

# THE DAILY PLANET



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## Side Lines

*I hope you had a wonderful 4th of July week. We certainly did. We drove to La Jolla near San Diego to spend sometime with our daughter who is attending UC San Diego there.*

*We enjoyed our freedom to drive on the freeway without worrying about roadside bombs, eating at restaurants by the beach without thinking suicide bombers, socializing with old friends over a beer knowing tomorrow will be a better day. Freedom is not free. Let's all take a moment of silence in remembrance of those who gave their lives for our freedom and salute the brave young men and women who are fighting the War on Terrorism. God Bless America.*

*Please write to us with your suggestions and comments at [newsletter@almadenlions.org](mailto:newsletter@almadenlions.org)*

Editor *Lion Wen Doong*



## THE PAST YEAR AS PRESIDENT OF THE ALMADEN SUPER LIONS

BY LION TOM SMITH

As most of you know this was my second time around as President of the club in the past five years. I found that this time around was much easier as I learned to take a much less serious approach to some things. What things you may ask? Well things like trying to see if I could maintain order for more than 90 seconds. This, I now know, is truly impossible. While it is probable that I have ADHD, it is also probable that this is a trait of many of the other members in the club. To expect members to sit still and listen like their lives were hanging on every word I would mutter, is an extremely unreasonable expectation.



Photo of Lion Tom conducting one of the Wednesday Morning Club Meetings

Expectations: To be a member of this club there is little that is to be expected from any member except maybe having a selfless nature about oneself. As I see it now

and have always seen it, the common bond within the club is this: "The Almaden Super Lions are a unique group of truly selfless individuals that meet weekly for the sole purpose of helping others in the community that are less fortunate than ourselves. We also make absolutely sure we are having fun along the way". Even our mission statement is based around this observation of mine.

I have had a lot of fun this past year, and if the occasion were to arise again in the future I would gladly perform the duties of President again. Where else does one get to stand in front of so many wonderful people and have a free reign to torment them on a weekly

basis with little or no repercussions.

## A MAGICAL MOMENT - PATRICK WILKUS

BY LION WEN DOONG

On behalf of the Almaden Super Lions Club, I would like to thank Lion Len Grilli for coordinating the San Jose Giants baseball game on June 29 to honor the memory of PDG Dale McElroy. Len arranged to have Lion Patrick Wilkus, a long time Almaden Super Lions Club member, to throw the first ball and to sing the national anthem at the beginning of the game.



Lion Patrick is a 4th year college student at San Jose

State who is both visually impaired and physically challenged.

It was magical. Many people that I spoke with at the ball game that night were telling

me the same thing. If Patrick can overcome his blindness and physical challenges, then for all of us, anything is possible.

Thank you Patrick for coming to the ball game. You said you were nervous in the field before throw-

ing the first ball, and yet, you did a wonderful job and sang the national anthem beautifully. You may not know it, but, by just being there, you have touched so many people in the most positive way.



# News Room

BY ALMADEN SUPER LIONS  
PUBLIC RELATION



## ALMADEN SUPER LIONS INSTALLED NEW CLUB OFFICERS

San Jose, CA, June 13 — Almaden Super Lions Installed new Club Officers for 2007/2008. Names of the new Officers are:

- PRESIDENT: EDDIE DINSMORE
- VICE PRESIDENT: JIM HUNT  
LOIS FERBER  
JEFF SPEDDING  
GREG SNOW  
VAL ISAACSON  
BOB FROOM
- SECRETARY : DON SIMPSON
- TREASURER: NA'NDOR KRAUSE
- TAILTWISTER: T.A. HUNTER
- LION TAMER: SHELLY MORALEZ  
TIM MORIARTY
- 1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR DIRECTOR: JUDY FROOM  
HARRY HALL  
CATHY HUFFERD

- 2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR DIRECTOR: WEN DOONG  
JUDY BENNETT  
LEN GRILLI
- MEMBERSHIP: JEFF SPEDDING  
ALAN WOERTINK  
LANNY ROSS

Our congratulations to the new Officers and special thanks to the past officers for their contributions in making Almaden Super Lions the best in the 4C6 District.



District Governor Elect Bob DeUnger (Left) installed Lion Eddie Dinsmore (Right) to be the new President of Almaden Super Lions

## ALMADEN SUPER LIONS AWARDED ACHIEVERS

San Jose, CA, June 13 — Almaden Super Lions presented special awards to its members and new officers at the Installation Picnic. Awards were given to the following Lions:

Lion of the Year - Lion Wen Doong

Attendance Awards were awarded by Secretary Lion Val Isaacson to 25 Lions with 100% attendance which included board meetings and visitations to other club meetings within and outside our district.

Proud Lion Pins were awarded by Membership Chairperson Lion Jeff Spedding to Lions Judie Bennett, Eddie Dinsmore, Debbie



Lion Wen Doong Received the Lion of the Year Award from Club President Lion Tom Smith

Donnell, Wen Doong, Len Grilli, and Tim Moriarty.

Ralph Award was presented by Lion Judy Froom after explaining the award and describing how the previous winners and this year's runners up had qualified for the award. This year's very qualified recipient was Lion Steve Marks for the numerous events that occurred to him this past year.

The outgoing officers and committee chairpersons were presented with a new Almaden Super Lions shirt and/or Lions license plate holder and pins associated with their offices.



Lion Steve Marks holding his Ralph Award Trophy at the Picnic



## GEEK TALK

Compiled By Almaden Super  
Lions Newsletter Staff



## Did You Know?

### Can I catch a virus from a web page? (Part 4)



*Unfortunately, yes, in several ways. While in principle the web is designed to be safe, security flaws are sometimes uncovered in web browser software, and unscrupulous people have been known to exploit them. Fortunately, there are five major steps you can take to protect yourself effectively. This is the third part of a five-month series.*

(Step 4) Backup your hard disk routinely. We all have heard horror stories about people losing their work when computer disk crashed and thought that would never happen to me

any time soon. Some viruses are designed to steal your personal information and others are to destroy the contents of your hard disk. There are a lot of disk backup software. CNET.com offers excellent reviews of most of them ([http://www.download.com/3120-20\\_4-0.html?tg=dl-20&qt=disk%20back%20up&tag=srch](http://www.download.com/3120-20_4-0.html?tg=dl-20&qt=disk%20back%20up&tag=srch)).

Back up your hard disk every week starting TODAY.

## FIRE RAINBOW - THE RAREST OF ALL NATURALLY OCCURRING ATMOSPHERIC PHENOMENA

The picture below was captured on June 19 near Idaho / Washington border, the event lasted about one hour.

### *Did you know why Fire Rainbow is so rare?*

In order for Fire Rainbow to form, all of the following conditions must be met – Clouds

have to be cirrus, at least 20k feet in altitude, with just the right amount of ice crystals and the sun has to hit the clouds at precisely 58 degrees.

For more information, please visit <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/index>.



## Reader Submissions - Reminders

*This is a new section in our newsletter to remind dates of importance and coming club activities. There may be events or activities that we might have omitted unknowingly.*

*Please e-mail newsletter@almadenlions.org to submit your reminders before end of each Month for next month's newsletter*



## DATES OF FORUMS AND CONVENTIONS

BY LION DON SIMPSON

Please mark the following Important dates on your calendar:

USA/Canada Forum	2007 September 5-8 Grand Rapids, Mich.
USA/Canada Forum	2008 September 18-20 Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada
USA/Canada Forum	2009 September 17-19 Memphis, Tenn.
MD-4 Convention	2008 February 1-3 Modesto, CA
MD-4 Convention	2009 February 13-15 Fresno, CA

<b>International Convention</b>	2008 June 23-27 Bangkok, Thailand
<b>International Convention</b>	2009 July 6-10 Minneapolis, Minn
<b>International Convention</b>	2010 June 28—July 2 Sydney, Australia
<b>4-C6 Convention</b>	2008 April 30- May 03 Radisson, Sacramento, CA
<b>4-C6 Convention</b>	2009 April 29 - May 03 Red Lion Sacramento, CA
<b>4-C6 Convention</b>	2010 April 28 - May 01 Radisson Sacramento, CA

## COMING EVENTS

[HTTP://WWW.ALMADENLIONS.ORG/NEW\\_EVENTS.HTM](http://www.almadenlions.org/new_events.htm)

<b>4-C6 District Installation</b>	<p><b>Date:</b> Saturday July 21, 2007</p> <p><b>Time:</b> 6:00 p.m. social; 7:00 p.m. dinner</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Elks Lodge, 160 Jewel Street, Santa Cruz</p> <p>Driving Directions: Make first right hand turn after exiting Hwy 17 (DO not go past Motel on right) proceed past cemetery Elks Club is on the left time</p>
<b>4-C6 District Cabinet Meeting</b>	<p><b>Date:</b> Sunday July 22, 2007</p> <p><b>Time:</b> 8:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Elks Lodge, 160 Jewel Street, Santa Cruz</p>
<b>Tail Twister Party</b>	<p><b>Date:</b> Sunday July 22, 2007</p> <p><b>Time:</b> 5:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Location:</b> 62 South 2nd Street, San Jose</p> <p>E-mail Lion Cathy to RSVP</p>
<b>Backpack for Kids</b>	<p><b>Date:</b> Sunday August 19th, 2007</p> <p><b>Time:</b> 3:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Blind Center - 101 N Bascom Ave, San Jose</p>
<b>6th Annual Miniature Golf Tournament</b>	<p><b>Date:</b> Thursday August 30, 2007</p> <p><b>Time:</b> TBD</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Golfland, 976 Blossom Hill Road, San Jose</p>

### July 2007

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<a href="#">Week 27</a>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<a href="#">Week 28</a>	8	9	10 <a href="#">7a super meeting</a>	11 <a href="#">10a Host CEO</a>	12	13	14
<a href="#">Week 29</a>	15	16	17 <a href="#">7a super meeting</a>	18	19	20	21 <a href="#">6p District Installation, Santa Cruz</a>
<a href="#">Week 30</a>	22 <a href="#">8a District Cabinet Meeting, Elks Lodge, Santa Cruz</a>	23	24 <a href="#">7a super meeting</a>	25	26	27	28
<a href="#">Week 31</a>	29	30 <a href="#">12p Visit San Jose Host</a>	31 <a href="#">7a super meeting</a>	1	2	3	4

### August 2007

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<a href="#">Week 31</a>	29	30	31 <a href="#">12p Visit San Jose Host</a>	1 <a href="#">7a super meeting</a>	2	3	4
<a href="#">Week 32</a>	5	6	7	8 <a href="#">7a super meeting</a>	9	10	11
<a href="#">Week 33</a>	12	13	14	15 <a href="#">7a super meeting</a>	16	17	18
<a href="#">Week 34</a>	19 <a href="#">3p Backpack assembling</a>	20	21	22 <a href="#">7a super meeting</a>	23	24	25
<a href="#">Week 35</a>	26	27	28	29 <a href="#">7a super meeting</a>	30	31	1

#### Almaden Super Lions Club

**Club President**

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Lion Na'ndor Krause  
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#### Region 3 Zone 1

**Mount Hamilton**

1st & 3rd Thursday 7:00 pm, Baker's Square, Milpitas

**San Jose East Valley**

Every Tuesday 7:00 am except on the THIRD Tuesday at 7 pm, Carrow's Restaurant. 1696 Tully Road, San Jose

**San Jose Host**

Every Tuesday 12:00 pm  
Moose Lodge, 1580 Hamilton Ave, San Jose

#### District 4C6

**District Governor**

Lion Bob DeUnger  
Sunnyvale Host

**Vice District Governor**

Lion Marlene Duffin  
Saratoga Lions

**Cabinet Secretary**

Lion Karen Fillmore  
Scale of Justice

**Cabinet Treasure**

Lion Lila Johnson  
Carmel Host

**Region Three Chair**

Lion Rick Silveria  
Almaden Super

**Zone One Chair**

Lion Lois Ferber  
Almaden Super

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Gilroy Lions

**Your Suggestions Count –**

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