

# THE LIONS DIN

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## This week

Our Special Guests today come from Big League Dreams and will include: Gil Ramirez with the city of Oxnard, Bill Russell coach with the Los Angeles Dodgers, Don Weber with Big League Dreams and Pat Kight (pronounced kite) with Redwood City.

Who knows what we did to deserve such an august delegation? Quite obviously, they have made a serious mistake. Still, it should be fun.

## Next week

No idea what is happening.

## Last week

Bernardo Perez and Laura Roach dropped by from the Cabrillo Development center to tell us about how they help low income families achieve home ownership



## Whispers from Will

Hey Lions! The club received a letter from Father Eugen Nkardzedze of 'Our Lady of Fatima Church Mfumte in Cameroon West Africa. I thought I'd paraphrase and quote sections of it for us.

"Reached home safely passing through Germany, Italy and Belgium...made me appreciate America even more! Container has-

n't arrived yet but I continue to patiently wait. It's going to be so exciting. It was a pity Andy couldn't have been shipped inside a container as well but knowing his ability to escape from tight situations he's have figured a way out of the container while still at sea and he'd likely be back home now

anyway. Switch from life in the US to life in the bush of Mfumte has been as big an adjustment as it was adjusting to life in the US. But at least now he has toilet paper in the bush with him which I didn't have before.

Eventually I will be sending you a compendium CD of audio-visual life and activities in Mfumte. I tried to explain to my people about the Lions Din and its members and how I became a Lion, but I found them more confused over how lions could have given me a video camera and I became one. You can imagine what a wonderful time I'm having here with all these "Whiteman's magic." When I film an event I play it back for the people to watch immediately on the camera screen the whole village goes wild with enthusiasm.

Presently we are busy with construction of a new well and church building. There is more unity among the different Christian denominations. Everyone works together and tries to cooperate with in an American spirit of rural development. You see what my visit to America has brought to the Mfumte Valley!

We are attempting to put up some classrooms for the elementary kids. They have grown from the original 78 I left behind to a promising 152.

I miss you all very much and the fun and joy we had at noon in Oxnard, but the more I miss you the more I pray for you. I'm sending you herewith, a handful of photos from the happy bush of Mfumte. I have tried copying the lot onto a CD in vain. I'm learning gradually. I will keep in touch. I love you all. Once more, I am grateful to you for all you did for me as individually and as the Club.

With Prayerful best wishes,  
Eugen (the Bush Lion)

## Winners

Lion Byron WEDEMEYER has Free Fines, while Lion S/ZC Rick SMITH is our Greeter. Lion Chuck CONWAY did not receive a free meal because he forgot he was Greeter. Lion Karl DAME wasn't here to qualify for the \$5 Attendance Prize — which is all that was left over after Lion Rick pocketed \$15 for attending. In the Mad Maqrble Malarkey, Lion D Todd RE-HANEK had Free Fines, but donated \$40 when he picked up his \$540. What a sport. Who cared who missed his shot at \$112?

## Next year's officers

This is the second reading of the slate of officers for next year. So far no one has seen fit to run against any of them. Next week is your last chance.

President	Dennis Amick
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