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THE BRIEFCASE: MILPITAS EXECUTIVE LIONS CLUB NEWSLETTER

We Serve

Upcoming Events

Student Speakers Contest TOPIC ANNOUNCED: How Can Kindness Reunite Our Country?

February 12 (Saturday): Third Cabinet Meeting

February 21 (Monday): Student Speaker Contest (Club Level) at the Hilton Garden Inn

February 9 & 23 (Wednesdays): Milpitas Charity Bingo

February 26 (Saturday): Blood Drive at Milpitas Town Center



Meetings on 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month at 6:30pm

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FOURTH OF JULY FLAG DONATIONS

The Milpitas Executive Lions Club donated flags that were then used to decorate the City Hall of Milpitas for their July 4th Celebration. We also donated flags to decorate the main thoroughfare in Milpitas Calaveras Boulevard. Thank you to all the Lions who helped donate to make our city more celebratory for Fourth of July!

Milpitas Lions volunteer 2-3 times a month at the Milpitas Charity Bingo. Thank you Lions who took the time to volunteer! The funds from the bingo will be donated to MELC Charitable Projects, and help us to better serve our community. If you have any questions, please contact Nelly Cabuslay at 408-887-2371

Trunk N' Treat
On Halloween afternoon, the Milpitas Executive Lions Club participated in Trunk N' Treat, hosted by the Hello Angels Foundation and Gotkids.



Resource Bags at Milpitas Senior Center

On Halloween, the Milpitas Executive Lions Club dropped off resource bags for seniors at the Milpitas Senior Center. These bags included brochures on LIONS RECYCLE FOR SIGHT. “Changing Lives, One Pair at a Time”, and the importance of donating used eyeglasses that we no longer use. These glasses are being recycled for disadvantaged children and adults in countries around the globe. For donations, the club has an eyeglasses collection box at the Senior Center.



VISTA CENTER EYEGLASS SORTING

Lions and Non-Lions Volunteers from various locations came together to collect and wash used eyeglasses to get ready for the lensometer process and eventually for distribution to the people in need of glasses. Thank you to all who participated!

Blood Drive

On July 6, 2021, the Milpitas Executive Lions Club helped host a Blood Drive at the parking lot of Milpitas Community Center with the City of Milpitas. There were 35 donors in total, and 10 who had appointments but were sadly unable to donate due to health issues. Our heartfelt thanks to all those who donated blood to save lives of people in need, and to the volunteers who served snacks to the donors, your assistance is much appreciated. We host blood drives with the Stanford Blood Center 4-5 times a year in Milpitas.



Why donate blood?

- *1 in 7* patients visiting a hospital need blood transfusions
- An estimated *38%* of Americans can donate blood, but less than *10%* actually do
- Every *2 seconds*, someone is in need of a blood transfusion

STUDENT PEACE POSTER CONTEST

Congratulations, Sophia He who created the Milpitas Executive Lions Club's sponsored entry that was chosen as one of 23 merit award winners in the 34th Annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest.

There were approximately 600,000 entries participated by children from 55 countries in this year's contest. The posters were judged based on creativity, originality and portrayal of the theme "We Are All Connected."



President's Message/2022 Rose Parade Thelma Batilo

Greetings for a Happy New Year 2022!

New Year is a time to reminisce and look back on the past and look forward for the future! On January 1st our Lions Float "Quest for Kindness" won the Lathrop K. Leishman Award for Most Beautiful Non-Commercial Float in the 133rd Rose Parade. Hard work has truly paid off. Many, many thanks to the supporters, donors, Lions, Leos and countless volunteers for making this a truly memorable start to 2022!

Lion Donna Townsend was one of the people riding on the float, in honor of Judge Haynes Townsend who we remember as the Lions International VP who was an epitome of kindness.

Other riders were Lions International President Douglas X Alexander, daughter & son-in-law, California Teacher of the Year, Winner of California Student Speakers Contest, Vision impaired Lion from C3 & 2 winners of Ride of Your Life Opportunity. Our District 4-C6 was well-represented as VDG Melinda Blaza, Chris Heiny and I were official walkers with the Lions Float. One of our responsibilities, was to be energetic and wave to the crowd. It was an exciting but tiring job!

On February 1, we celebrate the Lunar Year of the Tiger. Looking forward to another fruitful year of service!

