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Millbrae Lions

Special Edition in Loving Memory of Our President

*It is with a saddened heart to bare the news of the passing of
Millbrae Lions Club President Millie Bishop on Friday,
September 17, 2004*

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1st and 3rd Wednesdays
of each month
7:30 PM
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Board of Directors

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



A message from 1st Vice President Smitty Smith

In life, as in our Millbrae Lion family, Millie was a very private person who held her cards close. She didn't burden us with her problems, or illness. Millie's goals were to see that the children of Millbrae got the best of what we, the Millbrae Lions Club, could give. This included: fingerprinting, Red Ribbon Drug Awareness, Flag Day, the Halloween Dance and parade, and many more. We now know that Millie died



from cancer. I'm sure that if Millie were here, she would encourage us and our loved ones to be more diligent about checkups. Millie was the first woman President in our club's history she took on the position with a positive "we can do attitude". She will be missed; may God be with you Lion Millie Bishop.

Lion Charles Smitty Smith

A message from Past President Michael Morgan

My fellow Lions and friends,

I'm sure you all know that "our Millie" has gone on to help organize Heaven. I just wanted to share some thoughts with you.

Millie was one of my best friends and I will miss her forever. I met Millie when I was on the Chamber of Commerce Board. We became good friends when I became Executive Director of the chamber. I knew that she was the kind of person we needed in Lions and I asked her to join. When I was about to become President of the Club I knew she was the one I wanted for my Secretary. When I asked she said after some thought that she was willing. Millie did not know of the word "no." Not know to either of us, but this was the start of a very hard time for Millie.

Millie had a medical problem that was going to take her from us. She never accepted the notion that she

couldn't do the work required as Secretary and later as President. She never complained about her fate, she always said she was getting better and that she would win the fight. She never said "no I can't do it." We all could see that it was much more for her, or anybody else, but she wanted to finish what she started. She wanted to make her community a better place for all.

Now that she is gone, we must take over the task of making our community a better place to Live, Work and Play. When things get us down we can look to Millie's example and look the problem in the eye and say "we can make it better."

As I said, I will miss Millie forever. But, the good news is that when I die and go to Heaven it will be a better place because Millie was there first.

Yours in Lionism, P. P. Michael Morgan



From the Editor's Desk

Millie Bishop:

(first 3 paragraphs written on September 11, 2004):



“She is such a beautiful lady” said Gary Barranti of Leonardo’s Italian Deli when I was showing him an example of the Millbrae Lions Club bulletin. He saw Millie’s picture on the cover, a picture of several years ago, and it brought back memories of when she was his teacher at Taylor Middle School. He wanted me to extend his best wishes to Millie. When I told Millie of this, she remarked that he was one of her best students.

Millie Bishop is a very strong willed individual who wants to follow through with her responsibilities no matter how difficult the situation. Millie always helped me with all of my projects, espe-

cially the Student Speakers Contest and the Youth Week Essay Contest. I never needed to ask her to help. Millie was just right along side of me preparing the details before I even had time to even think about them.

Millie has always been a giving and caring person who loved kids and wanted to shape their development. She has been a fixture at Taylor School and the Millbrae education community.

(continued on September 17, 2004....after hearing of her passing)

The last time I saw Millie was during the Lions Board meeting of September 8th at the Chetcuti Room. Even though Millie was visibly weakened and in some pain, her demeanor was of “let’s continue on with our agenda, all is well”. She never complained of her condition, ever, and wanted to remain in a normal mode of operation. The meeting had already begun by the time Millie arrived. (Continued on Page 4)

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Deadline for the next edition is the day after our Regular Meetings at Green Hills



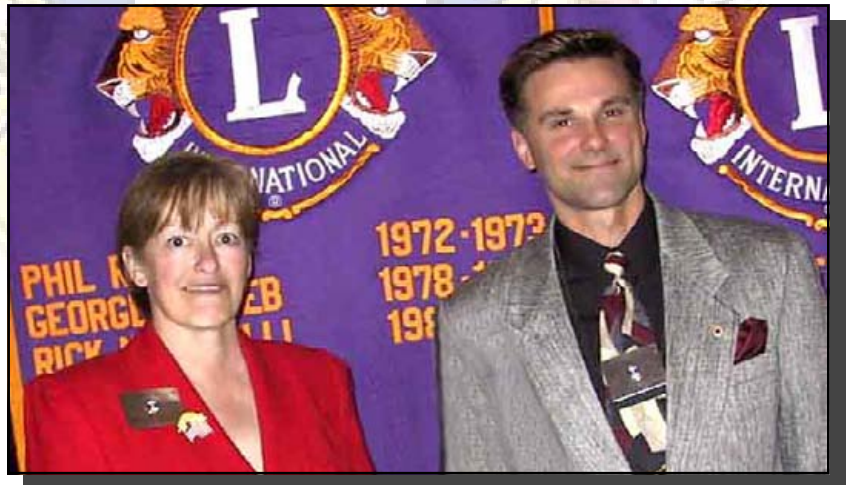
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As we assisted her out of her car, her main concern was about feeding everyone at the meeting. She had brought casserole dishes with frittatas that she prepared for everyone, and instructed us on how long to heat them. We helped Millie to her seat, and she presided over the meeting as normal. When the frittatas were ready, Millie paused the meeting for a dinner break. We encouraged Millie to eat, which she did, but she wanted to make sure that everyone else had a chance to eat before she did. At the conclusion of the meeting, we all assisted Millie to her car, but she never asked for the help. John Muniz offered for her to stay at his house overnight, but Millie repeatedly assured us all that she was fine and that she just needed some rest. I started her car, which was parked at the side of the Chetcuti Room, and turned it around facing toward the street. After helping Millie into her car

and putting the empty casserole dishes into her trunk, Millie reminded us that she was OK and didn't have far to drive. I thanked her again for the nice frittatas that she made, she waved goodbye, and drove down the Police station driveway and into the night.

Millie was brave, unselfish and giving....which is the ultimate description of a Lion.....and also the defining traits of a Hero.

Personally, Millie has been so kind and giving and has always been there when I needed her. I feel like she wanted to





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be more of a mother or an aunt by her actions, and that attribute was just in her nature. She always gave me encouragement and told me that she had "every faith" in my endeavors.

When ever I received an email from Millie, she always concluded it with "Hugs, Millie". The concept of "Hugs, Millie" was also in her nature, and to give out Hugs so easily is something to be admired and emulated.

With her passing, a visible hole has been created which will take a lot of effort to fill, but I'm confident that Millie would reassure us by having "every faith" in us to carry on with our responsibilities, and would remind us of how very proud she is of each member of the Millbrae Lions Club.

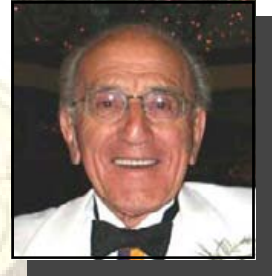
Millie Bishop will remain in my mind as being a brave, unselfish and giving "hero", and her affectionate tag line of concluding with "Hugs, Millie" will always remain close to my heart.

By Bulletin Editor, Lion Paul Larson

SUNSHINE REPORT

Dear Millbrae Lions Members,

It is with great sadness that we learn of the passing of our new Millbrae President Millie Bishop this past Friday September 17, 2004. Millie was a distinguished member of the club for many years, and she was also, the first woman President of the club.



Millie was a very involved member and a dedicated lady to all who knew her. She was well known throughout Millbrae, as she was very active in many of the local organizations, as well as being part of the Taylor school faculty in Millbrae. She will be greatly missed by all.

Our deepest sympathy to her husband Bill and to all her family from all of us.

Funeral services will be in Nevada City, Ca. Where she lived part time, and where she passed after her long illness. We will miss her "take charge abilities" and her smile. May she rest in peace, Amen

PDG George Habeeb
Millbrae Man of the Year 2004/2005



A message from District 4-C4

Lion Paul and other Millbrae Lions:

I know many of you quite well and was just getting to know Lion Millie. I received the message early Saturday morning and was quite shocked. The loss of such a good woman and good Lion is hard on all of us. I know your club, which is a sensitive and caring and close group is hurting. I also know that because you are the kind of Lions you are, she was very blessed to be a part of your club and to have made history being the first woman President of Millbrae.

We do not always understand God's will, but His purpose in giving Lion Millie this special time in such a remarkable group of people, in such a special and remarkable position, made the final days of her life very special. These remain a part of her as she moves forward into the next step of existence.

If it gives any of you any comfort, I am a survivor of clinical death from heart surgery and have seen the other side, it is there and it is wonderful, it was not my time. Lion Millie is full of light and peace and beauty and wonderful love totally enhanced by each of you in Millbrae Lions. The beauty of Lionism, is that we are all a part of each other and we carry those parts with us.

Lion Millie will always be a special part of each of you, and has made special meanings of life and Lionism that are new and precious to each of you. Cherish them and grow and love each other.

Lion Linda Lopez-Wood,
District 4-C4 Newsletter Editor

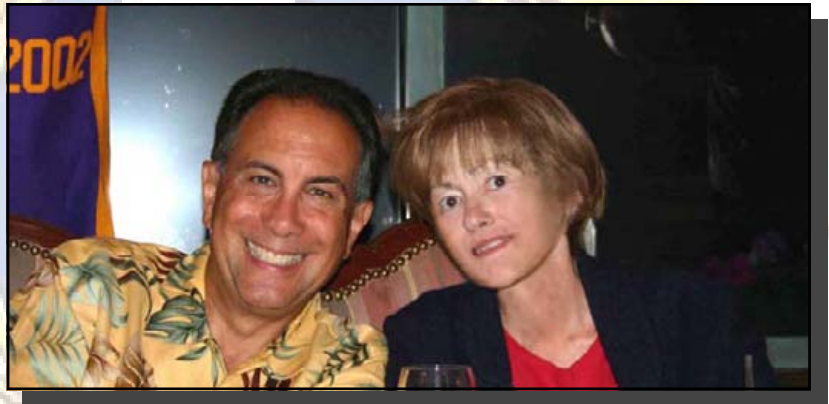


A message from Secretary John Muniz

Our beloved President, Lion Millie Bishop passed away at her home in Nevada City, Ca. on September 17, one day after her birthday. Millie was the first woman President in the Millbrae Lions Club's sixty-seven year history. Millie was a proud woman, never complaining or neglecting her duties. A Millbrae Lion since 1997, Millie worked diligently for her club, chairing many committees, rising through the ranks and achieving her goals. Although not feeling well, Millie did not flinch, vacillate, or relinquish her goal of becoming the first woman President of the Millbrae Lions Club. On June 15th, Millie was installed as our President. She was so proud. Although in pain, she perused her duties until the end.

At our Lions Club meetings, Millie was a no nonsense leader. She ran a tight ship. Most of the time we behaved, we

heard about it when we did not. She loved children and loved chairing the Millbrae Lions Club Halloween Parade and Monster Ball. She always spoke about "her little guy", one of her grandchildren. I was very proud when Millie ask me to be her Secretary, although a bid apprehensive. With her encourage-



ment, she set my mind at ease.

We all loved Millie and she will be missed by all at the Millbrae Lions Club and throughout Millbrae. Now, Millie is at peace with "The Father". "Please watch over us Millie".

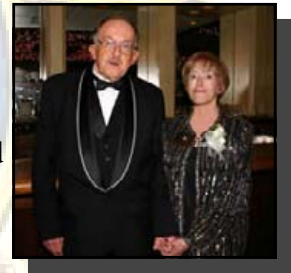
Lion John Muniz, Millbrae Lions Club



Millie at Meetings, The Installation and The Halloween March & Dance



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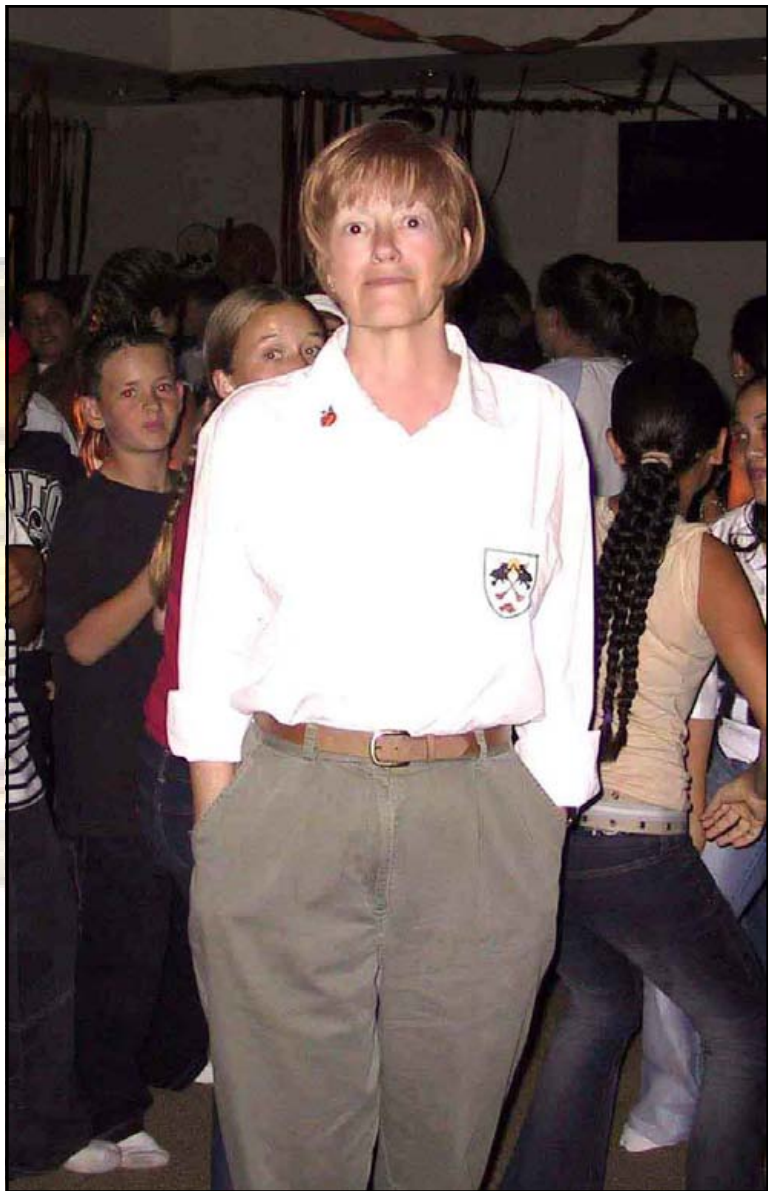


1. Millie presiding at August 4th Meeting; 2. Millie at the Youth Week Dinner; 3. Bill & Millie at Installation; 4. Millie and the gang of Lions at the Halloween Monster March; 5. Millie and Judy Cullina outside the Halloween Dance. On the right page: Halloween Chairperson Millie at Halloween Dance.





Millie at Meetings, The Installation and The Halloween March & Dance





Final messages from President Millie Bishop

Below are 2 messages from President Millie that were unable to appear in the bulletin due to time constraints or to conflicting or undetermined dates and information. But, the general meaning of the messages come across, and are sincere and from Millie's heart.



September 8, 2004

Dear Friends and Fellow Lions,

Lion PDG Rocky, Lady Jo, and their team threw another wonderful Family Picnic on Sunday at Flood. My family had a wonderful time and I'm sure yours did, too.

I've heard a rumor that this may be Rocky's last year as chairman. If so I want to be sure to thank him for all the years that our families have enjoyed this event and it has added to our family memories. Thank you, Rocky and Jo.

Unfortunately we were unable to induct Randy Sahae into our club when we expected to. Her son had an emergency appendectomy the night before and need to be at UCLA with him. Al Morando, our inducting officer, will induct Randy at our first meeting on October 6, 2004.

Hope to see you there,

Lion President Millie

September 11, 2004

Dear Friends and Fellow Lions,

Today is a day to take a moment to reflect.

We accepted to the resignation of our former Treasurer, Dave Ocampo, and accepted the appointment of our new Treasurer, Cindy Silva. I know we will all be on board to help Cindy.

We will induct our new member, Randy Sahae, on October 27. Various events are occurring through November, and the only times our calendars coincide will be on October 27, so that is when we will induct Randy.

In the mean time support that Western BBQ, White Cane Days, and Silent Auction .

Hugs,

Lion Millie



Goodbye Millie

A service in Millie's Memory will be on Wednesday, September 29, 2004, 6:00 PM at the Taylor Middle School Auditorium. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you wish, donations may be made to the Lions Eye Foundation.





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.