



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*

Fellow Lions,

Taking a cue from Lion International President Oliveira's statement "Make Your Mark", we can all make our mark together by working together. One person can make a difference but when working together, we will multiply our impact. When we collaborate with others in our community, whether it be with Lions or other volunteers, we increase our effect and broaden our horizons. Many hands and different ideas keep us vibrant and up-to-date about the needs in our area and the world.

One thing that unites all Lions is our dedication to the Lions motto: WE SERVE. We all joined the Lions to make a difference and to volunteer to help those in need. The Art of Proactive Positivity begins at our meetings when ideas and needs are discussed and we weigh what can and should be done to meet those needs.

Our Club has a 55-year-old tradition of volunteering. We have been conducting the annual



Thanksgiving Food Drive for over 40 years; we have been working at Camp Via for the same amount of time or perhaps even longer; and we have been donating to the City of Hope cancer hospital since I can remember. We collect and donate over 5,000 pairs of glasses annually to Lions in Sight.

As new members join, we add to the charities we support as when we began to donate to the farm workers in Watsonville with offerings of clothing and household goods. Recently, we have been helping with the eyeglass recycling by cleaning, sorting and donating these glasses for free to people in need. Each new Lions member brings a fresh outlook to the old way of doing things and brings new opportunities with him.

I look with pride at the food drive that started in Lion Jim Sherman's driveway and is now feeding over 170 families. This would not have been possible if we had not been able to move the operation to the Odd Fellows Lodge; thank you, Lion Don, for your help in making that happen some years ago. Since that move, we have been able to

improve our process for collecting and sorting food and filling the food boxes readying them for distribution to the families in need.

More diverse ideas and perspectives provided by each of you make our Club stronger, richer and more effective. You have all made your mark with the DeAnza Lions Club and our Club has made our mark by helping people in our community and around the world.



Installation of Officers by R Lancon

The Cupertino DeAnza Lions Club held a combination Club installation of officers/ recognition awards/pot luck event at the end of July.

The installation of officers was performed by 2nd VDG Dave Kaplow who did it *by the book* with a little added humor. Installed were President Ray, 1st VP Vijay, Secretary Dagi, Treasurer Al and board of director members Sue, Claire and Jen. Scott and Jeff were absent.



The event took place at Lion Leslye's large backyard which she prepared perfectly. It was a BYO drinks and food-to-share event. Everyone took that to heart and brought a **lot of food** and a great variety to boot from stuffed jalapeno peppers to

grilled sausages and sushi. Perhaps the "hugest hit" was Barb and Al's dessert: **make your own ice cream sundae** which was served after we had spent all afternoon in the summer heat.



The potluck/installation was well attended by 37 people including Lion Leslye's new neighbors and their two children. It was great to have Lion Eli and Lion Sashi attend. Everyone got a chance to socialize and get up-to-date as we have not seen many members for a while. There were several recognition awards (Melvin Jones, Diamond, Helen Keller and a gift certificate) handed out offering a great thank you to some of those who have worked so hard and long over the past years.

The event got us off to a great start for Lion year 2024 – 2025!

Our Secretary says... by DZimdahl



Dear Fellow Lions

Here I am, Lion Dagi, a Lion-at-large, only weeks after being inducted as Secretary of the Cupertino DeAnza Lions Club for the Lion Year 2024-2025, by VG Dave Kaplow. After thorough training by our previous Club secretary Lion Barb, (quite a few things had changed since I had been secretary in the early 2000's), I completed just a few meeting agendas and minutes before leaving on a lengthy summer vacation in Munich, where I am playing with great nephews, meeting family and friends, only occasionally being able to attend the weekly meetings via Zoom.

I must admit I much prefer to be at the meetings in person at the IHOP venue – the new computer works very well for Zoom, with regards to the camera, but the voices behind the screen and those farther away from the microphone are difficult to understand, as they are often drowned out by 'environmental' clattering and rattling. Thankfully former secretary Lion Barbara has been extremely kind and generous to take over all secretary duties during my absence – I'm very grateful. She has

earned extra stars and a huge package of German chocolates.

In my free time, I have been able to put together guidelines for the Student Speaker Contest for our intrepid fellow Lions Les and Sue, who will co-chair the event in early 2025, and I have ordered the paperwork from 4-C6 district. This year's topic is "Artificial Intelligence – Friend or Foe".



Looking forward to being home again and taking over my secretarial obligations in full, giving Lion Barbara a well-deserved reprieve from the secretarial chores for a few months. Several special events are casting their shadows ahead, and I'll be happy to join as many as possible.

Save the Date: Thanksgiving Food Drive

by JLudlum

The planning for the 2024 Thanksgiving Food Drive is underway. **This year the food drive will be held on the weekend of 23-24 November.**

The committee met recently to review the basics for the event this year, our 45th year running. I want to share with you the basic steps we follow in managing the food drive:

- We partner with five public schools and the local YWCA to reach the families in most need.
- We collect food donations to fill food boxes for +170 families.
- Each family will receive two food boxes – one with a turkey, milk, eggs, and butter/margarine, the other box with dry foodstuffs, including bread, fruit, vegetables, peanut butter, etc. – in all we figure the event will provide 800 to 1,000 needy folks in our community with Thanksgiving Dinner and other food for their pantries.
- Food collection is conducted Saturday all day and Sunday morning; on Sunday afternoon, "Lion

Shoppers" will purchase any remaining foodstuffs needed to complete the boxes.

- Once again this year, thanks to the Cupertino Odd Fellows, we will be using their facilities on Homestead Road as the food sort center.
- On Monday we will do the final packing of perishables into the boxes and then our distribution team will make deliveries to the donation sites where families pick up the boxes that same day.

To make this event a success we need YOU to volunteer – a link to the sign-up sheet will be shared by email soon so you can check the shifts and see where you can offer your time.

Remember, we need many Lions and friends of Lions to volunteer to make this event successful, and to feed families in our community most in need.

The Lions Thanksgiving Food Drive embodies the best of Lionism and our motto: WE SERVE.

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? How long have you been married? I grew up in Fresno and went to Fresno State majoring in Engineering/Business. We've been married 49 years and have three kids, 2 girls and a boy. Moved to Santa Clara during the spring of 1968.
2. What is the one thing that instantly makes your day better? Getting up! I love socializing so meeting people and talking with them makes my day.
3. Reveal one thing that our Club members don't know about you. I love going to local car shows (in Campbell, Saratoga, Niles Canyon...) and I love classic cars. I own a '63 Corvette that I got in '68 from Billings Chevrolet; I take her out at least once a week and run a good route to keep her tuned and running well.
4. How long have you been a Cupertino DeAnza Lion? I joined in 2008, one month after retiring.
5. Name something on your Bucket List. I love to travel. I would love to go to Alaska, Sicily and Croatia someday.
6. Who is your hero? Roy Rogers and Gene Autry, those great cowboys, and Superman!!!

7. Do you collect anything? I used to collect old barometers. Some were framed by wood or brass both of which I polished & finished to be beautiful.

8. Who was the US President when you were born? Harry S Truman.

9. Do you have a favorite vacation place? I just like to go; wherever I am, that's my favorite place. I'd like to return to Hawaii; my uncle played ukulele with Don Ho there when I was younger.

10. What is your favorite cocktail? Margaritas.

11. Do you have a favorite or a funny Lion memory you'd like to share? Meeting and working with Bill Reed; I admired him so much and he was such a great guy. Plus, at his age he could still outwork everyone around him. He was two weeks younger than my mom and we sort of bonded over that.

12. What drew you to become a Lion? It was Charlie Waters who invited me to come to several meetings before I joined. When I retired, I thought ok, now I have a little time to help out and also started playing golf with the guys. Overall, I like helping people as much as I can.

Name that Lion: _____

De Anza Dollars by Treasurer AKnox



DeAnza Dollars are always in the hands of the Board of Directors and the Club Treasurer. The last July 1, 2024 newsletter article established the limited continuation of our current Treasurer. The results of that letter drew absolutely no solutions from the Board of Directors or others.

The deadline for the end of DeAnza Dollars and the current Treasurer is firmly set on **6/30/2025**. This means there is an opportunity for a DeAnza Lion, friend of DeAnza Lion, a recruited new Lion member, someone willing to learn treasury duties and responsibilities. The responsibility as previously stated 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 might be a golden opportunity for a retired professional to contribute significantly to a charitable corporation or even a way for a young student or intern to develop complete accounting and reporting skills.

The Club Treasurer would again like to express herein his sincere gratitude and appreciation of all members during his years of service.

Via West Garden-Summer to Fall 2024

by JChin

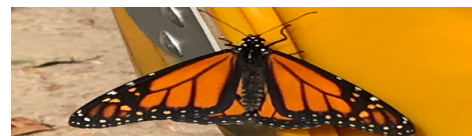


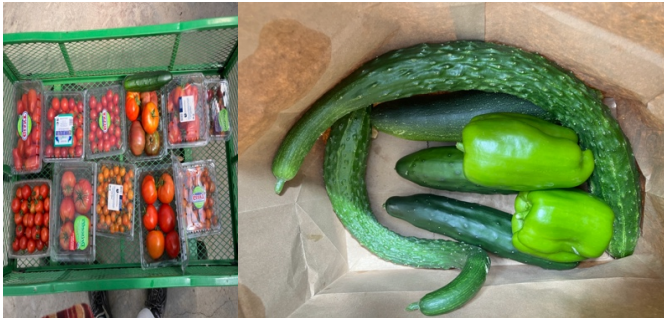
The shade cloth we put on in Spring has helped a lot to keep the plants from drying out or getting overheated and burned by the sun. Most plants did well with the reduced sun. This is good to learn, since we seem to have a growing number of very hot days. Bonus: the shade made all the workers and guests much happier to be in the Garden even midday.



We were pleased that the greens we planted in Spring are still producing, although not as strongly as they did in the spring. Preferring the cool fall temperatures, they will be back to producing more again.

Our summer stars, tomatoes and some of the cucumbers are doing really well and providing lots and lots of produce, and most of those harvests are being used by Jen in the Camp's kitchen. She uses the cherry tomatoes for the salad bar and cooks most of the large tomatoes into pasta sauce she can keep using through the year. She pickles the cucumbers to extend their use.





Fall planting requires new seedlings and we have some peas, Fava beans, more greens, leeks, fennel, etc. We are getting ready to plant these soon for growing through the Fall and Winter to be harvested in the early spring. The tomatoes and cucumbers will be still producing in the Fall but ending before the Winter starts.

What has been new this Summer is a Pollinator Garden that we helped one of the camp counselors start. The idea of this beautiful flowering garden is for the summer campers to be able to see in action how the pollinators (bees, hummingbirds, and butterflies) come in to spread the pollen around and help provide the plants what they need to produce seeds. This garden also had a lot of sensory elements to help the camp instructors lead the campers to seeing and smelling and touching the plants, enjoying all these sensory inputs that campers could experience in the garden all Summer.



In another new garden plot, we planted the Three Sisters. This is a Native American practice of planting corn and beans and a vining squash plant where all the plants help each other. The corn grows tall and provides a stake for the beans to grow up. The beans produce nitrogen in the soil to help build the soil. The squash grows thickly covering the ground which helps keep the predators away from eating the corn and the beans.

The corn we grew was Indian corn, so we have decorative elements for Fall. Plus, we can try making popcorn and grinding the kernels into cornmeal. The squash (in our case, pumpkins) can be used for decorations and for eating. The beans and corn can be saved for seeds for the next year.

Dagi returns in October, so we will work together for the last of the tomato harvest and a simple planting of mostly cover crops to rest the garden and ourselves.



Registrar of Voters (ROV) by AKnox



ROV Blessings

Fourteen (14) dedicated DeAnza Lions and a couple of significant others worked the Santa Clara County Registrar Of Voters primary elections of February 24 through March 5, 2024. It was another eleven days to increase our Club budget by ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00). The opportunity this year is even greater.

The Cupertino DeAnza Lions Club's (501c7) current opportunity begins with training by ROV at Lion Barb and Al's Campbell home at 10:00 AM on October 4, 2024. Zoom attendance will be allowed if you unable to be there in person.

Starting October 26 through November 5, we will provide three mobile courier teams, two mobile vote center teams, two coordinators and some drop box teams for this opportunity. Assignments and schedule confirmations will start soon.

As you know we receive this money as member donations, meaning it may be used for Club activities and remains nontaxable. The blessings come about when Lions understand that most of this money will be donated by the DeAnza Lions Club to our charitable 501c3 corporation the **Cupertino DeAnza Lions Charities, Inc.** These

dollars then go directly to the many people in need that we assist every year.

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? How long have you been married? I grew up in LA and went to UCLA earning a BA and an MA in Electrical Engineering. I've been married 57 years and we have three boys. While working for HP, we lived in LA, Sunnyvale, Colorado Springs, Oregon and Santa Clara.
2. What is the one thing that instantly makes your day better? Eating pastrami! I had a minor stroke in '97 so I had to lose weight and begin eating a low-fat diet. The doctor tells me I can have one cube of butter in a year and I can also eat Pastrami once a year—my favorite day.
3. Reveal one thing that our Club members don't know about you. I was a car mechanic on the side. I *know* transistors, tubes and integrated circuits.
4. How long have you been a Cupertino DeAnza Lion? At least 15 years; Eli recruited Charlie Peterson and my neighbor Charlie recruited me.
5. Name something on your Bucket List. Something I just loved was boating. We used to have a deep V, 280hp ski boat and boated on the Delta or on lakes. I was once good at skiing and I did slaloms then. Would like to be able to do that again.
6. Who is your hero? Barak Obama.
7. Do you collect anything? Trains. I had trains for a long time. Then we started buying Thomas the Train sets for the grandkids. They loved it and then outgrew it all. Now they have lost all interest in trains and we have finally sold all of them.
8. Who was the US President when you were born? Franklin Delano Roosevelt.
9. Do you have a favorite vacation place? Maui, HI.
10. What is your favorite cocktail? I used to drink rum and Coke but no longer. Now it's wine!
11. Do you have a favorite or a funny Lion memory you'd like to share? The Thanksgiving Food Drive. I love the whole experience: collecting food, people donating money and the giving. Currently I have a wall of 38 apple boxes stacked up in the garage

waiting for it all to begin again. Most of all, helping those families feels so good.

12. What drew you to become a Lion? Providing service in the community. I want to help.

Name that Lion: _____

Recruitment Workshop by JSmith



The Cupertino DeAnza Lions Club has set increasing membership as a primary goal for this year. At a recent PM meeting, our Club adopted suggestions from International Director Elect, Liz Crooke, to hold a recruitment workshop. The first objective of the workshop was to list all sorts of people we come in contact with and whom we might want to recruit to become a Lion. The second objective was to list the benefits we get from being a Lion to share with the potential recruits. With these two lists in mind, we might more easily approach our acquaintances and talk with them about what we get out of being a Lion and why they might consider membership.

Apart from the usual targets – our address books, professional service providers (opticians, dentists, financial advisers), we listed those with whom we come into frequent contact (grocery clerks, dry cleaners). Other examples of useful candidates included a Lion pal's contact, spouse, event attendees (Crab Feed/Golf Tournament/Food Drive, garage sale), Lions' offspring, current/ex-work colleagues, new residents to the neighborhood, parents of your children's friends, attendees where the Club has a booth.

Next, we listed all those benefits of being a Lion such as:

- Fellowship with like-minded people
- Satisfaction from community service
- Opportunities for multiple generations
- Longevity (statistically supported)
- Selfish enjoyment and fun
- Guilt resolution
- Networking benefits
- Receipt of training and personal growth
- Exposure to international/national/regional dimensions
- Educational credit from service

Now that we have these tools to work with, let's go forth and expand our membership.

Volunteering: We Serve by LNoone



When the call for help went out, our CDAL answered it. The Santa Clara Lions participate in a city event every year but this year there were not enough volunteers to serve at the Santa Clara Art and Wine Festival. They sent out a request for help. We were happy to help them just as they were when we needed more hands in order to hold our annual Crab Feed and they stepped up for us.



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? I was born in Montreal and raised in Queens. I took the subway to downtown Manhattan and went to NYU earning a BS in Business. I have been married 51 years, have three kids and four grandchildren.
2. What is the one thing that instantly makes your day better? I love to get out, do things and keep moving. We've got to live life to the fullest and my bride helps me do this in every way, every day.
3. Reveal one thing that our Club members don't know about you. I served in the Army in South Korea when there was *no* shooting going on. In Korea I learned to eat kimchi, fermented cabbage, and to drink Makgeolli, white rice wine.
4. How long have you been a Cupertino DeAnza Lion? Since 2005.

5. Name something on your Bucket List. To get a hole in one.
6. Who is your hero? John Wayne, since enjoying his movies as a kid.
7. Do you collect anything? No, I collect nuttin'.
8. Who was the US President when you were born? Roosevelt, *not* Teddy.
9. Do you have a favorite vacation place? I love the Caribbean—sitting on the beautiful beaches reading a good book by day and enjoying great restaurants at night.
10. What is your favorite cocktail? Scotch but only during the holidays and wine and beer, always.
11. Do you have a favorite or a funny Lion memory you'd like to share? I walked in to my first meeting just off the street. Lion Eli came over and put his arm across my shoulders while asking, "Do you play golf?" I said, "not very well." Without skipping a beat, he replied, "Join us, we need beer money!"
12. What drew you to become a Lion? I just want to give back to the community after enjoying every minute of being a Lion. I get more from the Lions than I give.

Name that Lion: _____

A Blast from the Past

YESTERDAY



The "Membership Tent", as it was originally called, came together after Lion John's work.

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 it was 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

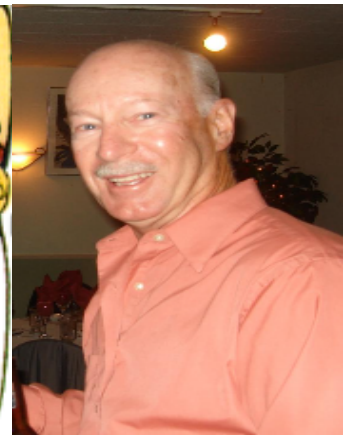
**Happy Birthday, dear Lions,
Happy Birthday to you**

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 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



Name that Lion Revealed by LNoone



Lion 1: Ron Ahearn



Lion 2: Steve Ratner



Lion 3: Ray Lancon

Editor's Note by LNoone

GOOD BYE

Only TWO editions 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!

