



Cupertino DeAnza Lions Roar



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Director-Bulletin: Leslye Noone **Director-Fundraising:** Ray Lancon **Director-Membership:** **Open**

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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**

I will get your wholehearted support when asked for. Thanks again, over and out.



President's Post *President John's farewell thanks*

Now that the Golf Tournament has come and gone, my duties are winding down. I want to thank Lion Ray for almost single-handedly taking on the administration from negotiation through publication and execution of the event. We know that the number of golfers was significantly down, but in terms of customer satisfaction it was a huge success and we should not only judge success by financial profit.

I also wish Lion Ray the very best of luck for his upcoming Presidency and to thank him for stepping up to the office late in the day.

I want to thank all those Lions who contributed to all events during the past 2 years – both administratively and with physical effort. We continue to punch above our weight, but unfortunately there are too few boxers in the ring.

I will now turn my attention to reviving membership of our Club, which I feel is crucial to the survival of the Cupertino DeAnza Lions. We have a multi-point plan to work from and I trust that

First Vice President's Farewell by BKnox

Dear Fellow Lions,

As I sit here recuperating from eye surgery, I am reminiscing about the last two years and what I have learned from being your VP and especially your Secretary. I have become almost an expert on the computer and how to handle the minutes and other duties of the Secretary. But most of all, I have enjoyed working and being with each one of you. As I pass the Secretary duties on to Lion Dagi, I know you will be in good hands and that you will give her the support you have given me. I thank all of you for that support and friendship.

Love and Blessings, Lion Barb



De Anza Dollars by AKnox, Club Treasurer



DeAnza Dollars are always in the hands of the Board of Directors and the Club Treasurer. The Directors change every two years or in some cases more often. Not so much for the Club Treasurer. The Treasurer has been in office since April of 2019 and before that, from July of 2007 to July of 2015. That is a total of fourteen years. Before July of 2007, the Treasurer was President for two years and moved from Club Secretary to that position. LCI has no record of the Treasurer's service prior to 2004. That entails an additional twenty-three years of service.

The point here is that the Treasurer is resigning soon. This means there is an opportunity for a DeAnza Lion, friend of DeAnza Lion, a recruited new Lion member, to assume those responsibilities. The responsibility will be custody of all DeAnza Funds currently in the California Bank and Trust, Cupertino branch. Two corporate accounts exist, Cupertino DeAnza Lions Club (501C7) and Cupertino DeAnza Lions Charities, Inc. (501C3). Data entry, reconciliations, quarterly reports to the Board and membership, and a position as an Officer and member of the Board of Directors are required. We are told that a current Lion is willing to perform the annual reports to the Internal Revenue Service, Franchise Tax Board, Attorney General and Secretary of State.

The foregoing is not the only solution, accounting clerks are available for hire and a CPA firm for reporting. This could result in a necessary increase in our current annual dues. The office position of Treasurer on the Board would be maintained for oversight. This might be a golden opportunity for a retired professional to contribute significantly to a charitable corporation or even a way for a student or intern to develop complete accounting and reporting skills. The current Treasurer, though resigning from the position, is remaining a member and available to assist in any manner possible.

The Club Treasurer would like to express herein his sincere gratitude and appreciation of all members during his years of service. Truly, he has been here, not because of the money, but because the members have always made it difficult to be associated with Lions anywhere else.



Save the Date: Installation of Officers

THE INSTALLATION OF CDAL OFFICERS FOR THE
2024-2025 YEAR WILL BE HELD:

DATE: SATURDAY, JULY 27th

TIME: AT 3:00 PM

PLACE: LION LESLYE'S HOME

7628 WEST HILL LANE, CUPERTINO

CELL: 408-966-9394

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We will be having a **pot luck** for the event.

**Please bring your own drinks (beer, wine, spirits) and a hearty hors d'oeuvre, salad or dessert to share.

**The Club will supply water along with plates, cups, napkins and plasticware for our attendees.

**Finally, please reply to Leslye (info above) to let her know if you will attend and what you will bring.

**RSVP by Wednesday, 24 July, 10:00PM.



Earth and Arbor Day Festival by JChin



Cupertino, April 20, 2024

The Cupertino DeAnza Lions booth was very popular, as we helped people *of all ages* plant a sunflower seed into a cup they could take home to transplant once the seed germinated. This has been a wonderful way to chat with many neighbors including those who took an interest in our Club and viewed photos of all our activities.

Our Lions Sue Moore and Leslye Noone, as well as our friend Carol Wynne were those who interacted with the festival goers the most. In addition, we had help setting up and taking down by Lions Ray and

Charlie and Wayne Chin. Also "Lioning" the booth were President John Smith [who gave a short talk to those who were seated in front of the podium] and Lion Joan. Lion Dagi did an excellent job setting up all the "giveaways", which included seed packets for flowers, veggies and herbs. She was assisted by the ROV crew at the Knox's house.

Of note, Lion Leslye made it more than halfway up the climbing wall! The event is really quite fun, active with many varied booths full of good information. This is a great event for our Lions to check out next year!

Garden Report-Midsummer 2024 by JChin 

Summer Solstice is just behind us and the 4th of July is around the corner—time to look back at some positive developments at the Garden and Greenhouse at Camp Via West.

Most of the commitments made by Via/AbilityPath at the beginning of the year have materialized:

- The irrigation system in the garden was repaired by an expert Joan had invited to come out
- A new shed next to the greenhouse was built—a bit smaller than the old one, but very useful and convenient nevertheless
- Shade cloth was provided for the greenhouse (pulled over into place by Lions Chris and Jeff, plus Rich Lordan)
- A second trellis for training pole tomatoes to grow vertically rather than sideways was purchased and installed by camp workers

The shade cloth covering the garden was installed by Jeff, Chris and Joan, who used existing pieces and new ones to fit like puzzle pieces across the garden and clamped them together so they would not be moved by strong winds. Working conditions in both garden and greenhouse have markedly improved, especially when the temps are going up.

Less positive is the lack of tangible efforts from VIA/AbilityPath management to assign responsibility and management of the garden to one of theirs, however, there are more groups of camp assistants getting interested in introducing some campers to gardening. Also, Tessellations school seems to be keen on having teachers and students out, using the ground level bed for some educational projects—while it should be the

Camp’s job to do, Joan has spent her time giving them instructions and support in getting started.

Courtney’s group of 5 disabled adult men have been coming regularly each Friday for over a year now and have contributed quite nicely to the maintenance of the garden. Joan also enlisted a friend of hers, Jane, herself an avid gardener, to assist with harvest and watering, while Carol still comes occasionally during her move.

Dagi has been back for many weeks now and is doing the essential harvests of greens and herbs, plus using her special skills in planting needed summer crops and flowers. Jen, the chef in the Camp kitchen, has taken quite a lot of the produce, but we still deliver quite a bit, also, to WVCS. Joan has been planting a good number of tomato plants and is applying newly learned techniques, hopeful to ensure we have a respectable harvest come August and September.

Here are the totals for the 2nd half of the fiscal year:

Monthly Harvest Totals	Grams	Pounds
Jan-24	5,182	11
Feb-24	4,689	10
Mar-24	6,723	15
Apr-24	14,169	31
May-24	42,041	92
Jun-24	35,360	78
Six-Month Total	108,164	238

	Hours	Volunteers
2024		
Jan	51	10
Feb	117	16
Mar	146	16
Apr	232	48
May	201	25
Jun	125	15
Avg	145	22
Total	872	130

Golf Tournament by RLancon



We held the 28th annual Cupertino DeAnza Lions Golf Tournament at Los Lagos Golf Course on Friday, June 14th.



Unfortunately, we had only 32 golfers but everyone I spoke to had a great time. We had a putting contest, sold mulligans and licorice and there were raffle prizes and a silent auction, as well.

The golfers enjoyed a good breakfast of eggs, bacon, potatoes and coffee. After golf, lunch was served: there was a great BBQ with chicken, tri-tip, and corn along with potato salad.



The event earned the Club about \$3,000.00. Fortunately, we had some great volunteers from the Lions and friends of Lions. Thank you.

Hopefully, with your support we can continue this fund raiser in the future.

Every vote counts! by LNoone

Every vote counts. We have heard that all of our lives, haven't we? Well, it is true. You are a member of our Cupertino DeAnza Lions Club and your vote matters. However, as you know, you must be an *informed* voter before casting your vote.

You might not realize it but all sorts of decisions have to be made and voted on often during our AM and PM meetings. Questions are raised about issues, discussions are held, research is conducted and shared all of the time while we meet. After all of this question-asking, discussing, researching and

sharing happens, the stage is set for proposals to be made. After a "second" is offered, it is voting time. Sometimes more discussing has to happen and sometimes voices get raised and tempers get short but not very often. After all is concluded, votes are cast and proposals are passed or they are not. This business more often than not effects how our budget is managed. The budget—that is how money management is directed in our Club.

As you should know, we have been struggling with fundraising and covering our budgeted commitments these past few years. These weekly and/or monthly discussions are things you should be involved with. You became a Lion for a reason and if it happened to be because of some or one of the charities we serve, you should be interested in **how or if** those charities **are** being served the way you hoped.

We would like each of our members to become an active, informed and committed member of CDAL to help guide the way to new ideas or out of troubles and to help solve problems and celebrate our successes. We have approximately 43 members but only about 15-20 of you are active and participating. Please consider taking an active role by attending meeting and saying what programs you are interested in and how you want your budget to be managed. Become an informed Lion and an informed voter. The DeAnza Lions needs your commitment to serve.



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



Installation of Officers/DeAnza College Leos

by KVincent



The Cupertino De Anza Lions formally inducted charter members and officers of the new De Anza College Leos Club the evening of Tuesday, June 4th at the Odd Fellows Hall. The inspiring event was attended by ten De Anza Lions, District Governor Benji Fernandez, First Vice Governor Stan Weitzman and District 4-C6 Leo Chair and past-DG Thelma Batilo.

In his remarks, Leo Advisor Kent Vincent described the new club as impressive, a great partner, as having great leadership and having hit the ground running. The club was officially chartered by LCI with 26 members, including 7 officers, within three weeks of their requesting our sponsorship in mid-November. A month later the club grew to 40 members. The new Leos provided stellar full table service at our crab feed and earned \$3K in the club's first fund-raiser, volunteering for ROV. 4C-6 Leo Chair Thelma Batilo inducted Leo President Maggie Ruslie, VP Jarrell Taslim, Secretary Tiffelyn Kurniawan, next year's Secretary Kassem Lim as well as nine other charter members who were able to attend. The founding officers signed the Certificate of Organization and the attending Lions collectively pinned the new Leos.



The graduating charter officers all attained 4.0+ GPAs at De Anza College and will transfer to USC, UC Berkeley, UCLA and UC San Diego in the fall. Leo President Maggie Ruslie believes their chartering the new Leo club was instrumental in acceptance to these very excellent universities. The De Anza College Leo Club is the only Omega (college) Leo club in the district.

Lions Vision Clinic by JSmith



Lions District 4-C6 held their 4th Vision Clinic on Sunday, June 9th at Community Services in Sunnyvale, Northern California.



A total of 361 patients attended, most of whom received eye examinations and re-cycled glasses. Patients attended from 12 cities within a radius of 60 miles.



Dr. Art Low and his team of 6 optometrists volunteered their services on the day. Over 60 Lions from 16 clubs helped to put on the clinic.



Guest volunteers included Lions from Districts 4-C2 and 4-C4, 4 opticians, nurses and translators from RotaCare, a member of Sunnyvale Rotary Club, Boy Scouts Troop 13, Girls Scouts, a member of Stanford Medical Alumni Association, City of Sunnyvale Sustainability Commissioner, students from East Palo Alto Academy, friends and families.

We have one new member in our District who came as a patient, stayed with us as a volunteer/translator, and now she is joining Lions—what a way of paying back!

There were 15 referrals/potential patients of LEF.



DeAnza Lions Lost a Member of Our Pride

In Memoriam – Bill Reed

We recently lost a highly-respected, most-valued and the eldest member of our Lions family. I asked our AM meeting attendees to remain at the IHOP after our meeting and to be prepared to talk about Bill. I recorded their stories and now, please meet Bill. Stories of him came easily with *this* crowd.



Bill was born when Calvin Coolidge was President. He grew up in the Bay Area and went to Fremont High School. He was in the service and attended college on the GI Bill after the war. He was married to Jane and they had two sons. Bill was a special man who joined the Cupertino DeAnza Lions Club in August 1991, a member of 32+ years.



Bill was a man of few words. While he was Treasurer, when you asked him anything about the accounts, you received a one- or two-word answer—"as though he was from the state of Maine". Bill was Treasurer when Eli was President—Eli says he never received a financial statement from Bill during that time but when he asked Bill

about the accounts, he always replied, “Eli, we have checks,” who could worry? Bill left the office so he could spend more time at Camp Costanoan (now Camp Via). He was considered a good Board member who never missed a meeting. And as a member of the Club, he was one member who was never in arrears of any accounts; this is a blessing for any Treasurer. He will always be remembered for his dedication; if there was a Lions event, we never had to ask him to help, he was already there!



Bill built all of the houses he and the family lived in and did all of the work except for electrical and concrete. He did a lot of carpentry work like cutting pieces of wood and then climbing with them three stories up then leaning out the window to nail the joists in place while building houses with the Lions for Habitat for Humanity.



As predicted, most of the stories that were told took place at The Camp. You have probably (often!) heard some of these stories but sharing is giving and I hope these give you a treat. It was strongly stated that if anything took place at the Camp, Bill had something to do with it.

Long about 30 years ago, there was a time when Bill and Eli were assigned the duties of cleaning up the area around the waterwheel building and then painting that building. They took care of the clean-up, it looked pretty good so they went to the paint shed and were told they could use any paint they wanted and they suggested that the Lions use “those cans of brown paint over there”. Bill and Eli took the cans and went off to paint the waterwheel. As they worked, the paint went on as a good brown but after it dried it was bright pink! Eli made sure he was known as the apprentice and that Bill was the

contractor. Bill took a lot of heat over that waterwheel and guess who grinned like a Cheshire cat! Several remember painting with Bill all around Camp, the amphitheater, cabins, logs, everywhere that needed paint. No one used pink paint but they went all over Camp with brushes and cans in hand.



Several more Lions met Bill at the Camp and he left a lasting first impression with all of them. Bill, et al, were building a fence at Camp and it was clear that he was in charge. He was way up on the ladder while a crew of young guys were on the ground. He was obviously the one who should *not* have been up there but under his direction, the fence was built quickly. He always made everybody feel welcome with that smile of his. We met at Camp when he was working with a crew of 6 or 7, and I was amazed at how strong that man was. So, when his wife had to be in a wheelchair, he was pushing her everywhere. Bill is an inspiration to all of us older people. He was



so welcoming and amazing, he was probably in his late 80's and there he was out-working everyone, carrying 4x4 posts, getting it all done. Bill was one great person and he was instrumental in building the bridge near the amphitheater. He got a design and made that bridge go up. Once in the spring 2020, he was doing clean-up with Lions near the cabins adjacent to the garden area. He was pushing a lawn mower along the hillside, who does that?



He insisted on working for us whenever we worked for ROV, just to be a part of it. He worked 8-hour shifts each session until February/March 2024.

Bill didn't only work up at The Camp! He was very involved with the Thanksgiving Food Drive. He'd worked the food drive as long as any could remember, asking for donations outside of the food stores. Even during the pandemic, he was there. He also drove to the stores to pick up food to deliver it to the Odd Fellows Lodge. If you rode with Bill you learned that he'd drive every road or freeway at 25 mph. No matter what. You'd ride along wondering if you would ever get to where you're going. Every year he would then use his truck to deliver excess turkeys and food to Sunnyvale community center.



If you are a part of the DeAnza Lions, you will be sharing some personal things with us as time goes by. One meeting, Bill, in a very calm voice told us that he had had to take Jane to an assisted care facility because he couldn't handle it any longer. Sometime later at the end of an AM meeting, he

stood very somberly and told us that his Jane had passed away. It was so sad but so noble. Such a noble man at this devastating time.

Bill was adamant that he would attend our AM meetings until January '24 and he had to rely upon his son Patrick to get him there. He'd have a little breakfast, listen to the meeting and the chatter and then wait for Patrick to pick him up. One morning he reached in his wallet to discover he had no cash. Barb spoke up and said it was their treat. Sure enough, the following week Bill and Patrick came in and Patrick was holding a \$20 bill for Barb. There was no way Bill would have allowed Patrick to forget that somebody had paid for his breakfast.



There is one last great tale to tell. Ray drove Bill to the California Lions MD4 convention 2009 in Fresno. He received the Lion District Project of the Year Award for all of his work at Camp Costanoan from the LCI president. What an honor.

As we finished our stories, we reflected on the man who had lived a life we all hoped we are living. I want to be like him when I grow up.



A Blast from the Past



Cupertino DeAnza Lions Charity Crab Feed—Can You Name These Lions?

Editor's Note by Editor LNoone

It has been a real blast editing the Roar for you these past years. Thanks for the honor. I hope someone reading this is interested in taking over and making the Lions Roar *your* own. I am waiting to step down and hoping to watch the Roar evolve under someone else's vision. Change is necessary for growth! Please don't be shy; this is a perfect opportunity for you to turn on your creative juices and go with it!! That's how I began. You can, too.

The Cupertino DeAnza Lions Roar is a quarterly publication written by 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 paragraph and/or pictures of what you have been up to! Scan and send any write-up/pictures you might like to share in the Lions Roar to leslyenoone@gmail.com.



Be sure to label pictures with the subject or persons in the picture and the date taken when 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.