



**Paso Robles  
Lions Club**  
*Paso Robles, Ca.*

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NEWS RELEASE

## **The Lions Club of Paso Robles Announces The First-ever Female Members** *in its 68-year history*

PASO ROBLES, CALIFORNIA (September 26, 2007) – The Lions Club of Paso Robles is proud to announce that they have just sworn in Jennifer Flynn-Stafford as their newest member, a third generation Roblan. Stafford is one of only three women that have ever been sworn into the Paso Robles chapter in its 68-year history.

Amy Boes was the very first woman member and Angel Robinson was the second ever sworn into The Paso Robles Lions Club, just a few weeks ago.

Boes has been the sole women member of the Paso Robles Lions Club since July 12, 2005, and now holds the position of Treasurer for the club. Boes and her husband John have four grown sons of which three work for their family business, Rental Depot in Paso Robles. Her husband John Boes is her Lion's Club Sponsor and was recently promoted to Public Relations Director for the Lions Club, overseeing clubs from San Miguel to San Luis Obispo.

Robinson was born in Paso Robles, and is the founder and owner of AR & Co., a public relations and marketing firm located in downtown Paso Robles. Her Lion's Club Sponsor is Amy Boes. "I wanted to do something to give back to our great community. I shopped around and discovered that this group fits me perfectly. They are a group of people who serve humbly and loyally, and cherish the city of Paso Robles. I feel right at home," says Robinson.

Stafford holds the title of Office Manager at the Paso Robles District Cemetery where she took over for her mother, Rosie Flynn. Flynn managed the cemetery office for over 20 years when she left to start her own business. Stafford also continues the legacy of community involvement by following in the footsteps of her Father, Tom Flynn Jr, Operations Manager of the Paso Robles District Cemetery and four-year board member of the Paso Robles Planning Commission. Stafford's Grandfather, Tom Flynn, is her

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Lion's Club Sponsor and is the 2007-08 Paso Robles Lions Club President. Stafford has already jumped into volunteering with the Lions and says she is, "excited for her membership and the involvement in the community that it will present to her."



Pictured from left; Jennifer Flynn-Stafford, Amy Boes and Angel Robinson

The Lion's Club is an international service organization where women have only been permitted to become members in the last twenty years. July 4, 1987 marks the historical day in which women were officially invited to become members.

Since the induction of women to the club, they now make up 20 percent of membership in both national and international clubs. As this number rises so does the percentage of women holding leadership positions. As this once male dominated club faces changes to allow a broader diversity with women, the goals of the club are held stronger than ever.

The Paso Robles Lions Club was chartered in 1939. The group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Like all Lions clubs, the Paso Robles club is recognized for service to end preventable blindness worldwide and regularly performs service projects to better the quality of life and help the less fortunate. Together with the Leos club of Paso Robles, they gave over \$21,000 in grants and student scholarships in 2006-2007.

For more information about the Lions Club of Paso Robles, call Public Relations Director John Boes of Rental Depot at 805-423-2123 or visit their Web sites [www.pasorobleslions.org](http://www.pasorobleslions.org) or [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org).

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