

# MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE SONORA LIONS

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### MESSAGE FROM YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dear Fellow Lions:

The month of November continues to be busy and productive. Following our "excellent enterprise" known as the Lobster dinner (we made a profit of \$5,407), we completed the annual Peace Poster Contest with Sonora Elementary and Jamestown School. Awards were presented to Sonora on November 19<sup>th</sup> by Lions John Bristow and Jack Nahmias. The Jamestown awards are scheduled for the December 10<sup>th</sup> school board meeting.

Following a presentation by Mark Caceoppo from PHI, our club decided to join together as a membership group for air ambulance insurance. Lion Jim Rende is coordinating that task.

We are also in the planning stages for our Christmas social on December 17<sup>th</sup> at Mt. Springs Golf Course (Birdies), which will occur, instead of our regular noon meeting. Our Christmas Basket collection will again focus on Christmas Partners, which is one of the many functions coordinated by ATCCA. Lion Newt McKenna has given you the dates of December 3 and 10<sup>th</sup> for our collection. Please be generous!

Keep us the good work Lions!

November Acting President, Lion Jack Nahmias

### BIRTHDAYS

December 1st.....Bill Coffill,  
December 3rd .....Marlene Hendrick  
December 7th.....Dave Holstrom  
December 19th.....Jim McKay  
December 26<sup>th</sup>.....Donald Connent

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 9<sup>th</sup> - Board of Directors meeting, 5:30pm, Mother Lode Mobile Estates, 14292 Tuolumne Road, Sonora, CA. Remember this is a make up

December 17<sup>th</sup> - Annual Christmas Dinner

December 3<sup>rd</sup> - Christmas Basket

December 10<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Basket

December 24<sup>th</sup> - No meeting

December 31<sup>st</sup> - No Meeting

February 11<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> - MDA Convention, Fresno Ca.

January 1<sup>st</sup> - Happy New Year!

### CHRISTMAS BASKETS

I picked the dates for your contribution to this important Christmas effort without checking my records or asking anyone. The flyer you received on the Internet has the wrong dates on it. The basket will be passed around on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. For those that are not on the Internet, I am enclosing a flyer explaining what this is all about.

### CHRISTMAS DINNER

Remember the date, Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> at Mountain Springs Golf Course. the price is \$27.00 including gratuity, Tax and Tip Period of communication 6:00pm, dinner at 7:00pm. The menu will be Roasted Pork Loin and Sole Almadine It will be a buffet. Sign up sheets will be passed around on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>

Try to make it. A good time to meet the member's family and bind us closer together.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

On November 11<sup>th</sup> the meeting was held in the usual place. Things outside the mundane are hard to report. With a small effort on my part, here goes. **Lion John Bristow** reported that the students at Summerville High School are ready to go for the Student Speaker Contest. **Lion Lisa Melville** accepted the Cioppino Dinner Chair. There was some conversation about moving forward on recruitment. The folder prepared by **Lion John Bristow** is posted on the Internet. Now to make the decision to try advertisement on the DUD. The PHI insurance was discussed. See following article.

### “PEACE BEGINS WITH ME”

The theme of this year's Lions Club International Peace Poster contest is “Peace Begins with Me”. Our Sonora Lions Club sponsored contests at both Sonora Elementary and Jamestown School for students ages 11,12, and 13. Over 150 students were provided information about the contest this year. We have held these contests for the last 7 years at Sonora and the last 4 years at Jamestown.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our local club to work with community youth to stress peace, tolerance and international understanding.

Students expressed their own unique vision of the world artistically. Using the criteria of originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme, four judges at our club selected the following winners and runners-up.

**Sonora Elementary:** The winner was Adilene Carrera with McKenzie Rollins and Marriah Blackmore as runners-up.

**Jamestown School:** The winner was Anthony Lopez with runners-up Christopher Means and Tanner Sims.

The local winners each received checks for \$50.00 and their entries were submitted to the Lions district level for judging at that level. Runners-up each received \$25.00 checks. Appreciation was given to Mrs. Denise Garcia for coordinating at Sonora and Ms. Betsy Spring at Jamestown. Eventually an international winner and 23 runners-up will be selected. Prizes awarded at that level are \$2,500 for the winner and \$500 for each of the runners-up.

The Sonora Lions Club has been impressed by the expression and creativity of the students. It is obvious that these youngsters have strong ideas about what peace meant to them. We are proud that we were able to provide them with this opportunity to share their visions.

Thanks for the article **Lion Jack Nahmias**

## ZONE MEETING

Our, secretary, some times president and positively District Zone Chairman, **Lion Bob Bader** drove Me, **Lions John Bristow** and **Jack Nahmias** to Coulterville for the quarterly zone meeting. Originally there were 7 members in the Mountain District, but now only four. Sonora Lions, Sonora Mountain Lions, Coulterville Lions and Garotte Lions. The meeting was held in the quaint hotel in downtown? Coulterville. The hotel surrendered their dining room for the event. There was a good and lively turnout. **Lion Bob Bader** put together a meaningful agenda and carried it out flawlessly. I was impressed with the vigor of the group. Three of the clubs are maintaining memberships in the mid thirties. The Garotte club is struggling. That won't continue if Don Lustenberger has his way!

## 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT LIONS MEETING DISTRICT 4-A1

Three members took the 2 hour trek to Oakhurst, **Lions Tim Atchley**, the driver, **John Bristow** and I. The meeting was held in a new school's gymnasium a bit out of town. Thank goodness, **Lion Tim** was there to take notes, I couldn't. Though I did glean a bit of information. There was a presentation by a young woman, Maria Mata-Webb about the needs of La Pita, a small village in Costa Rica. We were reminded that there are raffle tickets to support the Lion's float at the Rose Bowls parade. The theme this year is “THE MIRACLE WORKERS”

**LCIF** – PDG Don Lustenberger reported that Campaign Sight First II has ended. as of 9-30-08. District 4-A1 contributed \$80,000. to this campaign, The campaign goal of \$200,000,000. was reached. The largest donation the Lions International has ever received, was a gift of \$7,500,000 by Ken Barry for SIGHT FIRST II.

## IDLE CHATTER

November 5<sup>th</sup> - The pilot of the ship was **Lion Jack Nahmias**. It was good to see our long time member, **Lion Cal Critchfield** at the meeting. **Lion Lisa Melville** generated the following fines;. **Lions Pat Greene, Francesca Cerrone, Jim Rende** had the wheel spun and everybody paid. **Lions John Egger** and **Dave Holstrom** came without vests and paid the fine. Everyone shook th secret **Lion's** hand and everyone paid. Our speaker was from PHI. **Lion John Bristow** won the kitty and **Lion Len Ruoff** found the black marble and received \$59.50.

November 12<sup>th</sup> - Our member in charge was again **Lion Jack Nahmias**. **Lion Don Warren** was present and Jamie Peterson was a guest of **Lion Lisa Melville**. **Lion Dave Holstrom** again came with out his vest, spun the wheel and everyone paid. **Lion John Egger** just paid the fine. **Lions Jim Rende** and **Jim Gormely** were late and paid their due. **Lion Len Ruoff** was fined for some refraction, your editor doesn't know what. The secret **Lion** was **John Bristow**. **Lion Jim Rende** paid and **Lion Georg O'Gorman** had the wheel spun and everyone paid. **Lion Don Connant** bid \$7.00 for a bag of walnuts donated by **Tim Atchley** that he had won at the District meeting. **Lion Cecil Steen** won the kitty and **Lion Len Ruoff** again had the winning ticket for the marble game. He came up with a white one. Hey you can't win all the time.

November 19<sup>th</sup> - Our Jeffe was **Lion Jack Nahmias**. **Lion Jim Rende, Dave Holstrom,** and **Don Warren** came garbed in mufti and were fined. Our secretary, **Lion Bob Bader** is back from his travels. **Lion Jack Nahmias** was fined for a poor excuse to escape some misinformation. The secret **Lion** was **Dusty Rhodes**. **Lions Dave Holstrom** and **Cecil Steen** failed to be friendly and were fined. **Lion Georg O'Gorman** brought the special sun screen glasses. They come in a small round container. When removed to use, they fit snugly under your regular glasses They screen the UV rays 100%. We are selling them for \$2.50 each. to the members and at fund raisers etc, **Lion Jack**

**Nahmias**, our treasurer reported that the Lobster Dinner final reconciliation showed a net of \$5,407.00 **SUPER!!! Lion John Poorbaugh** bid \$3.50 for the no fine vest. I won the kitty and **Lion Lisa Melville** won a chance for the black marble, but couldn't find it.

## PHI AIR AMBULANCE MEMBERSHIP

This is a small sketch of what this is. Of first notice, a medical ail lift can cost as much as Twenty Thousand Dollars. This service is not a member of any insurance or medicare programs. Therefor if you are transported, you have to pay the difference of what they receive and what it costs. When you are signed up for this offer, no matter what the cost, you are not billed.

It covers your whole household at no extra cost. The regular price is \$50.00 a year. We were offered a price of \$40.00 if 15 of our members signed up. Even if you are not a member of our club any one signing under our auspices is entitled to the reduced cost.

The helicopters are based at the Columbia Air Field. So in case of an emergency they are available in short notice. If you would like a flyer on this contact **Lion Jim Rende** or your secretary.

## A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR

This was put together during the Thanksgiving celebration. So much to be thankful for. The country is in dire straights, but it seems that in our capsule things are good. Personally I have my health back in a big way and am looking forrard to my adventure in Antarctica. I will miss the annual Christmas dinner.

All those that haven't bought a Camp Pacifica calendar, now is the time. They make a good gift, after all they keep on giving. It is an easy \$25.00, so do it!

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