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Greetings Fellow Lions!

This week we had one guest speaker and four guests attended our regular noon meeting on this warm spring day. Pres. Jack brought the meeting to order promptly at noon. The song and pledge were led by Bill and the prayer was said by Tim. Diann introduced her guests, the very nice folks who bought her business and who will be taking over the care of the HELP program, Debra and Rob Stanley. Jim G. introduced his guests, a potential new member, Michelle Dane, and Frank M.'s son Marty Meckler. Our guest speaker this week was Larry Cope. The Lions Welcome song was led by Bob P.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

• We had no birthdays to celebrate today so Pres. Jack took this time to read us one of his usual stories.

• In Felix's absence, Bob P. took over the Tail Twister duties this week. This week's Secret Lion was Diann, who reported only Jim G. and Mal failed to greet her properly and they were promptly fined. Tim had a complaint in that he



has waited an entire year to have possession of the "Critter" to be fine-free, only to discover that Felix wasn't in attendance so he could torment him! Bob P. tried to fine folks for a "mistake" in last week's newsletter, but it turned out not to be a mistake; the name of the award that was mentioned was really Lincoln Abraham (in that order). Frank C. added that this past week's bulletin was one of the best he has ever seen!

• Frank C. had a Happy Buck, stating that he went around town collecting all the eye glasses from our various drop-off points and ended up receiving



over 400 pairs of glasses. He also related a story from his recent travels to Florence, Italy where he was walking through the Piazza della Repubblica and noticed a health fair going on. There were First Responders giving free medical exams (somewhat comprehensive exams at that!) and four (4) Lions Clubs who were hosting this event!

• Mal had a Happy Buck, relating that he participated in the Gran Fondo cycling event where he bicycled 28 miles with a couple of friends. They ended up finishing their segment of the race in first, second and third places! Mal placed second. Way to go guys!



• Ray B. had Happy Buck, relating that he went all the way down to Santa Monica and bought a brand new 44-year-old car! Well, at least it was brand new to him.

• Secretary Bob wanted to get a head count for those planning on attending the upcoming District Meeting in San Andreas. As it stands, Ray B., Felix, Tom, Wendy and Sec. Bob will be going.

• Jim briefly went over our plans for the BBQ to thank the students of Cassina High School for their help with the Sonora Lions Park. It was held this morning (Friday). The students, principal, and several teachers came down for hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks. "Mr. Jim," as the students refer to him, introduced ZC Wendy, who gave a little speech about the history



of Lions Clubs, Sonora Lions, and the Sonora Lions

Park. It was indeed a very nice gathering and the young men and women were very appreciative of the recognition.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **All-Star Football** It was mentioned for Felix, that the monies for the ads needs to be in very shortly.
- **H.E.L.P.** A \$10 donation has been made to aid with the upkeep of the equipment.
- **Relay For Life** Tom reported that the walk will start promptly at 9 a.m. Saturday morning. The Survivor's lap will take place immediately after the opening ceremonies. Tom needs one more person to help him with handing out awards.



- **Sunshine Report** Diann reported that Dusty's wife, Pat, had an unfortunate accident, but is at home and on the mend now. Diann herself will be going in for surgery on May 6th, so she will be out of commission for a while. We will be praying for a quick and painless recovery. It was good to see Lynda back again, after her recent ill-adventures with rogue dog bites and sprained ankles.



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- **Lions Park** Jim also reported that last Saturday was a tremendous success, with the LDS folks moving the wood chips in record time, Marty handling the dead tree, branches and slash, and all the BBQ pits being filled in with sand under the supervision of Mal.
- **Omelet Breakfast** Diann announced the posters are now available and would like us to take some and display them all over town. She asked that when you turn in the money for sold tickets, to please give it to Frank M.



- **Pride Stride** Jim mentioned that we still need sponsors for this event. A minimum of a \$200 donation is needed to get your name on the T-shirt as a sponsor. As

usual, our incredible Lion Doug will be most prominent with his very generous \$1000 donation.

PROGRAM

Tim was asked to introduce our guest speaker after some confusion because he thought Jim was to



have introduced the guest speaker. (Jim was fined at this point for "conflicting directions"). Larry Cope, our speaker today, is from the Tuolumne County Economic Development. He spoke briefly on the purpose of his group being the economic development and business expansion in Tuolumne County.

RAFFLES

Bill and Ray won the cash raffles this week and Frank M. won the "critter" and will be fine-free next week. Bill also won the Black Ball drawing, but like that rest of us, withdrew a white marble. The pot continues to grow.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **May 4-5th** Relay for Life Walk, Sonora High School track. Survivors' lap 8:30 a.m. on May 4th.
- **May 10-11th** District Meeting, San Andreas.
- **June 8-9th** Soap Box Derby, Tuolumne, CA
- **June 12th** Installation of club officers for 2013-2014, noon meeting at the Pine Tree Restaurant. Wives and Significant Others are invited.
- **June 15th** All-Star Football Game, MJC, Modesto, CA, Pre-game 6 p.m., game to start at 7 p.m.
- **June 22nd** Open House at the Historic Dome Campus including Sonora Lions Park, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.
- **June 23rd** Omelet Breakfast fundraiser, Senior Center, 8-10 a.m.

Next week's guest speaker will be Ms. Sherri Brennan; Tuolumne County Supervisor.

That's all for now folks...Meow!

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