



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
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President's Post *President Ray's report to the CDAL*

ROV - the Club was very successful in raising about \$13,200 volunteering for the Registrar of Voters. We had more than a dozen Lions and friends of Lions who worked multiple shifts from October 26th to November 5th. Lions Al and Barb opened their house and backyard to be a distribution center with the ROV truck parked in the yard for the whole time and having the volunteers sit in their home for days. Prior to the event, the ROV staff held a training session for all the volunteers also at the Knox home. This event has become a major fundraiser for our Club and someone must step up to have the event at their home next election. This is a good fundraiser for now but down the road it will go away due to all mail in ballots. So please think short-term to support this activity and think of new ways to raise funds for our charities in the long run. Fourteen volunteers accomplished a lot and logged in many service hours, making the election run smoothly while all the time raising money for

the Club's charities. Like everything "The Times Are Changing" and we have to adapt as Lions.

The Food Drive was very successful as we were able to provide two boxes of food to all the families in need at our chosen locations. Thanks Lion Jeff and all the Lions that stepped up and adjusted on the fly to the last-minute cancellation of the refrigerator truck due to mechanical issues. Lion Jeff drove his car to South San Francisco to pick up dried ice on the Saturday morning of the food drive and returned with the smoke coming from the ice blowing out his windows. They had to put blankets on the ice to keep it from melting too fast. The ice was put in a regular rental truck that we substituted for the refrigerator truck to keep the perishables, milk, eggs, butter and turkeys cold. Charles Ice was a perfect organizer as shown on the video taken by 2VDG of our food drive. Many Lions and friends of Lions stepped up to make this happen again after 40-plus years. We packed and delivered 2 boxes of food to 177 families or 354 boxes of food to families that are food insecure. We had volunteers from two high schools join us. Thanks to Lion Don Lang for making the Odd Fellows Lodge available to make this all possible. This has been a Lions tradition for 45 years.

The Lions Annual Golf Tournament 2025 fundraiser has been cancelled. There were a number of things leading up to this difficult decision. Due to our inability to get enough golfers, the amount of effort it takes to stage this event *versus* the money that was raised from the last


tournament, showed that the earnings were not sufficient enough to warrant the effort this year, and no one has stepped up to take over the leadership of the fundraiser. But if some Lion or friends of Lions want to lead and pursue this event in the future, we are open to the idea. It has been very difficult to hold tournaments on the weekends as the courses will not allow shotgun starts on Saturday or Sunday. It is imperative for the Club to come up with a new fundraiser idea that will enable our Club to meet the community needs we are committed to helping.

Our Club constantly changes with new members charting new paths but the common thread is "WE SERVE". New folks and new projects to help those in need bring us all together to serve. Remember, if we don't change, we perish.

I ask all of you to wear your Lions pin all day one day a week. People will ask what the pin stands for and this will open up a conversation about Lions and what we do.

YIL, Ray



Our Secretary says... by DZimdahl 

As I write this article, I'm getting the devastatingly sad news that our fellow Lion Don passed away, after a massive heart attack. I'm in shock and disbelief and saddened as our Club is losing another wonderful member, a staunch supporter of all Club events and Club matters. We will miss him terribly.

As we head into springtime and the last 4 months of this Lion year, I'm looking back at some very busy few months. Mind you, during my frequent absence, my secretarial duties were—at least half of the time—kindly taken over by our previous Secretary, Lion Barb, who also enjoyed attending the cabinet meetings instead of me - Thank you very much, Lion Barb!

In order to somehow make up for that, I participated in our ROV 'fundraising event' for 10 days, helped with the Food Drive and continued a

reduced schedule at the garden, assisting Lion Joan with harvesting. It was also fun to update the Brag Board and our website with new photos of our recent events. Recently I was marginally involved with the interesting Student Speaker Contest and hope to see our winning candidate emerge as a winner at the Zone level contest.



I'm honored to be the Club Secretary, albeit often pro-temp, with Lion Barb stepping up many times. However, come July 1, it will be time for new leaders, voices and notes, among them the voice and notes of the Club Secretary.

DeAnza Dollars by AKnox Office of the Treasurer 

Support, support and more support.

DeAnza Dollars are always in the hands of the Board of Directors and the Club Treasurer. What you generally hear from them is "perform, perform, perform or donate, donate, donate." Of late our Club President has been saying, "participate, participate, participate." Our Club Secretary for years upon years has kept records of our Lions meetings attendance. Historically the DeAnza Lions maintained attendance at meetings as high as ninety-seven percent (97%) of the membership. Currently we are performing at twenty-four percent (24%). I am afraid the Club will not continue very long at this level of participation.

Lion President Ray needs our members to contact him now if therein exists any willingness to assume a level of responsibility. If you do so, you will not be alone regardless of the task you choose. Our younger Lions are needed now. And don't interpret "younger" as anything under 55 years of age. Although you will be greatly accepted if that happens to be the case. A Treasurer often struggles with the idea that money isn't everything, but I've come to understand it now!

Today the Club is financially viable. We need people willing to take the roles of President,

Secretary and Treasurer, three vital positions of any corporation. There are six additional positions on the Board of Directors. What you do for a charitable corporation is exactly what you do for the needs of the less fortunate. Your financial contributions are highly valued, and your time and skills make you an esteemed member of the Cupertino DeAnza Lions community.

Name that Lion 1 by LNoone



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

After a little interview with our Club Member, here are the clues for you:

1. Where did you grow up; did you go away to school, where? **I grew up in Munich, Germany and went to a Catholic girls' school, ages 5-13. I came to the US in 1992. I lived in Sunnyvale and Santa Clara before moving into my condo in San Jose.**
2. What is the one thing that instantly makes your day better? **Good music.**
3. Reveal one thing that our Club members don't know about you. **I lived in England for 8 years and I was married for 4 years.**
4. How long have you been a Cupertino DeAnza Lion? **Since 2003, that's 22 years!**
5. Name something on your Bucket List. I have a *Travel* Bucket list: **Norway, Portugal and maybe back to Africa.**
6. Who is your hero? **Right now, MacKenzie Scott for her humanitarianism. She has donated \$17 billion+ in support of community service for those in need and for thousands of non-profit organizations.**
7. Do you collect anything? **Elephants.**
8. Who was the US President when you were born? **Harry S. Truman.**
9. Do you have a favorite vacation place? **Italy, anywhere in Italy.**
10. What is your favorite cocktail? **Comari on the rocks.**
11. Do you have a favorite or a funny Lion memory you'd like to share? **I loved the evening we celebrated Charter Night at the Camp in the amphitheater. Jill was singing and others of our members played instruments. Getting people out there, it was really special.**
12. What drew you to become a Lion? **Knowing John Smith. He always mentioned it when we got together in England and in Cupertino. It's good to**

help other people, to do something helpful for anyone in need and to give back to the community.

Name that Lion: _____

Executive Board of Directors by LNoone



The Executive Board of Directors is the governing body of the Cupertino DeAnza Lions Club. This leadership group consists of the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer along with several Directors. (**CUPERTINO DE ANZA LIONS CLUB CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS Revised June 2, 2020 ARTICLE VII Officers Section 1. Officers** *The officers of this club shall be a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer and may also include immediate past president.*)

The members serving as the mandated officers (Pres, VP, Sec, Treas) will be retiring this year leaving those important offices unassigned. The end of the Lion year is June 30. We need more CDAL members to take over these leadership roles and to announce their intention by April 15.

Those who are retiring have led this Club for many, many years; it is time for change. Consider stepping up to become a member of our leadership team to assure that the Club continues on and we don't lose our Charter.

Here are excerpts from an email you should have received from President Ray on March 13th:

Dear DeAnza Lions, Our club is in trouble! Lions will not be continuing their positions on the Club board as President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer next Lions year. It is imperative that Lions step up to take these positions for the Club to continue to operate. Whomever steps up will have the full support of the Lions and will be back-stopped in cases where you cannot attend meetings and we will all be available for advice and assistance. We have to have the names of officers submitted by April 15. Please help to continue our Club's 56 years of service. Thanks, Lion Ray

Thanksgiving Food Drive Thanks by JLudlum



Fellow Lions, family members and volunteers,

Time again to say THANKS to all the folks participating in our annual Thanksgiving food drive which took place over the weekend of November 23–25, 2024.

Two boxes of food per family for 177 families in the community were able to be filled with holiday dinner items and staples along with a sizeable turkey.



The weather held out on the days of collection and shopping, but Monday morning it started drizzling again. This did not prevent about 25 volunteers to show up at the Odd Fellows Hall to help with final filling of the boxes and transporting them to the refrigerator truck for delivery. An additional 50 turkeys and a number of other foods were delivered to the Farm Workers (FW) in Watsonville. This comment was received hours later, “OMG!! Thank you for delivering all the turkeys today, Claire! We were shocked and more than pleasantly surprised! E. and T. are calling FWs in both the Oaxacan and the Michoacan/Jalisco communities to come and pick up a turkey! How can we EVER thank-you for this enormous gesture of kindness in the face of the threats now faced by undocumented FWs. God bless you and your associates! This means the world to us and to the FWs!! Have a lovely holiday and thank-you for providing a lovely holiday and holiday meal to FWs who can’t afford to buy a turkey! Ann Lopez



Lion Dave Kaplow, 2nd Vice District Governor, Lions District 4-C6, made this short video about our Food Drive:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RUCOGewHLhVAi tdUT7vgHQVogEWuRx57/view?usp=sharing>

Meanwhile, a heartfelt big THANK YOU to all who participated, including students from Bellarmine High School and to Lion Don for securing the Odd Fellows Hall for 3 days to house our project.

Annual Crab Feed by Sashi Begur



On Feb 1, 2025, the 29th Classic Annual Charity Crab Feed and Auction took place. The event was staged, once again, at the Community Center of Saint Lawrence the Martyr in Santa Clara.

As in previous years, we had two seatings for our ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT feast, which included salad, garlic bread, pasta and *the star of the show*, fresh crab right off the boat. Almost 300 people had signed up and all enjoyed a very well-organized event. For the first time the “Mission Gold Jazz Band” entertained the guests with lively music. Apart from many Lions, including some from other clubs, a large number of LEOs signed up to help serve and a lot of non-Lions helped with a variety of tasks that contributed to the overall success.



The new chair persons did an outstanding job and we are happy that at least one volunteered to do it again next year!

Many thanks to everybody who made this event so worthwhile.



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 the clues for you:

1. Where did you grow up; did you go away to school, where? Tell me about your family? **I was raised in the Mid-West, would you believe in West Virginia? I went away to college in the deep South, at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. I have a daughter, 20, and a son, 16.**

2. What is the one thing that instantly makes your day better? **A cup of coffee to start. Playing with my dog Copper who was a Covid puppy is the best.**

3. Reveal one thing that our Club members don't know about you. **I am a legacy Lion. My father was a Lion so while I grew up, community service was all around me.**

4. How long have you been a Cupertino DeAnza Lion? **I joined in 2006 when all of the PM's joined. We were part of a big group starting something new together.**

5. Name something on your Bucket List. **I have yet to step on a glacier. I'd love to travel, to go on a European river cruise, see those natural wonders we've heard of.**

6. Who is your hero? **My hero, and this was a hard question to answer, is John Muir. What he stood for, what direction he wanted things to go, things I would love to have seen happen...**

7. Do you collect anything? **Not now but when I was a kid, I had a big baseball card collection. I saw it for the first time since forever when my parents gave it (back) to me recently.**

8. Who was the US President when you were born? **I had to look it up; it was Nixon.**

9. Do you have a favorite vacation place? **Growing up, we'd go to the East Coast and stay at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, near the NC border. And here on the West Coast, we love to go to San Diego.**

10. What is your favorite cocktail? **Dark Beer, stouts and like that.**

11. Do you have a favorite or a funny Lion memory you'd like to share? **After the Crab Feed one year, I remember washing the pots and pans out on Steve's driveway in the rain wondering what in the world are we doing this for? Also, I was always so proud to be able to bring several foursomes with**

me to the Golf Tournament and I'm still very happy to fill two or three tables during the Crab Feed.

12. What drew you to become a Lion? **Being with a bunch of people and together helping create the PM group. We had fun, provided community service and began a new part of DAL's history. Plus, since I had known the Lions as a kid, I was pre-disposed to being with a group like this; it felt very familiar.**

Name that Lion: _____

Thoughts on the DeAnza Lions Future

by NEIason 

Fellow Lions,

After running the four-month gauntlet of Lions' activities from Omar's Dream Run in mid-October, ROV in October/November, the Thanksgiving Food Drive at the end of November, the Christmas Party {canceled this year}, the Annual Crab Feed in January/February to the Student Speaker Contest in mid-February and then remembering that there are also three school vacations mixed in there, I believe that we need to look at how we schedule our events and if our current schedule might negatively impact Club participation.

There are three holiday breaks during that four-month period: Thanksgiving, Christmas/semester break and winter break. These are times when families tend to have visitors or leave the area. This takes away from our "Younger Lions" labor pool. In other words, we have 4 of our all-hands-on-deck activities (ROV, Food Drive, Christmas Party and Crab Feed) scheduled just when people tend to be unavailable. We also have the speech contest in February, which requires about 10 Lions Club members. Cupertino DeAnza Lions are asking for everyone in the Club (along with family & friends) to participate in these activities when we need them most but when they are most likely to be busy elsewhere. In short, we are asking for way too much Club participation over that extremely short time period.

In the upcoming months we have a Charter Night, Earth Day and Project Linus to manage and perhaps 1 or 2 more activities. This is quite a different schedule than what has been described above.

I propose that

- we have the Board meet and set up a yearly calendar that spreads out our all-hands-on-deck activities.
- we also need to make a better effort at motivating all members to attend our monthly meetings. Maybe we should cancel the AM meetings on the first Thursday of every month to encourage everyone to attend the PM meeting the night before. 🌱
- finally, we need to encourage our non-attending members to sign up to take on new challenges. There are currently openings for President, First VP, Treasurer, Secretary, Directors, Lions Roar Editor, Golf Tournament Chair, Student Speaker Contest Chair and more. Any Volunteers? 🌱 Please note: during the AM meeting on 3/20, members decided to see if the Club might have more attend the PM meeting if the AM meeting the next day was optional, not a scheduled meeting day. April 3 will be an optional meeting and a one-time experiment. 🌱

The Student Speaker Contest by LNoone

The DeAnza Lions Club-level contest was held in mid-February. It was the Multiple District 4's 88th annual Student Speaker Contest. The subject was "Artificial Intelligence (AI): Friend or Foe". We contacted all of Cupertino's high schools, as well as, two private schools in the area sending them the DAL flyer announcing the contest. It was quite a job getting students to reply to our announcement but in the end, we did have several students expressing an interest in joining us to compete.



The two Student Speakers came ready to let us know their thoughts on the subject! It was such a surprise hearing their very different points of view. Each speaker was very animated, choosing to speak from the floor of the auditorium rather than standing on a raised stage behind a large podium. Their speeches had to be between 5-10 minutes

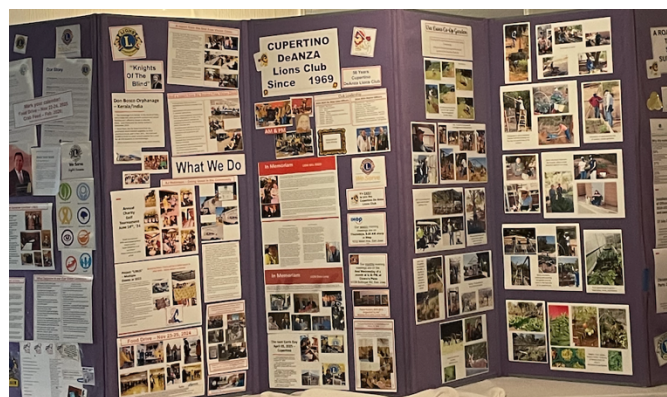
long and there were three Timers there to make sure they followed the rules.



There were also four Judges who completed a score sheet during each speech. Then there were three Tellers who gathered outside the auditorium to make sure all tally sheets from the Judges and Timers were completed with no mistakes. From there they did their job using all of the gathered information to determine who was the Winner of the Contest. Each Student Speaker received \$25.00 as a participation reward. The Winner, Ashley, won an additional \$100.00 and an invitation to attend the next competition at the Zone level. The rewards are higher as each Speaker moves up the scale.



Our audience and volunteers enjoyed the event itself and especially meeting our contestants. It was very competitive but, as always, an enjoyable event.



Via West Camp Garden News-Winter 2025

by JChin & DZimdahl



Well, Rain, Rain, and more Rain. That is what the garden needs, right? Maybe not so much right now. We have many lovely plants growing, growing, waiting, in the greenhouse.



Two of the beds have been ridden with gopher invasions for a couple of years now. It got unbearable, so we organized a rework of those beds. Our free labor for that work is only available on Sundays, so fortunately we have gotten the team up to dig out the soil, pull up the old hardware cloth, attach the HW cloth using strips of wood and screws. Then shovel all the soil back.



We have one bed completed, and the second one underway. Perhaps, the next bed will be done after that workday. Once the very soggy soil gets a break from the rain, we will be able to set out the plants and start to harvest. Wish us luck!



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 the clues for you:

1. Where did you grow up; did you go away to school, where? How long have you been married? **Mostly in San Jose near Campbell and went to UC Davis. We've been married for 46 years and have 2 kids and 2 grandsons.**
2. What is the one thing that instantly makes your day better? **Having FREE time! Especially time to travel and to be with family and friends.**
3. Reveal one thing that our Club members don't know about you. **I started playing piano at age 4. I played undertaker and in a Dixieland band at Frontier Village. I earned over 60 patents in my career. Coached soccer and baseball for 11 years. Always owned a business. Retired at age 59. I bike 1000 miles a year. I've been to over 70 countries.**
4. How long have you been a Cupertino DeAnza Lion? **I think I joined in 2007.**
5. Name something on your Bucket List. **I haven't been to India.**
6. Who is your hero? **My dad.**
7. Do you collect anything? **I'm not a collector.**
8. Who was the US President when you were born? **Harry S. Truman.**
9. Do you have a favorite vacation place? **Switzerland and Italy.**
10. What is your favorite cocktail? **Bourbon & Seven maybe followed by Margaritas.**
11. Do you have a favorite or a funny Lion memory you'd like to share? **Working on the Crab Feed. And participating in the Golf Tournament especially when we played with the Auburn Lions (here or there). We made some good friends through Lions golf experiences. I've always enjoyed the camaraderie at the social events with friends who are Lions: the Christmas parties (esp., with the Blue Belles); the Coppe cruises; golf in Acapulco, having a cocktail and then carrying friends to their rooms to sleep-it-off. We've had a lot of fun. This is an amazing group to be a part of.**
12. What drew you to become a Lion? **I always wanted to give back to the community. I was concurrently being recruited by the Rotary and the Lions. I chose the Lions Club because I believed Lions would be a better match for me due to the time commitment required by each Club.**

Name that Lion: _____



Save the Date: Earth/Arbor Day Festival



Charter Night 2025 by Rlancon



The Cupertino DeAnza Lions Club celebrated our 56th year of service to the community at the Blue Pheasant Restaurant in Cupertino. We had 27 attendees which was down from the 39 that attended last year. We had time to socialize with our fellow Lions and friends at a cocktail party prior to dinner. It was good to see Mike Martin and Mike Ringer again. The dinner was great and my salmon was delicious.



We were fortunate to have District Governor Clayton Jolley of District 4-c4 come down from Half Moon Bay to be our guest speaker. He is also the PIO officer for MD 4 overseeing the LA fires.

The night was dedicated to service and all the work DeAnza Lions do and have done to help those in need for all of our 56 years in existence. We must remember we have a good story to tell about the

Lions. LCI has granted \$1.3 Billion dollars to those in need since the 1960's in over 200 countries.

We must also remember that our Club is in urgent need to recruit new members and to have existing members step up to keep our Club alive and continue all the great work we have done in the past.

It is very important to remember Past International President's words to the Lions; they were printed in the Charter Night program so I will include them in this recap of the evening.

*Changing the world is a journey.
There is no middle and no end.
There is however a beginning.
With every small act of service, you contribute one step towards change.
It's up to each of us to simply begin.
Like rain filling a bucket, we can change the world one drop at a time.
We realize the global challenges may seem daunting, there is always a place where we can begin.*

***That place is here.
That time is now.***

Dr. Patti Hill, Past LCI International President



Lion Leslye did a good historical presentation of Project Linus which she has led for years. These blankets have a major impact on the children receiving them in hospitals and several places throughout the local area.



Lion Jeff did a good job telling us how the Lions stepped up and improvised in order to pull off another Thanksgiving Food drive that fed 177+

families. I think he said we have been doing this event for nearly 50 years!



Lion Ray gave a presentation, prepared by Lion Claire, about our year-round work with the Farm Workers. We are providing children's clothes, toiletries and kitchenware to those families. Let's keep it up; you can give Lion Ray any items and he will make sure they get delivered to Watsonville.



We are also providing snacks to the Broadway High School to help students get their diplomas. Some are homeless, some have children and they all need the additional energy to concentrate.



DG Jolley gave a talk and slide show on the cause of the LA fires and what we can do to keep ourselves and families safe in emergencies. With his background as a battalion chief for Cal Fire, he brings a lot of first-hand knowledge to Lions of MD 4. The fires spread so fast in LA that many things could not be done by homeowners who were fleeing for their lives. We have all been taught to shut off our gas lines in any emergency but I never knew to turn off your water main, also. The fire melted everything and from every faucet, bath, etc., water was flowing from these outlets which were unchecked for hundreds or thousands of homes in LA. Remember to have an emergency plan to evacuate if necessary. Have a battery pack to charge your phone. You can get more information from Cal Fire and Lions MD 4.



The Paradise Fire victims have only rebuilt 16% of the homes that were lost 6 years ago. God knows how long it will take to rebuild in LA. Folks in Altadena have lived there for over 50 years and will not be able to return or rebuild. Very unfortunate when you lose your home and your community in a few days.

The Lions have committed money and will be there for years to come for support; just like we are still in Haiti. We are in it for the long haul.

A Blast from the Past

YESTERDAY

Isn't it funny how history repeats itself? This might seem familiar.

August 2001:

President's Corner

It is an honor and a privilege to be included in this renovation of "Here's De Anza." This name for all our former Newsletters was the brainchild of Lion Roger Gould, a once proud De Anza Lion and father of our very own "Crabfeed", or more commonly known as Lion Jim. It goes without saying that the success of this revival is dependent on you, the members, to submit timely and pertinent information to Lion Secretary Carl.

Our most pressing challenge right now is the 2001 ABCD Golf Tournament. It would seem that we have lost Lions Tim Heiser and Ray Gamma who were instrumental in raising donations and handling both the photography and museum on tournament day. I know I don't have to tell you how important it will be for some other Lions to step forward and pick up the slack. Actually, by the time you read this we would have had a golf meeting and I am sure we can pick up the slack. I would like to ask each of you as DeAnza Lions to consider sponsoring a tee this year. If we all get behind Lion Norm, we will continue the tradition of being ever more successful with each attempt at fund raising.

Thank you for listening and we will see you on Thursdays at 6:45 AM. Lion President Al

Name that Lion 4 by LNoone



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

After a little interview with our Club Member, here are the clues for you:

1. Where did you grow up; did you go away to school, where? How long have you been married? I was raised in Kempsford, England until I was 14

and then we moved to Sunnyvale and I attended Homestead High. I went to UCSB. We've been married 18½ years and have three children.

2. What is the one thing that instantly makes your day better? **A good strong cup of coffee!**
3. Reveal one thing that our Club members don't know about you. **Before I began my current career as a lawyer, I was a Yoga instructor in Berkeley.**
4. How long have you been a Cupertino DeAnza Lion? **I became a Lion on 3/1/2014; it's been 11 years.**
5. Name something on your Bucket List. **I would love to go visit the Middle East; Beirut, Lebanon in particular, it is supposed to be the Paris of the Middle East. And the Holy Lands because of the rich history and the beauty of the area.**
6. Who is your hero? **My mom.**
7. Do you collect anything? **I have been journaling since I was about 10 years old and have kept all of them.**
8. Who was the US President when you were born? **Jimmy Carter.**
9. Do you have a favorite vacation place? **Two places in particular, Yosemite and the Yucatan Peninsula.**
10. What is your favorite cocktail? **G and T, of course. It has to be perfect, though, with good strong gin and a good squeeze of lime.**
11. Do you have a favorite or a funny Lion memory you'd like to share? **It was during a Golf Tournament; Liam was tiny and I was holding him close in my arms. We were standing next to the tee watching my dad who is not a very good golfer. He took a great swing and the club came right out of his hands toward Liam's head. It was the last time we did that.**
12. What drew you to become a Lion? **My dad was a Lion for as long as I can remember. As kids, he had us join community service and charity groups and he took us to the Lions activities to watch and be a part of. That instilled a deep sense of community and service in me plus ours is such a family-friendly group. We are doing the same with our kids, and I think at least 2 out of 3 of them are following our example.**

Name that Lion: _____



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

Below is the list of Club members whose birthdays fall before the July edition of the Lions Roar is released. We hope ya'all had/have fun celebrating!

Name	Mth/day
Steven Scharf	Jan 1
Ray Lancon	Jan 5
Sue Moore	Jan 17
John Smith	Mar 8
Jeff Ludlum	Mar 22
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
Bill Hershey	Jun 20
Steve Ratner	Jun 22
Claire Kalia	Jun 25



Pancake Breakfast by LNoone



The Odd Fellows Lodge in Cupertino held their annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 8 from 8:00 to 11:00. The Breakfast was held as a fundraiser for the City of Hope which is also a

charity CDAL supports. An idea from Lion Ron came up: since we hadn't made our donation yet, we could present a check to the Odd Fellows for the City of Hope on behalf of Don. More than 20 Lions and friends of Lions came together at 9:00 for Lion Don and to witness the gift-giving event.



Save the Date: Project Linus, May 15th 



LIONS LOVE PROJECT LINUS

PLEASE JOIN US
FOR OUR **BLANKETEERING NIGHT!!!!**

- ❖ ON: Thursday, May 15th @ 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ AT: The Odd Fellows Hall,
20589 W. Homestead Rd., Cupertino
- ❖ YOU MUST BRING: A sharp pair of scissors

**We would love it if lots of Lions
and friends of Lions
decide to give it a try--
Community Service always feels so good!
Everyone can do it: men & women, boys & girls:**

◆ Lions ◆ Family ◆ Friends ◆ Students ◆

**IT WILL MAKE YOU FEEL
ALL WARM AND FUZZY
INSIDE AND OUT**

NOTE: **No experience or sewing necessary!** The ability to have fun with others while making something nice for those in need: required.

For information: call Leslye Noone at 408-966-9394 or visit www.projectlinus.org

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Editor's Note by LNoone

GOOD BYE

Only ONE edition of the Lions Roar to go before I sign out.
You need a NEW Editor if you want your newsletter to continue.

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 planning to step down on 30 June and I am 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 this thing. You can do it, too. Have some fun!

The Cupertino DeAnza Lions Roar has been a publication written for members of the CDAL to keep all informed of the activities and events our Club has been involved with. **There will only be one more issue of the Lions Roar unless someone steps up to become our next Editor.** If you are waiting to be involved, let someone know!

Name that Lion Revealed by LNoone 



Lion 1: Dagmar Zimdahl



Lion 2: Charles Ice



Lion 3: Kent Vincent



Lion 4: Claire Kalia

Please take note: There will be a Celebration of Life service for our late fellow Lion Don Lang on Saturday, March 29 at 4:00pm at the Odd Fellows Hall, 20589 Homestead Road, Cupertino 95014.

DeAnza Lions Lost a Member of Our Pride
In Memoriam – Don Lang



Dear DeAnza Lions,

It is with heartfelt sadness that I inform you that Lion Don Lang has passed away...from a massive heart attack.

Lion Don has been active in many roles as a Lion from leadership roles, president of our Club, to always volunteering to do whatever is necessary for the Club to succeed in our various missions.



He went out of his way to ask if he could help pick up used eyeglasses locally, and volunteered to get another Lucky store for the food drive when the other store was not productive. He never waited to be asked. He just jumped in to fix the problem or add another hand to help accomplish our mission.



Lion Don was a leader in the Odd Fellows Lodge for years and volunteered their Lodge to the Lions to hold our food drive, which could never have expanded without his help, allowing us to hold a Christmas party there, Project Linus Blanketerrings nights and our Student Speaker Contest. After all he has done, we owe him a great deal of gratitude. Our hearts go out to his wife Mary Lou who recently became a Lion.



Lion Don was one of a kind and will be greatly missed.

Sincerely, Lion Ray



Lion Don was born March 26th and would have been 88 years old. He joined the Cupertino DeAnza Lions August 1, 1996 giving us 29+ years of service.

His sponsor was Ray Chastain. His wife Mary Lou joined the CDAL August 9, 2024.



Don was the epitome of community service. As ultimate community service person, he was President of the Odd Fellows for the State of CA and yet, while he was doing that, he never slacked off of what he was doing with our Lions Club. Our Lions motto 'WE SERVE' is what he was all about. He was a very active supporter and leader in the Odd Fellows, was active with the Rebekahs and was a past president of the De Anza Lions. If we had an activity going on, Don would always come over and ask, "How can I help? We will all miss him. May he rest in peace...Eli Lion Don sat next to me at these AM meetings for years. I keep looking for the City of Hope box. He was so kind. I just can't believe it...Steve He was one of the nicest guys you'd ever want to meet. One of the most giving guys. He was a great Lion. He was my ROV partner, I thought the world of him. I'll miss him...Kent



He was always there, got done what had to be done. He helped us with the Odd Fellows Hall...he was just a great guy...Ron I will always remember him coming in every Thursday and giving me a wonderful hug. I just remember everything he's done and I will miss him dearly...Barb I remember that Lion Don has been President of this Club. He joined in 1996; that's 30 years of service. A great personal accomplishment of his was that, after all these years, he persuaded Mary Lou to join the Club

in August 2024...Al I've known him since I joined some 20 years ago. He was quiet, steady and kind. Just in the last months, I noticed that he was participating more—he helped us pick up the new Lucky's location for the food drive. And he got Mary Lou in our Club!...Dagi



I've known Lion Don for 18+ years. He was quiet but he was thoughtful. When he said something, it was poignant and got to the point and it was helpful to the pride whatever we were doing. He would always, inevitably, not in front of everyone, he'd come over to the side and ask, 'do you need me to help get glasses, do you need me to help do this or that'. Whatever it was he just did it. Like when he found that store; he knew we needed a new store and he went out and found that store. He didn't make a big deal, he just did it. He never complained about it, he just did it. We could never be where we are today if it hadn't had been for the Odd Fellows taking us in for the food drive. Since then, we've used it for the Student Speaker Contest and Project Linus along with even providing a venue for our Christmas party one year. And after the food drive was done, he'd be in the Hall mopping the whole place up. He was just a great guy with a great sense of humor. We're going to miss him dearly...Ray



In Appreciation: Lion Don Lang

Don Lang embodied Lionism. He was already one of the sage Lions when the PM Group format was initiated and I joined the club. I quickly came to understand his fundamental commitment as a servant leader: do what needs to be done to help others.



In addition to decades of service as a Lion, Don was also a member of the International Order of Odd Fellows and the manager of the Odd Fellows hall in Cupertino.

It was in his capacity and dual role as Odd Fellow and Lion that I worked particularly closely with Don for our club's Thanksgiving Food Drive over the last several years. The Odd Fellows hall is essential as the sort center for the food drive; we could not have the food drive without access to such a facility.



Ever accommodating to food drive planning adjustments, Don would patiently and efficiently adjust hall access and particulars in real time as needed for a successful food drive. He always came through.

I will miss Lion Don and forever be inspired by his quiet, consistent, ever-reliable example of service and Lionism. Godspeed, Lion Don – YIL, Jeff

