

Almaden Super Lions News Letter

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Side Lines

This April Issue of Almaden Lions News Letter received a face-lift. The new vibrant look has a lot of pictures and graphics. In addition to our Club activity calendar and important events, we have also added reports from the activity coordinators, useful Links to the Internet, and tidbits of news that we can use in our everyday living. A new section, "Geek Talk", is introduced to discuss what's new in the Technology World. Hope you will enjoy our new face.

This is YOUR Newsletter. Write to us with comments, stories to share, or just to say "Hi". E-mail us at newsletter@almadenlions.org

Lion Wen Doong

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ICARECLASSIC PREPARATION IN HIGH GEAR

Planning for the 16th Annual I Care Classic bike ride is well under way. The I Care Classic is the major fund raiser for the Almaden Super Lions. It takes many hours to plan for the rest stops, the food, the refreshments, the goodie bags, the advertising and many more tasks to make the ride a favorite among Bay Area bike riders each year.

The art work for this year's ride was produced by Wen. We are sure everyone will be happy with it. Our

most important advertising campaign involves passing out fliers at other rides. TA is responsible for this effort and he got 12 volunteers to help at the first ride. Judy Froom is managing the food and drinks. This involves not only the menu, but what and how much to put each of our 8 stops along the bike route. She also coordinates the food preparation and serving at Paramit, our ride headquarters.

Everyone is encouraged to solicit donations from your local grocery stores

from the list of needed items from Judy. Many other club members are also helping doing the many tasks that make our ride so special. Thanks to everyone for pitching in. Of course, we will need every club member to help on the day of the ride and any family members that can make it also. It is a big event and we need at least 75 people to make it an enjoyable day for everyone. See you there on May 12.

Lion Steve Marks

TAKE ME TO THE BALL GAME

IT'S IN THE AIR and ON THE FIELD!

Yes, the allergy and baseball seasons have arrived. Sorry I can't provide a prescription for your allergy, but I can share with you the wit and observations of some of the most colorful characters who made the game what it is today: America's pastime, to include its heart and soul.

"Ninety percent of the game is half mental."
-Yogi Berra

"If people don't want to

come to the park, how are you gonna stop them?"

-Yogi Berra

"Any ballplayer that don't sign autographs for little kids ain't an American."

-Rogers Hornsby

"I'd walk me."

-Willie McCovey

"When I get through managing, I'm going to open up a kindergarten."

-Billy Martin

"You can learn a little from victory. You can learn everything from defeat."

-Christy Mathewson

"All I want out of life is that when I walk down

the street, people will say, "There goes the greatest hitter that ever lived."
-Ted Williams

"Hitting is timing. Pitching is upsetting timing."
-Warren Spahn

Join us to honor the memory of Lion Dale McElroy's 50+ years of community service on Friday, June 29 at 7PM at San Jose Municipal Stadium. Contact Lion Len Grilli at 408-293-0852 or leonardagrilli@yahoo.com to obtain tickets.

Lion Len Grilli

Special Report – Protect Your Personal Information

By Almaden Super Lions News Letter Staff

A corporate attorney sent the following out to the employees in his company. We should all take some of his advice! Read this and make a copy for your files in case you need to refer to it someday.



“My wallet was stolen last month. Within a week, the thieves ordered an expensive monthly cell phone package.”

1. When you are writing checks to pay on your credit card accounts, DO NOT put the complete account number on the "For" line. Instead, just put the last four numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of the number, and anyone who might be handling your check as it passes through all the check processing channels won't have access to it.

2. Put your work phone # on your checks instead of your home phone. If you have a PO Box use that instead of your home address. If you do not have a PO Box, use your work address. Never have your SS# printed on your checks. You can add it if it is necessary but, if you have it printed, anyone can get it.

3. Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine. Do both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel. Keep the photocopy in a safe place. I also carry a photocopy of my passport when I travel either here or abroad. We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed on us in stealing a name, address, Social Security number, credit cards, etc..

Unfortunately, I, an attorney, have first-hand knowledge because my wallet was stolen last month. Within a week, the thieves ordered an expensive monthly cell phone package, applied for a VISA credit card, had a credit line approved to buy a Gateway computer, received a PIN number from DMV to change my driving record information online, and more. But here's some critical information to limit the damage in case this happens to you or someone you know.

4. We have been told we should cancel our credit cards immediately. But the key is having the toll-free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them.

5. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where your credit cards, etc. were stolen. This proves to credit providers you were diligent, and this is a first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one).

But here's what is perhaps most important of all (I never even thought to do this.).

6. Call the 3 national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and also call the Social Security fraud line number. I had never heard of doing that until advised by a bank that called to tell me an application for credit was made over the Internet in my name. The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen, and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit.

By the time I was advised to do this, almost two weeks after the theft, all the damage had been done. There are records of all the credit checks initiated by the thieves' purchases, none of which I knew about before placing the alert. Since then, no additional damage has been done, and the thieves threw my wallet away this weekend (someone turned it in). It seems to have stopped them dead in their tracks.

Now, here are the numbers you always need to contact about your wallet, etc, has been stolen:

- 1.) Equifax: 1-800-525-6285
- 2.) Experian (formerly TRW): 1-888-397-3742
- 3.) Trans Union : 1- 800-680-7289
- 4.) Social Security Administration (fraud line): 1-800-269-0271

Pass this information along, it could really help someone.



Your Computer can catch a virus, a worm, or get Spyware downloaded to it in minutes after connecting to the Internet. As our District Governor Lion Chris Morris promoted the use E-Mail and Internet Access of Lions' Web Sites in the last Cabinet Meeting, Editors of Almaden Super Lions News Letter want you to stay out of "Harms Way". This is a five month series to heighten the awareness of Computer viruses.



Can I catch a virus from a web page?

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 first of a five month series.

PART 1 – Do NOT click "yes" or "OK" when asked if you wish to install extra software or "Active-X controls" when you visit a web page, unless you are installing something well-known and reasonably trustworthy such as [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#), [Macromedia Flash Player](#) or [RealPlayer](#). If you

know what you are doing and have up-to-date antivirus software, you can install optional programs, but **NEVER** agree to the requests of dialog boxes that pop up asking you to install extra software when visiting a completely unrelated web site. Install the frequently required plug-ins mentioned above;

they cover most situations in which optional software is needed. Naively agreeing to install useless and dangerous Active-X controls is the most common way for a virus or other unwanted software to infect your computer from a web page.

(To Be Continued in Our May News Letter)

DID YOU KNOW?

Spyware – Uninvited guests on your computer

Spyware is a general term used to describe software that performs certain behaviors such as advertising, collecting personal information, or changing the configuration of your computer, generally without appropriately obtaining your consent first.

Mobile Marketing – Your Cell Phone is next

In 1965, 80% of the adult population could be reached with three 30-second TV spots. Today, it takes 120 prime time commercials to produce the same results. In 2006, there was 34% growth in online advertising and 18% of the media consumption was

online with 6.5% of the spending. VISA USA recently conducted a survey which showed two-thirds of young American males would be interested in using their cell phone to make purchases. Advertising is coming to your cell phone soon!

Club Calendar <http://www.calendar.yahoo.com/val-i@pacbell.net>

April

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week 14	1	2	3 6p Poker Night	4 7a Almaden Super Lions Club Meeting 7a Lions Invite Guest to Meeting Day	5	6	7 8:30a Carmel Host Lions Pancake Bkfst in Bunnyland by Leos
Week 15	8	9	10	11 7a Almaden Super Lions Club Meeting 7a ASL Guest Speaker of Lion Lois Ferber on West Nile Virus	12	13	14
Week 16	15	16	17	18 7a Almaden Super Lions Club Meeting	19 6p Almaden Super Lions Board Meeting	20	21 5:30p Salinas Host Lions Hard Times Party Dinner Dance
Week 17	22 1p DG & VDG BGG & Raffle Drawing	23	24	25 7a Almaden Super Lions Club Meeting 7a Almaden Super Lions Meeting Board Meeting Report	26	27	28 7a Fishathon Cupertino Host Lions
Week 18	29 7a Pat's Run 4:30p Desserts and Dawgs Scales of Justice	30	1 6p Poker Night	2 Lions Convention 7a Almaden Super Lions Club Meeting 7a Lions Invite Guest to Meeting Day	3 Lions Convention	4 Lions Convention	5 Lions Convention

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San Jose East Valley

Lion Dawn Cooper – President, Every Tuesday 7:00 am at Carrow's Restaurant. 1696 Tully Road, San Jose

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Week 20	13 Mothers Day	14 11a Santa Clara Valley Blind Center Golf Classic	15	16 7a Almaden Super Lions Club Meeting	17	18 1p Salinas Host Lions Golf Tournament	19
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Your Suggestions Count –

Please let us know how to make OUR News Letter better. We welcome your inputs and article submissions.

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