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Side Lines

It has been a super month for the Super Lions. We had our annual retreat meeting and decided how to keep the magic alive in our club, we hosted student speech contest, we had a wonderful time at the LEAP Social. Our Web Team has been busy keeping up with all the activities posting pictures and creating artworks! There is absolutely no doubt that we are the "super bunch". Keep it up Lions!

Please write to us with your suggestions and comments at newsletter@almadenlions.org

Editor Lion Wen Doong



ALMADEN SUPER LIONS "LEAP" SOCIAL

LION LEN GRILLI

Thanks to the imagination of Lion Greg Snow and his anagram LEAP, "Lets Eat A Pizza", honoring February 29th, Leap Day, a festive evening was enjoyed by all in attendance. It was an evening that did reflect the "... humor, fun, and respectful friendship" as expressed in our club's Mission Statement.

However; upon my return home from the Round Table Pizza Parlor after having took the LEAP, and reflecting upon the evening's uniqueness, I began to experience a sense of un-easiness and became somewhat saddened. No, my feelings had nothing to do with the venue, quality of food, attendees, the wine, the beer, garlic, nor the anchovies. After some thought, I was able to attribute my discomfort to the fact that four years must elapse before the club could experience another LEAP.



Coordinators Lions Tom and Greg of the L.E.A.P. Social. Our congratulations to both of them for a wonderful evening.

(Photo by Lion Wen Doong)

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STUDENT SPEECH CONTEST—WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE SAID?

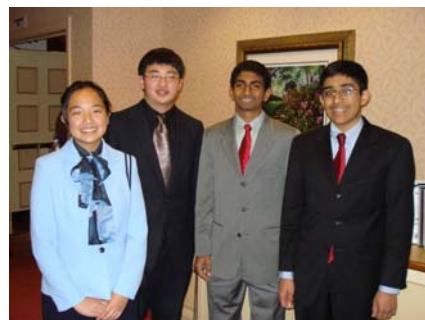
BY LION LEN GRILLI

The political polls are suggesting that most Americans are extremely concerned with the effects that the war, rising fuel costs, and the over-all state of the economy are having on the present and immediate future. At the moment, immigration as a specific political issue has become mildly silent, and may be "masked" by the dust being raised with the construction of a physical barrier along a portion of our nation's southern border. Rest

assured that as we proceed with our political process, immigration will again take it's rightful place as a prominent "plank" in the platform of all political parties. As a result, the California Lions immediately recognized immigration as a national issue and selected "**Immigration - My Solution**" as the 2008 topic for the 71st Annual Student Speakers Contest.

In keeping with our continuous and on-going support of this worthwhile youth activity,

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Four finalists participated in the "Immigration My Solution" Speech Contest on February 20.

(Photo by Lion Wen Doong)

(From Page 1 – LEAP Social)

Fear not! The truth is that the Almaden "SUPER" Lions can have a LEAP anytime we please. We don't need to consult any calendar. Again, thanks to Lion Greg's initial imagination and Lion Tom's coordination with the restaurant. With a minor tweak, I propose that "Lets Eat A Pizza" also double as "Lets Enjoy Another Party". Now can we LEAP on a quarterly basis?

Care to second the motion? *[Editor – Lion Newsletter Editor seconds it.]*



(From Page 1 – Student Speech Contest)

information packets were distributed to several high schools, and "The Atrium's" Almaden Room was reserved for Wednesday, February 13, 2008 as the location of the Club Level of competition. With the deplorable student response of last year, the waiting began! With the encouragement and coaching by Leland High Gay Brasher, four (4) Leland students accepted the challenge to address the 2008 topic.

On February 13th, contest officials and guests experienced the student contestants in a competitive environment. The student speakers took advantage of the opportunity provided to speak publicly on a subject of vital interest to the contestants and to the American people as a whole. Although there were varied solutions to the issue, all student presentations evidenced confidence, self-expression and the ability to think independently. The presentations were very informative and thought provoking. Through their research, rehearsal, and quality of delivery, the students further demonstrated their ability to consider the means at our disposal to meet the present and future problems of the nation and those of the world. Amazingly, all of the preceding was achieved by the students without benefit of displays or props of any nature, use of prompters, wristwatches or timing devices of any kind, spoke up-front and personal, etc. while **"ON THEIR FEET!"**

Please do not applaud the efforts of these high school students, **"SIT DOWN"**, and wait for next years competition. I know that you and I **SEE** as members of the celebrated Almaden **"SUPER"** Lions that we have unfinished business, or issues if you prefer. The issue is that Kairav Sinha, a Leland High School freshman, was the winner of our Club Level contest on February 13th, the winner of the recent Zone Level of competition held on February 27th, and has now progressed to the Region Level of competition. This young man has worked hard refining his speaking skills to effectively convey his solution. Kairav Sinah represents our club. He has earned our admiration and deserves our continued support and encouragement. **NOW**, please mark March 19th on your calendar for the Zone Level contest at "The Atrium". See the magic!

Like our student speakers, accept the challenge to develop an opinion on the immigration issue, and become a more informed voter. And if asked what's your opinion, **WHAT WILL YOU SAY WHILE ON YOUR FEET?**



Did You Know?

Compiled By Almaden Super Lions Newsletter Staff

Why Is Easter Early This Year?

Easter Sunday this year is March 23rd. Why is Easter so early this year?

Easter is always the 1st Sunday after the 1st full moon after the Spring Equinox (which is March 20). The dating of Easter is based on the lunar calendar that Hebrew people used to identify Passover, which is why it moves around on our Roman calendar. Based on the above, Easter can actually be one day earlier (March 22nd) but that is pretty rare.

Here are the interesting facts:

This year is the earliest Easter most of us will ever see in our lifetime!

Only the most elderly of our population have ever seen it this early (95 years old or above!) And none of us have ever, or will ever, see it a day earlier! Here are the facts:

1. The next time Easter will be this early (March 23rd) will be the year 2228 (220 years from now). The last time it was this early was 1913 (so if you're 95 or older, you are the only ones that were around for that!)
2. The next time it will be a day earlier, March 22nd will be in the year 2285 (277 years from now). The last time it was on March 22nd was 1818. So, no one alive today has or will ever see it any earlier than this year!

NOW YOU KNOW!!!

News Room



ALMADEN SUPER LIONS RELEASES NEW ARTWORKS

March 10, 2008 – Almaden Super Lions Club recently released several new artworks for the *I Care Classic Bike Tours* and *KTEH Volunteer Day*. The *I Care Classic* artworks were designed to highlight the purpose of the event – vision. To reduce costs, very few colors were used. The one-page Flyer for the KTEH volunteer event is designed to be thought provoking and promoting Lionism.

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KTEH One-Page Flyer

Almaden Super Lions Club
Serve the South San Jose Community since 1956

**What are you doing for community service?
Do you want to get involved?**

Hands-on community service projects helping the visually impaired, under privileged children, and needy families.
Together, we can build a better community.

For More Information on our eye glasses collection, community service projects, fund raise activities, and membership, visit us at www.AlmadenLions.org or e-mail us at info@almadenlions.org


We Serve

Patch



T-Shirt (Back)



T-Shirt (Front)



News Room



ALMADEN SUPER LIONS RETREAT

February 17, 2008 – Almaden Super Lions Club successfully held its annual Retreat Meeting at the Almaden Villas. The meeting discussed how to keep the magic in the Club as membership grows larger. Meeting minutes and other details are posted in the Members Only section on our Website. Please go to <http://www.almadenlions.org/clubmembers/index.htm> and login.



Lion Lois (*front right*) and Judy (*front left*) engaged in a discussion with other club members during a short break.



Lion Marlene (*front right*) voiced her suggestions in the retreat.



Club members actively participated in a workshop discussing ways to keep the "magic".

LATEST POSTINGS ON ALMADEN SUPER LIONS WEBSITE

March 9, 2008 – Almaden Super Lions Web Team has been busy keeping our website updated with the newest club activities and pictures. We have also started a new [blog page](http://almadenlions.blogspot.com/) <http://almadenlions.blogspot.com/>. Periodically, we will post subjects for everyone to discuss. Please check it out and share your thoughts with other club members.

The following summarizes the latest postings on www.almadenlions.org and www.icareclassic.org:

1. Retreat Meeting Minutes - **(Login Required)**
2. 2008 Raffle Gift Roster - **(Login Required)**
3. 2008 Committees and Chairpersons - **(Login Required)**
4. New Pictures added to Photo Gallery
 - *January 19 - 21, 2008 Almaden Super Lions Members Attending MD-4 Leadership Institute Training*
 - *January 26, 2008 Lions Diabetes Luncheon*
 - *February 13, 2008 Student Speech Contest*
 - *February 23, 2008 - 4C6 Third Cabinet Meeting*
 - *February 27 - Club Meeting Award Pictures*
 - *February 29, 2008 - L.E.A.P. Social*
5. Coming Events - Updated with the latest events
6. February and March DAILY PLANET added to our Newsletter Archive Section
7. I Care Classic Website updated with 2008 bike tour information and mail in registration form. Website address is <http://www.icareclassic.org/index.shtml>.

If we missed any club events and if you would like submit your comments and pictures to our website, please e-mail club webmaster at info@almadenlions.org.

March 2008

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week 9	24	25 7p Freedom Lions Visitation 7 pm	26 5:30p AIRPORT RAC Art Image	27 7a Almaden Lions Business Meeting 7a Raffle Goody 7p Zone 1 Student Speaker 7pm	28 7:30p Cabrillo Lions Visitation	29	1 12p Hearing Days
Week 10	2 6:30a Milpitas Host Visitation Magic Show 12p Hearing Days	3	4 Food & Beverage Orals 730am SIC 7:30p Los Amigos Visitation 1930 hrs	5 Food & Beverage Orals 730am SIC Food & Beverage Orals 730am SIC 7a Raffle Greg Goodman	6 Food & Beverage Orals 730am SIC	7	8 6p Scotts Valley Crabs Visitation
Week 11	9	10	11 7a Raffle Len 1:30p RFP 6p Election Committee Round Table 6:30p CONVENTION COMMITTEE DON	12 6p KTEH 6-10 pm	13	14	15 6:15p East Valley 60years
Week 12	16	17	18 7a Raffle Harry	19 2:30p SJC AAPOC 1430hrs	20	21	22 8:30a Carmel Breakfast with the Bunny 5:45p Salinas Host 70th Charter Nite
Week 13	23	24	25 7a Raffle Sandi	26 6p Board Meeting Froom's 1800hrs	27	28 City of Hope Trip @ 630 am in @ Watsonville Elks 6p Sampaguita International Fashion Show	29
Week 14	30 City of Hope 6p Milpitas Vietnamese Spring Celebration	31 10:30a Greg 1030am	1 7a Raffle Larry	2	3	4	5

April 2008

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week 14	30 City of Hope 6p Milpitas Vietnamese Spring Celebration	31 10:30a Greg 1030am	1 7a Raffle Larry	2	3	4	5
Week 15	6	7 6p Region Student Speaker by	8 7a Raffle Rafi	9	10	11	12
Week 16	13	14	15 7a Raffle Wes	16	17	18	19
Week 17	20	21 1:30p AAPOC	22 7a Raffle Cathy	23	24	25	26
Week 18	27 6p District Student Speaker by	28 12p Convention Committee in SAC	29 4-C6 Convention Sacramento 12p Raffle Jim	30 4-C6 Convention Sacramento	1 4-C6 Convention Sacramento	2 4-C6 Convention Sacramento	3 4-C6 Convention Sacramento Pat's Run

Your Suggestions Count -

Please let us know how to make OUR Newsletter better. We welcome your input and article submissions.

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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

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