



# 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](https://meet.google.com/bfb-swnx-qyv)**  
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## **President's Post: State of the Club**

*President John's jottings for the Cupertino DeAnza Lions  
Vision Clinic*

Although our first vision clinic in the District is not strictly in the 2023–2024 Lions Year, it was held last April after our previous Charter Night. I am happy to report that DeAnza's sponsorship resulted in 3 more vision clinics being held locally and a total of over 800 patients served. I'm grateful to the Club for stepping up and sponsoring and to members who worked hard to make it a success.

### **Food Drive**

November 2023 was another successful Food Drive as we provided food to 172 families and two carloads of food to the Watsonville farmworkers. Public response was a little down on previous events but we got by without seriously hemorrhaging the budget. It was great to see all the usual characters turning out to help.

### **Successful Crab Feed**

Six weeks ago we held our Crab Feed and managed to make a profit of over \$6K. It was also

very successful in terms of customer satisfaction. I went around to every table during the 1<sup>st</sup> seating and received only glowing reports, especially about table service (thank you, Leo's) and crab quality. Kudos to Lions Carl and Jenni for their leadership. Again, we had a good turnout from Club members and volunteers from other Lions Clubs.

### **Register of Voters**

During the past year DeAnza has participated in both elections, the last one just a couple of weeks ago. This is a very lucrative activity involving a lot of time but not much effort, except for Lions Barb and Al, who do the organization and even opened their home to be the Logistics and Supply Center last time. Many thanks to them for driving this project which resulted in an income of many thousands of dollars, some of which funds the Admin account, but mostly benefits our charities.



### **Camp Via West**

Lion Joan and Lion Dagi have spent half a lifetime tirelessly servicing the garden and harvesting produce. I know they are working hard to get the

management of the camp to take responsibility so that they can recover some leisure time again. Also, a big shout out to Joan's husband Wayne for his efforts in clearing the ground of those awful thistles. And this guy is not even a Lion! Great job, Wayne.

### Social Media

We have another non-Lion volunteer who has brought DeAnza into the 21<sup>st</sup> century by spearheading our social media endeavors. She has set up accounts on Facebook and Instagram, presented to us on how to maximize benefits of social media, held a workshop on how to set up our own accounts and kept both accounts updated with current information. Anjali, we hope you accept our thanks for all of your efforts.

### Club Awards

Our vibrant Club has received several awards due to our wide-ranging activities. In addition to an award made at the recent MD-4 for our support of LCIF, we were also recognized by Camp Via West in front of several hundred donors at their Annual Dinner. The Vision Clinic resulted in Project of the Year Award from last year's DG, Melinda Blaza and finally we were awarded the Club Excellence Award at the last Cabinet Meeting, due to efforts by our Secretary, Barb Knox.



### Club Bulletin

Lion Leslye has put in sterling service documenting the Club's achievements and history. I believe this a vital glue to keep the Club and our customers informed. We have made the Lions Roar available to our website and social media accounts. Thanks, Leslye.

### Other Support

In addition, Club members have supported other district and club initiatives, including Eyeglass Cleaning, Omar's Dream Run, Rise Against Hunger,

the AJ Robinson health screening facility and regular deliveries of food, household supplies and clothing to the farmworkers in Watsonville. We have made several club visitations, resulting in closer cooperation with other clubs, particularly San Jose Campbell West and Santa Clara Host clubs. Members' Welfare

Unfortunately, we have had several medical issues during the past year, almost inevitable with an ageing membership. Sadly, Lion Eli's wife and our fellow Lion Mort Eliason passed away since Christmas and this month's celebration is probably the first Charter Night that Lion Eli himself has not attended. Our best wishes go to him and his physiotherapy regime and to all other members and partners receiving medical treatment.

### Broadway CHS

DeAnza established a relationship with this school as a result of teachers appealing on Next Door for assistance with providing granola bars for pupils. Apparently, the teachers (as so many do) have been buying these snacks from their own pockets. As a result, our board granted \$500 towards purchase of these supplies, resulting in a visitation from the staff who presented a list of their needs at our PM meeting on 3 January. Since then, Lion Claire has run an appeal on their behalf at 2 Los Gatos schools, which resulted in gifts that completely filled her large SUV. I am planning to establish an annual event in conjunction with Leos and Broadway staff to provide a regular income.

### Club Officers and Project Managers

On a less hopeful note, we have recently had problems putting the officers' slate together, which we achieved by the skin of our teeth, thanks to Lions Ray and Dagmar stepping up to President and Secretary respectively. But this still remains an issue for future years. I am aware that most of our long-term members have held office at some time and the PM 40-somethings+ have their hands full with their children's school, sports and leisure activities. However, I trust that members will seriously consider their Club contribution for the following fiscal year starting July 2025.

### Membership

In common with many other clubs, we are suffering from a membership issue. Our ideal target demographic is the recently retired group. If

supported by the Board, Lions Kent, Trevor and myself are available to work on this to begin in July.

### In Closing

If, like me, you are surprised at how long this list was and that the activities we did were carried out by probably 20 active members, then I hope that you will make every effort to help grow membership and spread the load starting now. This is a great Club and it needs to continue strongly.

**Thank you.**

### From Our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President by BKnox

Dear Fellow Lions,

It has been a year of ups and downs and we have persevered to the point of a great Crab Feed and a successful ROV. Both of these events have given us the ability to continue our Charity obligations.

As we move forward, we will be celebrating our Club's 55th birthday, Earth Day, our 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament and ROV in October-November. We are also excited to have our slate of Officers and Directors for the coming year.

My wish for our Club is to continue volunteering and working to bring in new members. We must continue helping those less fortunate as we have done for the last 55 years.

Love and Blessings, Lion Barbara

### De Anza Dollars by AKnox, Club Treasurer



#### **Civic Duty, yes or no?**

For some time now the Cupertino DeAnza Lions Club has been "volunteering", albeit for remuneration, as Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters employees to assist in local elections. By way of explanation, the money comes from the County directly into our 501c7 non-profit social club. The service provided by the DeAnza Lions Club is management of an election materials supply truck, two-person courier vehicles for supplies and two-person courier vehicles for ballot transport.

Is this civic mindedness or just another way to raise money for charity? Our experience is that the employees of the Registrar's Office express deep gratitude and thanks for our involvement. The compensation of fourteen dollars and thirty-seven point five cents (\$14.375) per hour does not seem excessive. Civic mindedness must play a large part

in the minds of the volunteers as well as the Registrar's Office. This civic mindedness just raised over nine thousand dollars (\$9,000.00) for administration of our corporations and charity.

The opportunity to do this again will be coming up in October of 2024. We are looking for Club participation. We will have eight-hour shifts, four-hour shifts and AM, PM and evening shifts. Do your part as a Cupertino DeAnza Lion, 8-Noon, 1- 5:00PM and 4-8PM. lasting for an eleven-day period that includes a Saturday and Sunday.

This is a great way to raise significant funds through the Registrar of Voters' election process if we can get the Club volunteers or their family and friends to participate. Although these funds are 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.

### Thanksgiving Food Drive by JSmith



A special Lion's tale: Our Club received a massive donation from a German fellow who had lived close to Lucky's on El Camino for 3 years. He saw our Food Drive going on in the morning and it got him thinking. He was returning to Munich the next day and he thought that a large donation would suitably commemorate his happy time in California. So, he came back around 5PM. He led Joan around the store, telling her to put whatever we needed in the shopping basket. She did! The gift is pictured above.





## A Holiday Celebration by RLancon



The Christmas party was well attended by Lions and friends of Lions at the home of Barbara and Ray for the fifteenth year. The food was great as the potluck dinner included many dishes brought by attendees. Along with the good food we also had all sorts of wines, beers and spirits. Some of our Lions own Blue Bells came and played the piano and other instruments.



We all enjoyed a group sing-along which is always the highlight of the party.

We were happy to have some of our new Leo's Club members from Cupertino DeAnza College attend and join in the chorus.

## Charity Crab Feed & Auction by C+JErickson



Amidst the lively ambiance of laughter, the savory aroma of freshly cooked crab, and the melodious tunes of live music, a heartwarming event unfolded, leaving a mark of generosity and community spirit. The recent Charity Crab Feed, organized by a dedicated team of volunteers, proved to be a resounding success, bringing together over 300 people for a night of delicious food, vibrant entertainment, and unwavering support for a noble cause.



The event was a labor of love, with countless individuals contributing their time, effort, and resources to ensure its success. From the meticulous planning of the menu, to the setup of the venue and the coordination of entertainment, every aspect was meticulously orchestrated to create an unforgettable experience for attendees while raising funds for a worthy charity.

The star of the evening was undoubtedly the delectable crab, freshly caught and expertly prepared by a team of talented chefs. Served alongside an array of mouthwatering side dishes, including pasta with delectable sauce (provided by Tony and Albas), crisp salads, and everyone's favorite, the savory garlic bread. The feast delighted the taste buds of all who attended. With generous portions and top-notch quality, the culinary offerings were met with rave reviews, earning praise from seafood enthusiasts and food connoisseurs alike.



However, the event was not just about indulging in delicious cuisine; it was also about coming together as a community to make a difference. Throughout the evening, guests mingled and connected, sharing stories, laughter, and camaraderie. From families enjoying a night out to friends catching up over a shared meal, the sense of togetherness was palpable, reinforcing the power of unity in supporting those in need.



Adding to the festive atmosphere was the live music provided by "The Thrown Together Band" which provided the perfect backdrop for the evening's festivities. Talented musicians took to the stage, entertaining the crowd with a mix of upbeat tunes and soulful melodies. From lively dance numbers that had attendees tapping their feet to jazzy ballads that tugged at the heartstrings, the

music added an extra layer of enjoyment to the event, further enhancing the overall experience.



As the night drew to a close and the last crumbs of crab were savored, the true impact of the event became apparent. Thanks to the unwavering dedication of volunteers and the generous support of attendees, a significant sum was raised, providing vital assistance to those in need. Beyond the monetary donations, the event also fostered a sense of community spirit and goodwill, reminding everyone of the power of coming together for a common cause.

In retrospect, the Charity Crab Feed was not just a culinary delight or a musical extravaganza; it was a testament to the boundless generosity and compassion that exists within a community. It demonstrated that when people unite behind a shared purpose, incredible things can be achieved, leaving a lasting legacy of kindness and compassion for all to cherish. As the memories of the event linger and the echoes of laughter and music fade, one thing remains clear: the spirit of giving and community will continue to thrive, lighting the way for a brighter and more compassionate future.

**Charter Night 2024** by JSmith 🍰

## Happy 55<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Cupertino DeAnza Lions Club!

Unfortunately, we were unable to charter the new De Anza College Leo Club and install their officers as most of them tested positive for COVID. As I result. I emailed the Club and guests that the installation was cancelled and some folks misread that Charter Night was cancelled, which resulted in a smaller turnout than expected and the loss of our keynote speaker, International Director Elect, Liz Crooke.



Despite that, those who did attend enjoyed the usual good dinner that the Blue Pheasant serves and afterwards heard a motivational speech from District Governor Benjie Fernandez. Global Service Membership Chair Dave Kaplow was the next speaker and his address included interesting information about Joseph's Heart Childhood Cancer Organization and about District environmental project organization. Lion Joan addressed us on stepping up to environmental actions. It was typical Joan - sincere, understated, informative and to the point.

We had recognition next and aside from a personal recognition to Anjali Kalia for her social media volunteer efforts. The other five recipients were awarded the Helen Keller Award for their leadership of the Vision Clinic last April. These were Leslye Noone (Volunteer Administration), Claire Kalia (Registration), Trevor Newman (New Eyeglass Processing), Jeff Ludlum (Logistics), and Steve Ratner (Volunteer Food), pictured below with John.



Lion President reported on the state of the Club and was surprised at the amount of work that this Club does with so few active members. He also urged members to strongly consider stepping forward to take Club leadership roles.

The last item on the agenda was an informal appeal for De Anza to participate in the Youth Exchange scheme this year. Those with long



memories will remember Lions Al and Barb Knox hosting a boy student from Finland.

Many thanks to Lion Ray for liaising with the restaurant and to Lion Al for creating and printing the excellent programs.

We wish the Leos a speedy and complete recovery and look forward to holding their installation at a later date.

### **Our Garden–Fall/Winter 2023-24** by JChin

Spring has sprung and there is quite a bit of noteworthy news from the DeAnza Lions Garden team at the Camp Via West garden.

After a bumper crop of tomatoes and many other veggies and herbs during the height of summer, Joan and Dagi started to slow down operations for the winter, with only a few crops being planted (like



peas) and seeding ground cover in some beds to improve the quality of the soil. Still, some Collards, Kale and Chard could be harvested frequently, and were accepted by Jen at the Camp kitchen with gratitude.

A silver stripe appeared on the horizon with Alyssa Pecorino coming in as the new director of Camp Via West. In a first meeting at the beginning of December she listened attentively to Joan's long list of requirements, items needed for easier and more productive care for garden and plants, and promised to establish an open channel of communication, taking our requirements into consideration.



The communication channel opened for real in February, when during another meeting Alyssa made note of our top priorities and promised to push for approval and funding with the top guys. Thanks to Joan's meticulously prepared documents and shopping lists, we now have commitments from Via/AbilityPath for

- the repair of the irrigation system in the garden
- the installation of a new shed next to the greenhouse (work has already begun)
- a shade cloth that can be stretched over and removed easily from the garden
- bird netting to cover the front of the garden
- a second trellis for training pole tomatoes to grow vertically rather than sideways.

All in all, we are delighted about these developments, which give some incentive to continue growing veggies and herbs for the Campers or WVCS.

Thanks to a mini-greenhouse, an ingenious design by Joan, inside the big greenhouse, we now have hundreds of little plants, some even grown so big that they can be harvested straight from the greenhouse, all others are getting ready to get transplanted into the upgraded garden beds. Another few days of sunshine and moderate warmth, and the garden will brim with veggies and herbs.

With Dagi leaving town again, Joan will take care of the garden operations mostly by herself, but we hope that Alyssa will manage to get some volunteers to assist and help with planting, harvesting and keeping improvements going.



### **A New Leos Club is Formed** by KVincent



Hats off to our very successful new De Anza College Leo Club! The club was officially chartered in December with 26 charter members and founding members Maggie Ruslie and Jarrell Taslim serving as President and VP, respectively. Having both grown up in Lions families they were really able to hit the ground running. By the time of our Crab Feed, the club had grown to 40 members, allowing the new Leos to wonderfully fill all server needs at the event for both seatings - with rave attendee reviews. The club held its first fundraiser in March volunteering for the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters, where they unloaded ballot bags from arriving courier vehicles – some of which were ours! The Leos worked four full shifts with 10-15 Leos per shift. Due to COVID exposure, the Leos were not able to attend the planned induction ceremony at our Charter Night Celebration. The induction will be rescheduled for another time this school year.



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

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

Ray Lancon	Jan 5
Susan Moore	Jan 17
John Smith	Mar 8
Jeff Ludlum	Mar 22
Don Lang	Mar 26
Charles Ice	Mar 28
Barb Knox	Apr 5
Mike Martin	Apr 6
Al Knox	Apr 7
Pat Coppe	May 10
Trevor Newman	May 14
Eli Eliason	May 21
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



### **Save the Date: Cupertino Earth Day**



Please *save the date* for Cupertino's Earth Day. Mark your calendars so you don't forget to come on down and enjoy the day, the event and the food. For those of you who want to plant sunflower seeds--they will be there waiting for you. Come join the fun. If you want to volunteer to work at the tent, we can use all of the volunteers who want to join us. Contact [joan.lawler@gmail.com](mailto:joan.lawler@gmail.com).

**Date: April 20**

**Time: 11:00am - 3:00pm**

**Location: Cupertino Library, 10800 Torre Ave.**

**Look for the big blue and yellow tent.**

### **Student Speaker Contest** by DZimdahl



The topic of this year's Student Speaker Contest, organized by MD-4, is: "For a Better World—What Would You Change?" Our Club level contest took place on Feb 15<sup>th</sup> at the Odd Fellows Hall, generously rented out to us again this year. We had



two candidates for this 87<sup>th</sup>-year event, with 3 independent judges and tellers, a timekeeper and about a dozen supporters who helped with the set up.

Co-Chairs Lions Denise and Dagi presented the award to Neeraj Rao who won \$125.00, while the second winner Ashley Louis received \$25.00.

Neeraj went on to the Zone level contest on March 9<sup>th</sup>, but took only second place behind a young lady, Eva, who convinced the judges with her animated talk.



**Registrar of Voters (ROV)** by LNoone 



Each year at election time, October/November and February/March, we are offered the opportunity to volunteer to work for the County Registrar of Voters or ROV. The jobs we are offered vary as do the hours we are asked to work. For compensation, each participant is paid according to the job completed and the payment is deposited in our Charities and our Administrative accounts. The hours available come in shifts—four hours AM, four hours PM or all day, with some exceptions. The event covers eleven days and this includes weekends.

This year we served as ballot carriers, supply couriers, and as the Logistics and Supply Center. With only about 17 Lions and friends of Lions volunteering to support this fundraiser, we were

able to raise more than \$8,000! Every one of our volunteers and members should be proud of the work we completed and of this successful event. We hope you will consider serving when the cycle begins again in October/November.



**Ecology Talk and Tips** by JChin

**Reduce food waste.**

Roughly 40 percent of the food we produce in the United States never gets eaten. All this food waste doesn't just mean wasted dollars. It is a huge burden to the environment. If global food waste were a country, it would be the third largest emitter of greenhouse gases – behind China and the United States – because growing, packaging, shipping and storing wasted food takes a lot of energy. Then it starts to rot, creating more gas.

At the same time, one in eight Americans still doesn't have a steady supply of food. This can change. Simply changing the size of your plate, using a smaller refrigerator and planning your meals can make a huge difference in changing your



behavior when it comes to wasted food. That won't only help the planet. It will help your pocketbook.

\*Food that you can't use before it goes bad, package and freeze. That will make a future meal easier to put together.

\*Food that you won't use, please find a way to donate it. Groceries that are perishable, as well as packaged to last, are always welcome at West Valley Community Services. Even extra fruit from your trees can go to good use.

\*Food that no one should eat can be composted, which is much better added to a garden or as a mulch on any plants in your yard. There are indoor clean ways to compost if your waste service doesn't take it for composting.

## Save the Date: Charity Golf Tournament

### THE CUPERTINO DEANZA LIONS CLUB

PRESENTS:

### 36th ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC

**BENEFITS BEYOND GOLF**  
**FRIDAY June 14, 2024**

Los Lagos Golf Course

2995 Tuers Road, San Jose, CA 95121 (408 361-0250)

**Donation \$165.00 per golfer**  
**Breakfast and Lunch Included**

**Sign-up Deadline June 1, 2024**

6:30 AM Registration \* 8:00 AM Shotgun Start \* Cart Included

**\*Scramble Format\***

**\*Buffet Breakfast and Lunch\***

**\*Tickets issued at Registration\***

Scrambled eggs, bacon, sausages, country potatoes and toast.

Fresh brewed coffee, assorted hot teas or a small soda.

Available prior to Tee Off.

**\* BBQ Lunch\***

Tri-Tip, sliced and highlighted with BBQ Sauce and Juicy BBQ Chicken.

Potato salad, BBQ Baked Beans, Corn on the Cobb, Fountain Drinks or small Water.

**Those that don't play golf may donate to this fundraiser and help support the many DeAnza Lions charities.**

*Make Checks Payable To:*

Cupertino DeAnza Lions Charities, Inc. or (Cupertino DeAnza Lions)

Register Online at:

<http://deanzalions.net/sign-up-for-the-deanza-lions-golf-charity-classic/>

or Mail Completed Forms and Payment to:

De Anza Lions, c/o Lion Al Knox

217 N. Milton Avenue, Campbell, CA 95008-1022

For more info:

[www.deanzalions.org](http://www.deanzalions.org)

Lion Ray Lancon at (408) 458-0888

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## Cupertino Odd Fellows Lodge 70 Pancake

**Breakfast** by DLang 



This year's Pancake Breakfast, held on March 9th, was a great success, both in the money that was collected for our charity fund raiser and also in the enjoyment of the breakfast itself. Everybody seemed to enjoy the pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage and, especially the Country fried potatoes. There was a big bowl of fresh blueberries and a large glass container of orange juice there so you could serve yourself and, yes, there was coffee too.



But probably the best of all, there was the friendly atmosphere created by the Hawaiian ukulele player and singer, Richard and Rose, and the hula dancers all dressed for the occasion. All of our attendees seemed to be enjoying themselves while walking around and talking. The Cupertino DeAnza Lions Club was there in force as well as the Kani Ka Pila Hawaii group.

Between the price of the breakfast, the extra money donated and the money raised on the 50/50 drawing, the Odd Fellows made at that time, close to \$900. The Lodge pays for the food and the cost of the breakfast and will also add to the money donated to the charity to fight cancer. This year it will go to the City of Hope.

The Odd Fellows thanks all those who contributed and supported this worthy event.



## DeAnza Lions Lost a Member of Our Pride In Memoriam – Carol “Mort” Eliason



Mort officially became a member of the DeAnza Lions Club in 2013. Even before that though, she presented annual Flag Day activities at a number of



elementary schools, as well as participating in the Lion's food drive, the golf tournament and the crab feed. For her spirited form of Lionism and dedication to volunteerism, Mort was bestowed several accolades and awards from the Club including a Lifetime Membership to the Blind



Center and a Melvin Jones Fellow Award.

In addition to her Lions activities, Mort enjoyed a successful career as an educator and speech therapist in the Moreland School District, retiring after many years of dedicated service. After retirement, Mort regularly read and volunteered in the elementary schools of her grandchildren. She was a long-standing member of the Cupertino Bethel Lutheran congregation and a member of the Red Hat Society.



Mort will be fondly remembered for her contagious love of dancing, adoration of friends and family, volunteerism in our Lions Club, hosting Lions gatherings, her seasonal decorations around the house and always spreading cheer to those around her.









## A Blast from the Past



**Cupertino DeAnza Lions Food Drive 2002—Can You Name Those Lions?**

**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](mailto: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

