple of stragglers which we allowed to grow inside the garden were pushing up against the bird netting with their huge gold-colored crowns until Joan had to cut them down, to prevent the bird netting from bursting.

With no visible efforts from the VIA/AbilityPath management to assign responsibility and management of the garden to one of theirs, we have decided to stick to our plans to gradually reduce our work time, also because Dagi is spending time in Germany during the summer, after producing an amazing array and abundance of spring and summer plant starts in the greenhouse. Come fall, Joan will start to put ground cover seeds in beds where the crops have exhausted their productivity. In addition, we have cleared out the greenhouse and the extra beds below the greenhouse to reduce the workload.

As for our much-appreciated helpers and in line with the original purpose of the garden, Courtney's group of disabled adult men have been regularly coming on Fridays since the end of April and have



contributed quite nicely to the maintenance of the garden. The beans they seeded in April are producing a good amount of produce right through until now. And they are taking charge of the compost maintenance ongoing, along with many other tasks. So nice!



While the construction of new tent bungalows for campers has made a lot of progress, we had to deal with excessive noise from earth movers and tree grinders as many trees above the new ball court are being felled and chopped on the premises, apparently to reduce potential fire hazards. Much needed shade for the garden is being taken away, but on the other hand, there will be more spring and autumn sun for the crops.

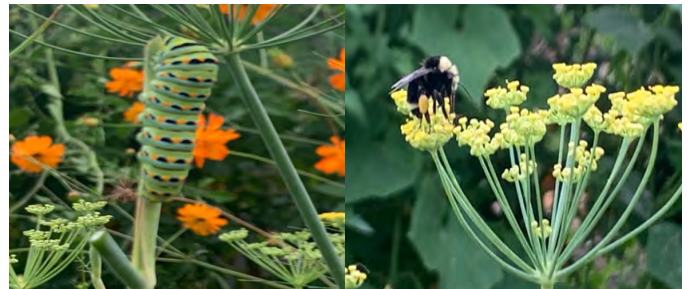
This is a cue to mention that we need to seasonally shade both the greenhouse and garden from too much sun during the long, hot days in both spring and summer, and sometimes fall. The greenhouse rarely recorded less than 99 degrees each day. Those plans are slowly coming along.

September and October are the busiest times for our super harvest of summer crops: Tomatoes,

Cucumbers, Squash, and Eggplants. Plus, we have the all-season crops such as Kale, Collards, Chard, Broccoli, Beans, and many various Herbs.



This year for the first time, we've been blessed with some lovely Swallow Tail butterfly caterpillars. They liked nibbling on the fennel here. Who knows, we might start to see the Butterflies that these beauties become in spring! Imagine a butterfly garden! And lots and lots of bees! Remember the Bee Hotels we put up, guys?



Along with the bees we have benefitted from consistent hard work from Wayne Chin getting all the open spaces cleared of star thistle and other helpful jobs. Plus, we have a new volunteer, Julie Hua, who is able to come harvest when she is not travelling. Carol Wynne has been helping us many hours each month for two years now.



In sum, we are grateful for all the help, abundance, and beauty we have in the garden at Camp Via West. And we will be happy to welcome Fall!

The Lions Vision Clinics by JSmith



As most of you probably know, Cupertino DeAnza Lions was the first Club to sponsor and run a vision clinic in our District. At the annual convention a motion was passed that this project be adopted as a

District Project. My understanding of this is that District resources (funding, management, publicity) may be available from 4-C6. I have been named as a consultant to provide advice and guidance with future clinics.

We are in the process of staging a clinic at the Mexican Consulate on October 14th. The plan is to see up to 350 patients and a full complement of optometrists has already volunteered. Most of the other volunteer spots have been filled and to-date there are 316 patients signed up.

There are plans for a 3rd clinic in Hollister next year but this is in the early stages. A full report on the October Clinic will appear in the next edition of The Lions Roar.

Social Media is a Must by AKallia, CKalia, JSmith

On September 6, 2023, Cupertino De Anza Lions Social Media coordinator Anjali Kalia conducted an overview and training about how and why the Club should use social media. She mentioned that social media can be used for engagement, communication, volunteer recruitment and management, and fundraising.

Anjali showed the Club members how to like and share the Club's new Facebook and Instagram pages. Lions Roar readers, if you have not yet followed the Club's pages, please stop reading for a second, pull out your phone or computer, and follow these easy steps:

1. Follow @deanzalionsclub on Instagram
2. Follow Cupertino DeAnza Lions Club on Facebook

Thank you!

With your support, the Club can make great use of the important and effective tool of social media.

The AJ Robinson Foundation by RLancon

On behalf of the Lions District 4-C6, the AJ Robinson Foundation has operated a medical screening unit (MSU) since 1985, providing equipment and services to all of the district's Lions clubs and communities in Santa Clara, San Benito, Santa Cruz and Monterey counties.

Diabetes screening, eye exams, blood pressure, hearing, weight and BMI testing can be completed in the MSU. We use our state-of-the-art Spot Vision cameras in schools to screen students that do not

have eye testing available. All these services are provided to folks in our communities for free. All costs are paid by our Lions Clubs and Lion Clubs International. There are no paid employees.

In our 38 years of operation, we have screened thousands of pupils and adults in our community providing these valuable services.



Our current unit (pictured above) was purchased in 2001 and has been in constant service for the last 20 years. The current unit consists of a 2000 32' trailer and a 1-ton 2001 GMC pick-up truck. The vehicle and trailer have been professionally maintained throughout this time but in the last few years it has been apparent that the constant use and wear is taking its toll.

The AJ Robinson Foundation, a short history

provided by RLancon

"The purposes of this Association shall be to provide equipment and assistance to the Lions Clubs of District 4-C6 for the programs of Sight, Hearing Conservation and Blood Screening as well as providing public information related to Diabetes and other health-related services with initial emphasis on providing a Mobile Health Screening Unit."

The Foundation was formed in 1985 by the leaders of the Lions International District 4-C6. The Headquarters of the Foundation is based in San Jose and primarily serves the counties of Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Benito. Over the last 36 years, the Foundation's primary function is to provide and maintain a Medical Screening Unit for the use of the 48 Lions Clubs in the District to provide screening services to their local communities. Services provided are Vision, Hearing and Diabetes screenings as well as Body Mass Indicator and Blood Pressure. Education is also

provided by Registered Nurses on Controlling and Caring for Diabetes.

Historically the Foundation, through the screening efforts of the local clubs, provides 12,000 screenings a year to school-aged students, adults, Military Veterans, and the homeless. In addition to the screenings, the Lions Club will many times provide the funding to purchase the professional eye exam and glasses to a person in need. The focus is on the people in the community that do not have the means to get an eye exam and a pair of glasses on their own. The local Lions Club will identify a venue to do the screenings such as at a health fair, Veteran Stand Down, a homeless shelter, a flea market or a church event. The Lions Club will then schedule the mobile health screening unit to be at the event. This is done at no cost to the individuals or the hosting venue. The nominal fee is paid by the hosting Lions Club.

Our program extends into schools, helping the school and District nurses screen children that are required to be screened. On an average day we can screen 350 to 400 students, drastically reducing the amount of time it would take the nurse alone thus providing a valued service to the school and the school district. We have provided screenings in the following San Jose school districts: Franklin-McKinley, Oak Grove, Cambrian and Luther Burbank. We have also screened in private schools like St. Mary's Catholic School in Los Gatos.

Happy Birthday, dear Lions,

Happy Birthday to you 🎵

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

Pete Perino	Oct 1
Herb Yeary	Oct 5
Ron Ahearn	Oct 6
Vijay Caveripakkam	Oct 17
Leslye Noone	Oct 24
Gerry Tammi	Nov 4
Sashi Begur	Dec 1
Scott Ludlum	Dec 12
Charlie Waters	Dec 15
Kent Vincent	Dec 21

DeAnza Lions Lose a Member of Our Pride



A TRIBUTE TO LION PHIL



Lion Phillip Lellman joined the Cupertino DeAnza Lions Club on February 1, 1976 and passed away in June of 2021. Lion Phil was one of our most loyal members with an attendance record that included making almost all meetings, attending every single fund-raising activity, and never late in meeting his financial obligations to DeAnza.

When Covid hit in late 2019, Lion Phil suffered some health issues and his attendance faltered for the first time. The Board of Directors, aware of his circumstance and noticing in 2022 he was in arrears in his dues, instructed the treasurer to allow the Club to cover any future financial obligations. The Club did that and visitations were not possible during the pandemic, so we learned of his passing in communication to the treasurer from his son, Paul Lellman, on 8/21/2023. Ironically, our records indicate Lion Phil had paid his dues in full up to the month of his passing. We have a relatively lengthy letter from Paul explaining the passing but the last sentence is a tribute to the nature of Lion Phil, *"If my dad left with a balance owing the tail twister I apologize, but he probably spent the money at the Donut Wheel!"*

Forty-five years four months as a DeAnza Lion and I am sure we have several Lions capable of writing of their experiences with Lion Phil. It was Lion Phil and Lion Bob Moorman that dragged me up to Camp Costanoan in 1979. Lion Phil was an impetus behind the DeAnza Lions Endowment Fund and worked tirelessly on Habitat for Humanity.

Lion Phil is missed and we have sent condolences to his son and wish the best for his wife Dee. Respectfully with Love and Admiration.
Lion Al





A Blast from the Past



Charlie Waters, Phil Lellman, Jim Sherman, Don Lang, Jim Stevens, Bill Harris & Bill Reed with Jim Sherman's car, a '34 Ford coupe in 2004.

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.

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