



# Your New Pawprint Patter

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## Millbrae Lions

## A message from President Smitty Smith

**Remembering Our  
Late President  
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Wow, here it is, almost Thanksgiving Lady Kathleen and myself want to wish everyone a very nice Thanksgiving, and may family and loved ones surround you.

I want to thank Lion Matt Fitzgibbons, Lady Karen, Lady Lisa Fitzgibbons, Lady Kathleen Smith, Lady Barbara Albright and Lady Nancy Montes for the wonderful job that they did on the silent auction. Lion Matt has told me we did a little more than \$4000.00! Way to go Millbrae Lions and spouse you are the ones that make this project what it is! It was nice to have so many other Lions Clubs attend this meeting. Thank you Lion Troy Acevedo for inviting the Marines.

Today, I was with a bunch of great Lions setting up the Christmas Tree Lot. By the time you get this bulletin the trees will have been delivered, set up and a couple days of sales under way.

This is the time of the year that the Millbrae Lions Club gets a lot of requests for donations. Be it from our Family Assistance Program, or for Samaritan House.

I want to thank you for opening up your closets, wallets and especially your hearts and contributing to all of these causes.



Remember that our 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in December is on Friday the 17 at the Terrace Café this is our Christmas Party meeting, more party than meeting. See the flyer in this bulletin and also Lion Rich Bortolin's article.

Mark January 15, 2005 on your calendar. Lion Mary Griffin Ramsuer will host our "year 2005" Social. This will be a Pot Luck Buffet. More details to come. Our Spring Social on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005 is still in the works. I will keep you posted.

Yours in Lionism President Smitty

### Regular Meetings

1st and 3rd Wednesdays  
of each month  
7:30 PM  
Green Hills Country Club

### Millbrae Lions President

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### Board of Directors

2nd Wednesday  
of each month  
7:00 PM  
Dave Chetcuti Room



## From the Editor's Desk



December is here already? Time goes by so quick. It's about time that I wish everyone to have very Happy Holidays including a Happy Hanukah, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and any others like Boxing Day, etc.

**Chairman and he needs your help.** Now that winter is here, blood is desperately needed. The former "Peninsula Blood Bank" at 1791 El Camino Real in Burlingame (in front of Peninsula Hospital) is now called "**Blood Centers of the Pacific**" and will appreciate donations of your blood. **Donor Hours** are Mon. & Fri. 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM, Tues. & Thurs. 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM, and Sat. 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. **By giving your blood, you will save lives.**

**Lion John Bowers is the Blood Drive**

From the Editor.

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## Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, December 1, 2004** at Green Hills Country Club. Attire: **Business Casual**.

**Be prepared to feast on:** Stuffed Pork-loin w/Red Onion Confit, Buttermilked Mashed Potatoes, Veggies, and dessert Peach Cobbler/Ice Cream Anglaise.

**Cocktails:** at 6:30 PM

**Dinner:** at 7:30 PM

**Greeters:** Matt Fitzgibbons and Mike Gianni

## Neighboring Clubs

### San Bruno Lions Club

Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7:00 PM,  
At the 16 Mile House, Broadway, Millbrae.

### Burlingame Lions Club

Meets every Thursday at 12:10 PM,  
Burlingame Lions Hall, 990 Burlingame Av,  
Burlingame.

### Pacifica Lions Club

Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 PM,  
Nick's Restaurant, Rockaway Beach,  
Pacifica.



## Know your 2004 - 2005 District 4-C4 Officers

### District Governor

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## Twin Clubs

**La Serena Lions Club**

La Serena, Chile

**Sliema Lions Club**

Sliema, Malta

**Kahului Lions Club**

Kahului, Hawaii

**Guanajuato Lions Club**

Guanajuato, Mexico

If you know of a club that would like to Twin with the Millbrae Lions Club, please contact Lion Chairman Frank Azzopardi

## Help Lion Lynn help Samaritan House on Dec. 17th

Please help Lion Lynn Azzopardi and Lion Rich Bortolin with a generous donation of canned good by bringing them to our Christmas meeting on December 17th.



What do our donations do? A battered woman finds shelter and a job; a shut-in blind senior receives

wholesome food from the Samaritan House Mobile Meals; a single mother, struggling to get back on her feet after being laid off from her job, and her son receive groceries and clothes as well as health care through the Samaritan House Free



Clinic; a man who survived life-threatening injuries from a traffic injury and who can no longer earn enough to support his family, although he has degrees in computer electronics and business, and his family are no longer homeless; low-income women can receive mammograms. These are just a few of the success stories of Samaritan House.

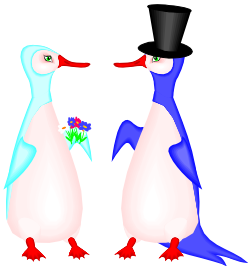
We greatly appreciate your generosity. Please bring your canned or other donations to the December 17th Christmas party/meeting. Our neighbors are counting on it!





December 3, Pat Luzaich  
Jim Stanaway  
December 4, John La Duca  
December 14, Isaac Mejia  
December 18, Godiva Saliva

### *Happy Anniversary!*



December 14, Isaac & Linda  
Mejia  
December 16, Fran & "Dan  
De Lyon"

### **SUNSHINE REPORT**

**Calling all Lions:** I wish you well with my magic spell. You may drink from my spring that will make you sing! You will jump for joy like a wind up toy. And, you will run down the hill when you get my bill!



Please call **Millbrae Man of the Year**, Lion George Habib, if you know of a Lion or a family member that is sick. (650) 588-4326 or email at habeeb490@aol.com



### **Millbrae Lions Multiple Choice**

1. Lion Frank Az-zopardi was born on the Island of:  
**A.** Malta  
**B.** Maui  
**C.** Fantasy

2. Lion Don Ba-ciocco was:  
**A.** President  
**B.** District Governor  
**C.** King of the Moon

3. For 35 years Lion John Baker worked for:  
**A.** Clorox  
**B.** Xerox  
**C.** Tampax

4. Lion Gino Bava:  
**A.** Lives in Millbrae  
**B.** Lives in Brisbane  
**C.** Lives incognito

5. Lion Donald \_\_\_\_\_ spells his last name:  
**A.** Bayer  
**B.** Beyer  
**C.** Trump  
(Answers on page 9)



## Our Last Meeting, November 17, 2004

1. Lion President "Smitty" Smith called the meeting to order at 7: 21p.m.
2. Sergeant Major Steven Lara United States Marine Corps. (Active), led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Lions Elizabeth Wallen and Dr. David Heaton led the singing of "Star Spangled Banner".
4. Lion PDG George Habeeb gave the invocation.
5. Lion Don Beyer announced the visiting Lions and guests.
6. Lions Information was not given due to our annual "Silent Auction".
7. **PROGRAM**
  - A. Our annual "Silent Auction" was the main program of the evening. Lion Matt Fitzgibbons (Chairperson) conducted the "Silent Auction" proceedings.
  - B. Lion Randy Sahae conducted a "How Well Do You Know Your Spouse" survey.
  - C. After feasting on a fantastic traditional Thanks Giving Meal, Lion Matt Fitzgibbons concluded the "Silent Auction" bidding at 09:10.
8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - A. Christmas tree Lot. PP Lion Mike Simonini, Christmas Tree Lot Chairperson, reminded us the lot setup will be Saturday, 11/20, work begins 08:30. First shipment of trees will arrive on Friday, 11/26, lot opens for sales on Saturday, 11/27. Second tree shipment on Friday, 12/3. Last day of tree sales on Saturday, 12/18, lot cleanup on Sunday, 12/19. Contact PP Lion Mike Simonini for questions.
  - B. Family Assistance chairperson Lion Lucy Denos distributed gift recommendations for a needy Millbrae family with six children. Please drop off your unwrapped gifts at the home of Lion John Muniz. Committee members will wrap the gifts on Wednesday night 12/15 at the home of Lion John Muniz. Thank you for your generosity.
  - C. PP Lion Rich Bortolin elaborated on the Millbrae Lions Club's Christmas Party at the El Rancho, on Friday, 12/17. Cocktails from 06:00-07:00, dinner starts at 07:00; after dinner, dancing. Lion Rich asked the members to bring canned goods or donations in place of a gift exchange. Cost will be \$32.00 per person. The Christmas party will take the place of our regular schedule meeting that would normally be held on Wednesday, 12/15. Please contact Lion Rich if you plan to attend.
  - D. Lion Lynn Azzopardi thanked the Millbrae Lions Club members who contributed clothing to be donated to the Samaritan House. Lion Lynn continues to accept donations of clothing, and toiletry items
  - E. Youth and Community Ticket Sales. Lion Lynn Azzopardi (Y&C Co-Chairperson) has schedule Y&C street tickets sales for Friday, 12/3 and Saturday, 12/4. Lion Lynn will contract the members to schedule street ticket sales.
  - F. Lion John Bowers (Blood Drive Chairperson) made a passionate plea for Lions to step forward and donate blood. "The need for blood donation is critical during the winter months".



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## Our Last Meeting (Continued from page 5)

### 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup> will be the Millbrae Lions Club first Social gathering of the season will be held at the home of Lion Mary Griffin, announced Millbrae Lions Club President Lion "Smitty" Smith. Thank you Lion Mary. Our second Social gathering is scheduled for Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Details will be forthcoming.
- B. Lion President "Smitty" Smith received a check from the Millbrae Safeway™ Store in the amount of \$847.00 from proceeds collected from check stand containers benefiting the visually impaired. The proceeds will be donated to the "Lions Eye Foundation of Northern California and Nevada".
- C. Lion Troy Acevedo received a "Thank You" letter from the United States Marine Corps., thanking the Millbrae Lions Club for hosting ten Marines at the Millbrae Lions Club Western BBQ held on October 9<sup>th</sup>.
- D. Foster City Lions Club President Lion Janis Kiesel made PDG Lion Art Pignati an Honorary Member of the Foster City Lions Club for his many years of service.
- E. The next Peninsula Council of Lions Meeting will be held on Monday, 11/22, at the Sixteen Mile House in Millbrae. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Contact PP Lion Tony Montes for reservations.
- F. District MD-4 will hold their annual convention at the Town and Country Hotel, on 02/11/2005-02/13/2005, in San Diego Ca. Contact Lion John Muniz for information.
- G. The District 4-C4 MERLO team is scheduled to meet on Friday, 11/19, at 06:30 PM, at UCSF Mt Zion Hospital, 1701 Divisadero corner of Sutter, in San Francisco. The discussion will be the creation of a new San Francisco Lions Club. RSVP Lion Eugene Chan. See Lion John Muniz for more details.
- H. The Castro Street Lions Club has invited us to a Holiday Party on 12/4, from 06:00 pm to 10:00 pm at the Gazebo Restaurant in San Francisco. The Club asked attendees to bring an unwrapped toy for a child. See Lion John Muniz for more details
- I. Soroptimist International of Millbrae and San Bruno is having their annual Christmas Luncheon and Ornament Auction on Thursday, 12/2, at the Green Hills. See Lion John Muniz for details.
- J. Zone Three Chairperson PP Lion Frank Rescino announced the San Bruno Lions Club Annual "Crab Feed Dinner" will be held on Saturday, 2/5/05 at the San Bruno Senior Center. "Thank you for supporting the local community, schools and youth programs". See Lion John Muniz for details.
- K. The Millbrae Historical Society is having their annual Holiday Party on Wednesday, 12/1 at the Millbrae Community Center. All are welcome. See Lion John Muniz for details.

### 10. TAIL TWISTER RAFFLE—Lion Dr. David Heaton

- A. Because of the "Silent Auction" no Tail Twister Raffle was held.

### 11. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Lion President "Smitty" Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:48 p.m.

**Attendance: Members 41 Spouses 22 Guests 21 Total 84**

The Minutes for each meeting are produced by Secretary John Muniz,  
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## Letters of Appreciation and Thanks to the Millbrae Lions Club



November 2, 2004

Dear President Smith:

On Behalf of the Millbrae School District Board of Trustees, I wish to extend our warmest congratulations as you assume the office of President of the Millbrae Lions Club.

The Millbrae Lions continue to support our schools in so many ways: The Lions Counseling Program; Lions Quest Program; Child Identification Program; Christmas Tree Program; Eyeglasses, Dental Work, and Holiday Baskets for Needy Families; Flags for Flag Day; and , of course, the Lions Baseball Program.

As we discussed, we will be honored to have you as "Principal For A Day" this school year, March 9, 2005. Our Lions Club leaders are important mentors for our students and set an example of service to the community.

Thank you for your leadership and your dedication to our children and our community.

Sincerely, Karen K. Philip, Superintendent



October 29, 2004

Dear Smitty:

On Behalf of our clients, staff, volunteers and Board of Directors, I would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$100 toward our San Mateo County Bowling Tournament for people with developmental disabilities slated for February 2005.

Your generosity helps make it possible for us to achieve our mission of enriching the lives of people with developmental disabilities and those of their families. Your contribution enables Parca, a private, nonprofit organization serving the Bay Area since 1952, to continue providing many high-quality programs. These include a continuum of progressive adult residential alternatives; a unique, integrated after-school program that pairs children with and without disabilities; a respite program for caregivers that affords loving and dependable care for children and teenagers ages six through 17; a wide range of family support services; and diverse recreational and social activities. Only with broad community support can we continue to provide the much-needed services.

Your gift is greatly appreciated. Thanks for your support.

Sincerely, Diana Conti, Executive Director



## Pancakes for the PTA!

Pancakes for Breakfast! That's what was exclaimed by the Spring Valley School PTA on November 7th, 2004.

Thanks to all the Millbrae Lions who showed up early to flip pancakes for the hungry crowd.



## A gorgeous location for the 4-C4 Cabinet Meeting

November 12 thru 14, 2004 - Carmel by the Sea was the spot, and the event was the 2nd District Cabinet Meeting. It was said

that those Millbrae Lions who attended learned a lot and had a good time. L to R: 1. PDG Art Pignati showing off his ballet moves; 2. Secretary John Muniz (who's taking the picture?!?), PP Tony Montes, Jane & PP Mike Simoni; 3. Nancy and PP Tony Montes.



## Get ready: the Christmas Dinner Dance is coming!

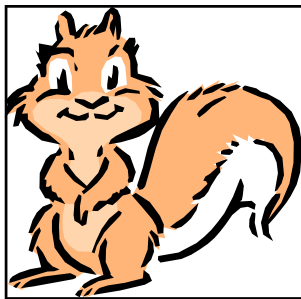
Smitty's Special Invitation is inserted into this bulletin. Winter Dress is appropriate. See "Upcoming Events" on page 10 for all the details.





## Tigger's Tidbits

There were three country churches in a small Texas town: the Presbyterian church, the Methodist church and the Catholic church. Each church was overrun with pesky squirrels.



One day, the Presbyterian church called a meeting to decide what to do about the squirrels. After much prayer and consideration they determined that the squirrels were predestined to be there and they shouldn't interfere with God's divine will.

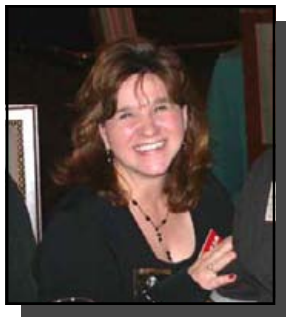
The Methodist group got together and decided that they were not in a position to harm any of God's creations. So, they humanely trapped the squirrels and set them free a few miles outside of town. Three days later, the squirrels were back.

It was only the Catholics who were able to come up with the best and most effective solution. They baptized the squirrels and registered them as members of the church. Now they only see them on Christmas, Palm Sunday and Easter.

## Answers to Multiple Choice from page 4

1. A- Malta.
2. A- President, and  
B- District Governor.
3. B- Xerox.
4. A- Lives in Millbrae
5. B- Beyer.

## Help! Lion Lucy needs our Help!



Hello my fellow lions,

Thank you for your participation in helping us to **give to a family with a great need**. The cut-off dates for bringing your unwrapped gift to either the next general meeting Dec.1st or the board meeting Dec.8th. Also you can drop the gifts off to John Muniz home. We have to wrap the gifts by Dec.15th so that I can present them to Carrie Chinn principal of Lomita School for the Lataimua family on the last day of school Dec. 17th.



Have a great holiday & we appreciate your help, Lion Lucy



## Lions Founder Melvin Jones Part 3, Conclusion



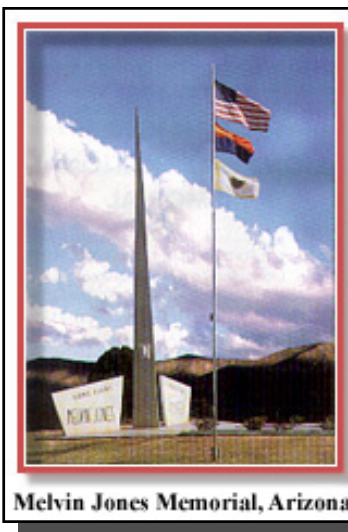
In 1950, when membership had passed the 400,000 mark, this man, who was born on a cavalry outpost in Fort Thomas, Arizona, was conferred the title of Secretary-General of Lions International, for life.

This man, the founder of this great organization, was named Melvin Jones, and although he died in 1961, his homely philosophy of life, "You can't get very far, until you start doing something for somebody else", lives on in our motto "We Serve".

In 1962, the Safford Lions Club and the Arizona State Lions began construction of a 50 foot high monument at Fort Thomas, Arizona.

It was completed and dedicated on June 27, 1965 and under the leadership of the Safford Lions Club and the Melvin Jones Memorial Association has continued to be a very impressive sight.

The International Board of Directors, by proclamation in 1961, proclaimed the date of January 13, the birthday of Founder Melvin Jones, as a day of memory each year throughout the world of Lionism, and that Founders and Rededication month, traditionally observed in January, shall thereafter be designated as Melvin Jones Memorial Month.



## Upcoming Events

December 3 - 2nd load of Christmas Trees Arrive - Mike Simonini Chairman

December 8 - Board Meeting 7:00 P.M. - The Chetcuti Room

December 17 (**Friday**) - General Meeting "**Spouse Night/Christmas**" 7:00 P.M. - at Terrace Café at El Rancho Inn - Additional \$10.00 for Lions, \$32.00 for spouses & guests - **RSVP by Dec. 13th to Lion Rich Bortolin** with your choice of Chicken, Salmon or Mushroom Pave - Hors d'oeuvres, Dessert Buffet and Dinner Dancing. Be prepared to enjoy this evening of fun!



## December 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Reg. Meet.	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Board Meet. 	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 NO Reg. Meet.	16	17 Reg. Meet.	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 
26	27	28	29	30	31 	

## January 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 
2	3	4	5 NO Reg. Meet.	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Reg. Meet.	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Board Meet.	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Reg. Meet.	27	28	29
30	31					

### Upcoming Events (Continued from Page 10)

December (to be announced) - Sheltering Pines Christmas - (to be announced) - Don Craighead Sr. Chairman

December 19 - Christmas Tree Lot Clean Up- Mike Simonini Chairman

January 12 - General Meeting 7:30 P.M. - Green Hills Country Club

January 19 - Board Meeting 7:00 P.M. - The Chetcuti Room

January 24 - Peninsula Council Meeting - Burlingame Lions hosting at the Double Tree Hotel - 6:30 PM Cocktails & 7:30 PM Dinner.

January 26 - General Meeting 7:30 P.M. - Green Hills Country Club



# Millbrae Lions Club

c/o Lion Paul Larson

*Chapel of the Highlands*

El Camino Real at Millwood Drive

Millbrae, CA 94030-1392



## LIONS ETHICS

**TO SHOW** my faith in the worthiness of vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.

**TO SEEK** success and to demand all fair remuneration of profit for my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.

**TO REMEMBER** that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down others. To be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.

**WHENEVER** a doubt arises as the right or ethics of my position of action towards my fellow man, to resolve such doubt against myself.

**TO HOLD** friendship as end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the true spirit in which it is given.

**ALWAYS** bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my unswerving loyalty in word, act as deed; to give them freely of my time, labor and means.

**TO AID** my fellow man by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.

**TO BE** careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise. To build up and not destroy.



Millbrae Lion of the Year  
**Lynn Azzopardi**

## LIONS OBJECTIVES

**TO CREATE** and foster a spirit of "GENEROUS CONSIDERATION" among the peoples of the world through a study of the problems of international relationship.

**TO PROMOTE** the theory and practice of the principles of good government and good citizenship.

**TO TAKE** an active interest in the civic, social, and moral welfare of the community.

**TO UNITE** the members in the bonds of friendship and mutual understanding.

**TO PROVIDE** a forum for the full and free discussion of all matters of public interest, partisan politics and sectarian religion alone excepted.

**TO ENCOURAGE** efficacy and promote high ethical standards and professions: provided that no club shall hold out as one of its objects financial benefits to its members.