

## ASL July Newsletter

It was an honor to be asked to join Lions several years ago and a very special treat to have been asked to be President of such a special club, the Almaden Super Lions (ASL) for 2008/2009. Experience has taught me that people, teams and clubs all work best when they are having fun. In fact champions are created when, in the midst of doing what they do best, a team or club incorporates the winning factor; fun. ASL as a team does many great things for many people in need with our projects by delivering meals to the needy during the holidays, stuffing backpacks for kids, etc., etc., and I believe the glue that makes us successful is fun. The great thing about ASL and a key to our success that I intend to nurture is that infectious fun created when we work together knowing that the rewards we receive in return for doing good things exceed the effort we put in and that is the fun that fuels the whole process.

We are a club, a team and we will do the best we can if we are open and honest to all ways and ideas to make us better and all inputs in this vein will be most appreciated. All ASL members are encouraged to make a special effort to think of and suggest ways to keep our magic and make us a better club. I promise your board will look into all prudent ways to accomplish this so please come forth and be proud and part of our team effort to make us our best and have fun at the same time. Bring in a good true story or a good joke. I believe very firmly in good news.

One Step Closer (OSC) is an organization I would like to nurture as best we can because like Lions, what they do is so very fundamental to what is good. Their autistic, Down syndrome, quadriplegic, ADD, blind and otherwise challenged riders provide the most contagious smile I've ever experienced. These smiles gift a very positive return on your investment of time and sustain the truth that we are doing the right thing. I encourage you to volunteer some of your time this year at OSC in whatever capacity you can and experience the joy.

Late into the night after our last board meeting several of us were looking up at the starlit sky, expressing the joy of the wonderful and unique members that make up ASL. We truly have an amazing membership that believes in working hard and playing hard. ASL is trustworthy, honest, hard working, intelligent, loyal in a myriad of ways, gifted via our members' diverse experience and a fun club that retains and attracts members that stay for many years. Now, I feel it's very prudent that we take the necessary steps to keep and enhance the magic we have, build upon that magic, find ways to make our projects more exciting and beneficial to those in need that we serve and make sure *We accomplish this with a magically vibrant spirit of humor, fun, patriotism, and respectful friendship.*