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Lion President Carol Mares

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### President's Message

Fellow Lions,

Welcome to Fall, suddenly the weather has cooled and the leaves are already drying and changing colors. During this time our club has been busy starting with our first vision screening with the eye mobile. We were happy to partner with our fellow Lions from the Central City Boyle Heights Club.

On September 17th, I was honored to visit the Los Angeles City Council and speak to new District 13 Councilman Mitch O'Farrell.

I was fortunate to travel to Overland Park, Kansas, to participate in the USA/Canada Leadership Forum. This provided me the chance to meet International President Barry Palmer and present him with one of our club pins.

Lastly, Dr. Fredy inducted one more Lion, Eva Mejia. Welcome to the L.A. Host!

> Carol Mares President



L.A. Host Lions with representatives from Dolores Mission School and Church and Lions from Central City Boyle Heights Lions.

## Eyemobile Screening Held at **Dolores Mission in September**

On Sunday September 8, we held an Eyemobile screening at Dolores Mission. It is easy to overlook the issues some members of our community might be encountering on the day to day basis. We at The Los Angeles Host Lions Club are doing our best to alleviate and address some of those. At our Eyemobile, we do vision and glaucoma screenings. Through Lark Ellen and the LOVE program at the Los Angeles Optometric Center, we are able to provide follow up care and free glasses to children and adults.

As a former school teacher, I often had children that needed to sit close to the Board in order to see, yet no one in their family suspected a vision problem. With budgetary cuts at LA Unified School District causing reduced availability of school nurses to do vision screenings, we Lions, with our Eyemobile are trying to fill the gap.

If you have not been at one of our Eyemobiles lately, we invite you to come and participate in this very worthwhile and visible Lions project serving the needy in our communities. You will be thanked and blessed many times by the very humble and needy people we serve. We often hear from those waiting to be screened that this is the only opportunity they get to have a glaucoma and vision test.

We invite you to join us at our next Eyemobile screening and experience the joys and rewards of serving those in need. This is a special part of Lionism and remember our motto: We Serve.

Dr. Fredy Perez and Linda Zahradka

# UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Regular meetings are held at noon on the second and fourth Fridays at Taix Restaurant, 1911 Sunset Blvd.

#### **Programs**

#### Friday, October 11

Program: Logan St. School 12 noon, Taix Restaurant

#### Wednesday, October 16

**Board Meeting** 

12 noon, Good Shepherd Center

#### Friday, October 25

Program: Lions Sight and Hearing 12 noon, Taix Restaurant

#### Friday, November 8

Program: Flag/Veterans Day School Assembly

At Logan St. School, 2:00 pm

Wednesday, November 20 Board Meeting

12 noon, Good Shepherd Center

#### Friday, November 22

Program: Salvation Army Red Shield 12 noon, Onsite at Salvation Army

#### Special Events

#### Sunday, October 27, 2013

The "Great Gatsby Malibu Extravaganza" at Dr. Marwah's Malibu Estate. A combined event hosted by Shakespeare At Play and L.A. Host Lions Club highlighting our Leos. See page 3 this issue of *LA Host Herald* 



# If I Were Twilight

By Lion Dick Radl

It would be a quiet, gentle hour where People would have time needed to repair Frustrations of the day, moments of despair. With promises of night's kind deep sleep Harbinger of tomorrows hopes to keep But if tomorrow does again not turnout as well Twilight repeats cycle with its magic spell No time limit on this, an endless lease Always opportunity for Nature's offer of Peace.

#### LEOS CORNER

Our Red Shield Leos are actively preparing for the October 27th 2013 Great Gatsby Malibu Extravaganza! I have had the privilege of working with them every Tuesday evening since the beginning of September to prepare them for the event. They were each given the book **The Great Gatsby** which is the focus of the Big Read Grant that Shakespeare At Play was awarded. It is not possible for me to be more proud of these fine young people as they have in a most respectful and serious manner plunged into reading the book and have been studying the history of the times and developing correlations from the story to the present. Their preparation for their participation in the Round Table Discussion, which will be one of the highlights of the October 27th Extravaganza, is remarkable. It is clear that we <u>all</u> should be there to support them and share in the pride of their efforts and success as these young people are so very well deserving.

#### **DISTRICT & OTHER HAPPENINGS**

#### Saturday, November 2

There will be a Lions Leadership Forum available for all Lions. It will be held in Burbank with the hopes that many Lions who can't and/or don't want to travel will attend this local event. The full price is \$70.00 Details are available on the 4-L1 District website. Register now!

Keep up to date with our 4-L1 District. It it is strongly suggested that you go to 4-L1 Today for all the latest information.



## THE LIONS SHAKE:

**Problem:** Sometimes dirt and animal hair seem to cling to carpets near the baseboards and is difficult to vacuum. **Solution:** Dampen a sponge and wipe the carpet, or buy an extra toilet bowl brush to brush up next to the baseboards. (Try not to have a flushed look on your face though.)

Lion Donn Angelos

# Happy Birthday

Birthstone:

Opal and Tourmaline

October 7 Marion Douglas

# LA Host Board Meeting September 18, 2013 Highlights

In attendance were Saundra Bryant, Gilbert Mares, Carol Mares, Linda Zahradka, Marion Douglas, Dr. Fredy Perez, Peter Ulrich, David Bermudez, Nile Conner, Richard Radl.

At the November or December Board Meeting, location of the Board meetings will be discussed.

LA Host members will all be working on making new members welcome. There will also be a better explanation of Lions and our club. The Board voted to approve the application of Eva Mejia as a new member of the club. It will be determined when she will attend our next meeting.

The Proud Lion Award was discussed as well as the new California City Lions Club which is made up of teachers in that area.

The Eyemobile at the Delores Mission School was a partnership of LA Host with the Boyle Heights Lions. It was urged that everyone try to get to any event on time. We noted that the 4L2 Eyemobile needs better signage.

David Bermudez attended the event at Teresita Pines.

Fernando Chacon is working with Irene Lewis. Irene has 21 Leos that are participating with the Literacy Group that will be presented at Dr. Marwah's house. It is hoped that some of the Leos from El Centro will also be able to participate. The event at Dr. Marwah's house will be from 4 to 10 pm on October 27.

Club shirts were discussed. Any member who wants a polo shirt should email David Bermudez or Linda Zahradka.

Gilbert Mares announced that Congressmen Adam Schiff wants to put an article in the Congressional Record showing LA Host as having been a chartered club for over 95 years.

Evening meetings for 2014 will be discussed at a future meeting including the place and cost. Dr. Perez will contact Taix. It has been suggested that we have one meeting on Friday at noon and one in the evening with day to be determined.

## L.A. Host Happenings:

Shakespeare At Play, which is owned and operated by Lions Debbie Gates and Donn Angelos, has been awarded a National Endowment for the Arts and Arts Midwest grant specifically for the national program called: "The Big Read," which focuses solely on motivating people who do not normally read to read since literacy in this country is seriously declining. The literary work selected for "The Big Read" is **The Great Gatsby** by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

There are many wonderful events planned that also involve the LA Host Lions! We would like to thank Lions Past President Gilbert and President Carol Mares for attending the kickoff event on September 17<sup>th</sup>! Now mark this extremely important date on your calendars: Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm.

Sunday Oct. 27 is The Big Read "The Great Gatsby Malibu Extravaganza!" at the estate of Dr. Marwah from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The Extravaganza features multiple events: a Costume Party, 1920's Jazz Band with singer performances, "Charleston" Dance Lessons and Contest, Acrobats and High Wire acts along with re-enactment magicians & sleight of hands persons interacting with the crowd.

Ongoing food and drink, includes light hors d'oeuvres and a smorgasbord with water, wine, soft drinks, and juices.

Of course the main focus of the Extravaganza is The Big Read: **The Great Gatsby** by F. Scott Fitzgerald with Big Read displays and promos for upcoming events. Also on display will be clothing and items from the 1920s and memorabilia focusing on F. Scott Fitzgerald, including the presentation of the one man show "Meeting F. Scott". The *key event* is our Leos hosting and participating in a round table discussion of **The Great Gatsby!!!** 

Talk it up to everyone you know!!!!! And let's get those tickets sold!!! Call 818-566-1925 to get tickets to sell and for you.

#### **Spanish Phrase of the Month:**

Las hojas cambian colores en octubre. In October the leaves change colors.

#### **Lions Websites**

L.A. Host: www.la-lion.tripod.com Lions Clubs Int'l: www.lionsclubs.org MD-4 Lions: www.md4lions.org District 4-L1: www.district4L1.org

# **About our Members**

From PDG Dudley Lang

Gail and I send greetings to the L.A. Host Lions from the beautiful Rogue River Valley in Southern Oregon. We miss seeing all of our friends in Southern California, but we're living a happy retirement life in the Pacific Northwest and we plan to visit Los Angeles from time to time to lend our support to Dr. Fredy Perez as he moves toward his year as District Governor. Since our move, we attended the District 4-L1 Convention in May and the Metro Region Cabinet Meeting in July when Gail put together the Governor's Hospitality. Once again I wish to thank the L.A. Host Lions for the thoughtful and beautiful gift presented during the District Convention.

This summer in the Rogue Valley turned out to be warmer than I remember as a kid. We've experienced about six weeks of 90-plus degree weather and, during most of August, we breathed smoke from some 75 wildfires set by a series of lightning strikes in the coastal mountains. Recent rain has helped control the wildfires, restoring the pristine air quality that we've grown to expect.

We've checked out the local Lions Clubs in Medford and Eagle Point, but so far they don't compare favorably to the L.A. Host Lions Club. We miss you all.

> Best personal regards, Lion Dudley



A garden requires patient labor and attention. Plants do not grow merely to satisfy ambitions or to fulfill good intentions. They thrive because someone expended effort on them.



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