



# Sonora Lions Roar



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## QUOTE OF THE MONTH FROM YOUR PRESIDENT, Lion Pres. Diann Kaiser

*"Vision is looking farther than your eye can see and wisdom is knowing the difference between pulling your weight and throwing it around."*

## MESSAGE FROM YOUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR

### Lion Wendy Dart

'Tis moi, your beloved newsletter editor, back from our wanderings and travels around this beautiful nation of ours. PDG Tom and I thoroughly enjoyed every state, city, restaurant and home we visited. We stayed at or went through 15 states over the course of 42 days. We started our epic trip traveling the Tioga Pass for the first time, seeing the Bonneville Salt Flats, the Great Salt Lake of Utah, Yellowstone National Park, the Grand Tetons National Park including the Old Faithful Geyser, Mt.



Rushmore, the Badlands of South Dakota, toured the Chelsea Milling Company (makers of Jiffy Mix products), Penrickton Center for Blind Children in Taylor, MI (a Lions Club of Michigan favorite), Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum, Fredrik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park, The Gateway Arch in St. Louis, MO, going through the plains of Kansas and the altitude of Denver and Vail, Colorado, driving through the Arches National Park of Utah, and back home through Yosemite National Park. I had a family reunion in upper Michigan; Tom had his 50<sup>th</sup> High School Reunion from the Chelsea High School class of '63, and a Lions PDG reunion from the term year 2003-4 when Tom was



a PDG back in Michigan. Upon getting home, I attended a get-together with 16 gals/guys I had worked with prior to moving up to the Sonora area, to bid farewell to a former co-worker who is moving to Texas. Whew! I'm tired but ready to get back into Lionism!

## GREETINGS FELLOW LIONS!

• On June 26<sup>th</sup>, Pres. Diann opened the meeting and our group was led in song and pledge by Bill. D. The prayer was said by Tim. There were 4 guests, Robert and Debra Stanley and Joe Skaff who were here for their 3<sup>rd</sup> return visit and who filled out their applications for membership. Our guest speaker was Rebecca Miller-Cripps of Univ. of Cal. Agriculture and Resources.



• On July 3<sup>rd</sup> three new members were inducted into our club, Robert and Debra Stanley and Joe Skaff. Welcome to our pride!

## NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT MEETING, AUG. 10

Bob and Joanne P., Jim G., PDG Tom and I attended the August 2013 District Meeting up at Camp Pacifica.



We also had the pleasure of our Region Chair Marilyn Richardson accompanying us up on the trip. There was a lot of ground covered during the shortened, half-day session. The main emphasis, as always, is membership; increasing and maintaining it. The Governor is focusing on



initiating two new campus clubs around the Univ. of Merced area. We should be striving to make the Lions Clubs more visible in our communities and in order to do that we need to talk about us! You can't get new members to join our clubs unless you ask them. Let's let everyone see just what Lions do. Invite your friends,



neighbors and co-workers to participate in our events. Show them how fun it can be to help out our communities and the sense of accomplishment, pride and satisfaction we achieve while doing so. Our goal is to make this upcoming year a year of fun. If people see what a joy it is to help out in their communities, they will want a piece of that happiness pie too. This year's MD4 directories should be available in the next week or so. The City of Hope, Camp Pacifica, Rose Bowl float, Medic Alert for Children were just a few of the other projects covered during the district meeting.

## GENERAL DISCUSSION



• There were no birthdays for the June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting to celebrate. The July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting found us celebrating Pres. Diann's birthday. At the July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, we celebrated Glenn G. and Doug's birthdays. During the July 24<sup>th</sup> meeting, we acknowledged Mal's birthday and there were no

- At the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, we had 24 members present and 1 guest, Undersheriff Bill Pooley. Pres. Diann brought the meeting to order and the song and pledge were led by Bill D. Tim said the prayer.

- On July 17<sup>th</sup>, Pres. Diann brought the meeting to order and the song and pledge were led by Bill D. The prayer was said by Tim. There were 25 Lions present and 1 guest, Peter Cole, who briefly spoke on how much the Lions' support has been used in the Philippines.

- For the July 24<sup>th</sup> meeting, there were 23 Lions present and 3 guests, the names of whom were not available to me at this time. The song and pledge were led by Bob P. and the prayer was said by Tim. The Lions Welcome song was led by Bob P. as well as the birthday song.

- On July 31<sup>st</sup>, we had 23 Lions attending with 2 guests, Bud Cooper and Duke York. Bill D. led the group in song and the pledge, and Tim said the prayer at the opening of the meeting.

- For the August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, there were 24 Lions present and 5 guests, the names of whom are not available. The pledge and song were led by Bill D. and the prayer was said by Tim.

- On August 14<sup>th</sup>, there were 24 members present with 7 guests attending. Wendy introduced Region Chair Marilyn to the group, Glenn G. brought his neighbor, Tony to the meeting. Michelle introduced her guest/speaker for the meeting, Cheryl Rose. Pres. Diann's son and daughter-in-law, Lori and Loren were also present. PDG Tom brought visitors Mark and Deena Railey (albeit a little late) to today's meeting.

- We had 31 members and 6 guests, with 1 brief stop-in of a former Lion John Bristow, who brought in a bunch of pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald Program, collected by the machine shop at United Airlines. Michelle introduced her guest speaker, Diana Sanders from L.W.C. (Little Women's Club). Rob R. brought his son, Evan to the meeting. Paul brought his son (who, may I say is his spitting image), Daniel. Once again, Pres. Diann brought her son and daughter-in-law, Loren and Lori. Arriving a little late was Lion Connie O'Dea, District representative for the Lions Rose Bowl Parade float.

birthdays to announce at the July 31<sup>st</sup>, August 7<sup>th</sup> and August 14<sup>th</sup> meetings. Bill D. celebrated his birthday at the August 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. He spun the wheel and paid 3x his age in pennies. He also was treated to our version of the birthday song.

- The Secret Lion for the June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting was yours truly. Member-to-be Robert S. and Paul were the only Lions to fail to greet me properly and were fined accordingly. For the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, Treas. Jack and Joanne P. both were the Secret Lion. Fines were collected by Tail Twister Felix. I have no more reports on the Secret Lion for the July 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, and August 7<sup>th</sup> meetings. The Secret Lion for August 14<sup>th</sup> was Ray B. Much to my dismay, I was one of the few who failed to greet him properly and paid my fine. There was no Secret Lion for the August 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

- Happy Bucks ~ Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> was the rededication for the Sonora Lions Park. Those who



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were not present for this event were fined. ~ Tom and Wendy had a Happy Buck in that they were looking forward to going on vacation on Friday. ~ Frank C. was happy because the proceeds from the raffle at the Omelet Breakfast were almost \$450. ~ Jack H. had a Happy Buck because his last son just got married. ~ Jim G. was happy because the park was finally done! ~ Bill D. had a Happy Buck as he went fly fishing at Pinecrest. ~ Paul had a Happy Buck for his youngest son just turning 1 year old and is walking around already. ~ John and Margaret Egger announced the purchase of their whole shopping center in Tuolumne City. Congrats and good fortune! ~ Leonard reported that Marjorie is happy with her new location for care. ~ Lynda was happy in that her friend has graduated from college. ~ Felix was very happy that the A's are doing well and the Giants are on a losing streak (what a surprise!). ~ Rob S. commented on a wheelchair acquired for the H.E.L.P. program. ~ Glenn G. was happy with the success of the new knee for Mary. ~ Doug is very happy being married to Sheri. ~ Frank M. was happy with his grandchildren receiving awards at the fair. ~ Bob B. was glad to be home from his 5-week vacation. He was also grateful to Joanne P. for her superb job of covering his position as secretary in his absence.

~ Bill D. had a Happy Buck and was rooting for the Giants—for next year! ~ Ray B. won a cash prize at another club picnic (whose name he wouldn't divulge) and donated 10% of his winnings to our club. WTG Ray! ~ Frank M. had a family reunion with 16 relatives attending. He was very happy they have now all gone home! His great nephew was back from Afghanistan, and for that he was very happy. ~ Joanne P. had a Happy Buck since they received notice from the credit union that their car was finally paid off! ~ Paul had two Happy Bucks; one for his son's first day of school was today, and the other was that his wife was just hired at Best Western in their housekeeping service. ~ Leonard's Happy Buck was about his trip back to the east coast for a family reunion, visiting Shenandoah Valley and many other sites. ~ Tim had a Happy Buck, relating that he and his wife, Kathy, just spent a week up at beautiful Lake Tahoe using the donated time-share from the Cioppino Dinner earlier this year. ~ Bill D. spotted a mountain lion up by his place and was also able to get rid of some bees on his property.

- Tail Twister Felix fined all Lions who did not have their LCI membership cards.

- Tim is now monitoring programs/speakers for the club and is asking for different Lions to cover a month at a time. Michelle volunteered for August and Pres. Diann will cover September.

- Pres. Diann asked Bob P. to cover the position of Tail Twister until such time that PDG Felix is able to resume the position. He agreed. Pres. Diann then presented him with a book on Tail Twisting to give him some great ideas. He fined Rob S. for sitting at what initially looked like an all-woman table. He later fined PDG Tom (who arrived late with 2 guests), for the same infraction.

- Pres. Diann announced that the Sonora Lions are finally "someone!" We are listed in the phone book, white and yellow pages. The official club phone number is **209-588-8302**.

- RC Marilyn briefly spoke about the upcoming Oakland Raiders fundraiser. She said she was in contact with the people at the Raiders Headquarters and the tickets will be delivered to Felix's office around the first of September, where she will pick them up. We desperately need to

find out who will be doing the BBQ for this trip this year and who would like to be bartender on the bus. Please contact RC Marilyn Richardson or PDG Tom with any questions or information.

- Wendy discussed that next week's meeting, August 28<sup>th</sup>, will be held at the Pine Tree Restaurant, at 6:30 p.m. in lieu of the regularly scheduled noon meeting.
- Glenn G. reported that the evacuees from the Rim Fire up by Yosemite were being transferred down from Groveland to Sonora at the Fairgrounds. As of right now, they are needing two big coolers with ice to cool the water on hand. They will also probably be needing volunteers to help set up cots, etc., and feed the evacuees.

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#### AWARDS PRESENTED

- Pres. Diann re-presented Bill D. with his "*Lion of the Year*" plaque...now with the date on it.
- Pres. Diann presented the Star of Excellence, in the same manner as IPP Jack H., to Jim G. for his hard work on the Second Annual Pride Stride Cross Country Event and to Joanne P. for her outstanding coverage of secretarial duties in Sec. Bob's absence. Kudos to you both!

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#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Sunshine Report** Lynda was recently in the hospital for an illness. Update on Felix's condition: He still is not conscious or responding but his condition is guardedly improved. They are thinking of transferring him up to the Stockton area. As of the August 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, Felix's sodium levels were pretty much stabilized, so a transfer up to this area will probably occur soon. At the August 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, it was discussed that PDG Felix will more than likely be transferred up to Avalon Care Facility today (Sonora). Very good news indeed!
- **Relay for Life** PDG Tom brought in a plaque and presented it to the club for our participation in this year's Relay for Life and being a Bronze Sponsor.



- **Meals on Wheels** Frank M. reported 64 hours of time donated by us with 388 meals being served. He also asked for member support for the Meals on Wheels fundraiser. Lions are selling tickets to aid in their fundraiser at Railtown, Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>, 5-9 p.m., \$75 per person. World War II veterans will get a special recognition. The theme is "the 40s." Dress up in your best 40s outfit and have some fun! Call Frank if interested (209-984-4102). At the August 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, Frank M. reported that this fundraiser has been sold out!

**Update** The Meals on Wheels fundraiser has been postponed until after the Rim Fire disaster has ended.

- **Weekly Program** Tim A. passed a sign-up sheet for volunteers to bring in speakers/programs on a monthly basis.
- **Pride Stride** Jim G. is asking for more volunteers to help on day of event, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. At the August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, Jim reported that the Second Annual Lions Pride Stride was very successful with more in attendance than last year. Seventeen Lions helped during the event.



- **"Lions Night at the Nuts"** Ball tickets are on their way. The club received their tickets at the August 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. There were many members



from our district for the BBQ and the game and fireworks afterwards. We are very pleased to announce that the Modesto Nuts won against Bakersfield, 3-1. Woohoo! The picture is

Lion Wendy and PDG Tom with Wally Walnut and Al Almond.

- **H.E.L.P.** Rob S. reported that the equipment is being used a lot and that people receiving the equipment are very pleased with the program and our services.

There is a clean-up session scheduled for Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, at 9 a.m. A sign-up sheet was sent around for volunteers.

Debra S. was given instructions to give Pres. Diann a big hug by some regular clients of our H.E.L.P.

program for the outstanding services and help they've provided.

- **S.R.T.** Social event; 23 Lions and guests were able to enjoy a great play.
- **Rose Bowl Float** The theme this year is "*Dreams do come true.*" A flyer with a picture of the float, a brief history and order form for pins, shirts, hats, etc., were passed around. It was suggested that we send a donation.
- **Lions Park** The September 18<sup>th</sup> noon meeting will take place in the Sonora Lions park. The Pine Tree Restaurant may provide sack lunches. More information will be forthcoming on the details. Rob R. has graciously volunteered to organize this event.
- **Children's Health Fair** We have been asked by the Lake Tulloch Copperopolis club to aid in this event, to take place at Wal-Mart on August 31<sup>st</sup>.
- **Food Drive** Tim talked about the upcoming food drive and passed around a sign-up sheet for folks to man the stations and to volunteer use of their truck for transporting the foods collected afterward to InterFaith. This will be on September 14<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Highway Cleanup** Dennis S. will be sending around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help clean up our stretch of Hwy. 108. Tentative date set for clean-up is September 7<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at Woods Creek Café at 7 a.m. for breakfast prior to starting.
- **Communications** Sec Bob B. read a note from the Duende Drama and Literature group, thanking us for the generous donation of \$800. We also received a thank-you from LPCCI for our continued support of the Canine Companion for Independence Program. He also sent around the club roster and asked everyone to check it to be sure their own information was correct.
- **Candy/Mints** Frank C. reported that any monies collected from the candy machines/mints is to be given directly to Treas. Jack and just a note to himself of the total given and hours worked. Also, if you collect monies from the candy machines, please place the coins in wrappers first.
- **Lobster Dinner** Tim reported that the tickets are printed and Frank M. will be dividing them up and

distributing them at the next meeting. The cost is again \$35 per ticket, scheduled for October 4<sup>th</sup>.

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### UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS

**August 17<sup>th</sup>** "Lions Night at the Nuts," John Thurman Field, Modesto, CA, BBQ Dinner, baseball game, fireworks. See Lion Brower Diamond for tickets.

**August 22<sup>nd</sup>** Merced Breakfast Night meeting at Lake Yosemite (near UC Merced campus) at 6 p.m. Lion Ken Harrison is contact person.

**September 19-21<sup>st</sup>** USA/Canada Forum, Overland Park, Kansas.

**October 5-6<sup>th</sup>** White Cane Days.

**October 25-26<sup>th</sup>** Council of Governors meeting, San Diego, CA.

**November 8-9<sup>th</sup>** District Meeting, Stanislaus Region.

**February 12-13, 2014** Council of Governors Meeting, Ontario, CA.

**February 14-16, 2014** MD4 Convention, Ontario, CA.

**February 21-22, 2014** District meeting in Mountain Region.

**By February 23<sup>rd</sup>** Club Contest for Student Speaker Contest.

**February 21-23, 2014** Flag Days.

**By March 16, 2014** Zone contest for Student Speakers Contest.

**March 30, 2014** Lions City of Hope Day.

**By April 6, 2014** Region Contest for Student Speakers Contest.

**April 24-26, 2014** District 4-A1 Convention, San Ramon, CA.

**May 9-10, 2014** District Meeting in San Joaquin Region.

**June 5-8, 2014** Council of Governors Meeting, Rosemead, CA.

**July 4-8, 2014** International Convention, Toronto, Canada.

For more information regarding these activities, please go to [www.lions4-a1.org](http://www.lions4-a1.org).

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## RAFFLES

• During the June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, the cash raffles were won by Ray B. and Jack H.'s friend, Sara Griffiths. The Critter award was won by Paul. The Black Ball attempt was given to John P., who withdrew a white ball.

• At the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, the cash prizes went to Tim and Novie. The fine-free critter was awarded to Pres. Diann. The Black Ball draw was won by Bob P., who, unfortunately withdrew a white ball.



• During the July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, the cash awards went to Mal and Ray B. The critter went to Felix. The Black Ball drawing was not reported on, but obviously was not won.

• On July 24<sup>th</sup>, the cash prizes were given to Ray B. and Frank M. Paul won the critter and Tim the chance to draw the Black Ball. Again, a white ball was chosen.

• On July 31<sup>st</sup>, Leonard and Mike won the cash awards and Frank C. won the critter. Duke York, the guest, won the honor of trying for the black ball, but withdrew a white one instead.

• At the August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, Frank C. and Rob R. won the cash prizes, and the critter was given to Pres. Diann...again. Jim G. received the chance to draw for the Black Ball but withdrew a white ball. The pot is greater than \$400 now.



• At the August 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, the cash awards went to Ray B. and Frank C. The Critter went to Lynda. The Black Ball ticket belonged to visiting guest, Tony, who, unbelievably, withdrew a white ball. The pot now stands at \$478. There are 2 white balls and the black ball remaining.



• For the August 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, Ray B. and Glenn C. won the cash awards. Frank C. won the Critter for next year. Debra S. won the chance for the Black Ball drawing, but darn it all, withdrew a white ball. The pot stands at \$493.50.

Per our President Diann, you can only win if you attend!

## PROGRAMS

• The speaker for the June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting was introduced by Jim G., Rebecca Miller-Cripps, who is a Master Gardener and graduated from UC Stanislaus with a degree in Ecology. She was here to bring Oak education to the Foothills, discussing the differences in oaks and how to take care of them.



• On July 10<sup>th</sup>, Undersheriff Bill Pooley talked about how AB109 Release of Prisoners has affected our community. The repairs of the old jail cost over \$600K. They are in desperate need of a new jail and funds.



• For the July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, Jim G. and Tim gave the history and direction of Lions Clubs for the program.

• On July 31<sup>st</sup>, Duke York, Deputy Director of Roads gave a talk on the new bypass, Mono Greenley Road extension and bridge and the road repairs for the upcoming year.

• At the August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, Michelle introduced the guest speaker, a representative from "My Act," a young people's theater group and the plays they perform during the summer. For more information on this great group, go to [www.mountainyouthact.com](http://www.mountainyouthact.com).

**MYACT**  
Mountain Youth and Community Theatre

• The program for the August 14<sup>th</sup> meeting was conducted by Cheryl Rose, from the Senior Lounge, 125 N. Washington St., most commonly known as the "old 7-11." She talked about the different activities and programs available to seniors there, the restoration of the building, and their functions. They are run entirely by donations with no grants or funding. They offer lessons in Spanish, Yoga, knitting, ballroom dancing, line dancing, quilting, have poker games and bunko games. They also have live music sessions you can participate in



and bingo games. For more information you can email them at [sonoraseniorlounge@yahoo.com](mailto:sonoraseniorlounge@yahoo.com) or call 209-532-7890. On September 28<sup>th</sup> they will be celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

• The speaker for August 21<sup>st</sup> was Diana Sanders from LWC (Little Women's Club). This is a relatively new club at the Gold Rush School, geared specifically for girls from Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Their mission is to bring lifelong hobbies to girls. They have a leadership program developing, and need volunteers to help teach the girls different crafts, art and music. Their goal is to extend to 5 different schools in the area. They want to instill in the girls to choose "service over self-interest." They have a scholarship program ongoing, but funds are running out fast. Of course, help is always appreciated. For more information, you can go online at [www.LWCGirlsclub.com](http://www.LWCGirlsclub.com).



Also, since we had time left, Lion Connie gave a short presentation on the Lions Float for the Rose Bowl Parade, discussing the history of our float, how the theme came to be, and had pins to sell. T-shirts and hats will be available shortly.



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#### UPCOMING SONORA LIONS EVENTS

**August 12<sup>th</sup>** Board of Directors Meeting, Pine Tree Restaurant, 5:30 p.m.

**August 17<sup>th</sup>** Modesto Nuts game, tickets \$12, posters are available.

**October 4<sup>th</sup>** Lobster Feed fundraiser, Elks Lodge, Contact person Tim A.

**October 6<sup>th</sup>** Oakland Raiders Fundraiser, \$105 tickets include bus ride, drinks to and from the game, BBQ and game tickets. They will be playing the San Diego Chargers. As discussed at the District Meeting last weekend, all seats are now booked on the bus. For information regarding this, please contact PDG Tom at 209-694-5191 or Region Chair Marilyn Richardson at 209-840-7442.

**October 19<sup>th</sup>** Service Day at Indigeny.

The Zone meeting, children's health fair, and the food drive have been cancelled or postponed.

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#### UPCOMING PROGRAMS/SPEAKERS

**August 21<sup>st</sup>** - Diana Sanders from LWC (Little Women's Club), an after-school program for girls ages 5-19.

**August 28<sup>th</sup>** - Zone meeting at Pine Tree Restaurant, 6:30 p.m., in lieu of the regular noon meeting.

**September 4<sup>th</sup>** - Handicap Children's Park in Tuolumne, Teri Neher.

**September 11<sup>th</sup>** - City of Hope, Lion Willie Hughes.

**September 18<sup>th</sup>** - Picnic in the Lions Park.

**September 25<sup>th</sup>** - Donna Willson from Sierra Nonprofit, speaking on the peer mediation program at Soulsbyville School.

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#### MESSAGE FROM INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT,

**Lion IP Barry J. Palmer**

As a Lion, Mr. Palmer dreamt of making a big impact. He had a dream and encourages all Lions to "follow your dreams." They will not lead you astray. Nearly every great accomplishment began as a wildly ambitious dream, whether it was landing a man on the moon, running a 4-minute mile or webbing the entire world together through computers. Listen to your heart. Per Lion Barry, "To me, dreams are not visions that arise in sleep but plans that don't let you sleep." Identify your dream and work to achieve it!

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#### SECRETARY'S MONTHLY REPORT, JULY 2013

Submitted by Lion Secretary Bob Bader

- Total Membership from Last Report – 43
  - New Members – 4
  - Dropped Members – 0
  - Transferred Members – 0
  - Total Membership at Close – 47
  - Service Hours – 112
  - Number of Lions - 7
  - Number of People Served - 472
  - Funds Raised – 0
  - Funds Donated - \$3346
  - Total Activities – 8
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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, AUG. 12

### Submitted by Pro-Tem Sec. Joanne Presson

- Meeting opened by Pres. Diann at 5:30 p.m. at the Pine Tree Restaurant, August 10, 2013.
- Lions present: Diann Kaiser, Cecil Steen, Wendy Dart, Tom Penhallegon, Jim Gormely, Frank Cimino, Paul Berg, Jack Nahmias, Bob Presson and Joanne Presson.
- Minutes of the previous meeting were presented and accepted. Financial report submitted and accepted.
- No bills or communications.
- Committee Reports:

**Pride Stride** – Race held Aug. 3. There was good turnout of runners; more than last year. Good help from the Lions. Projected \$2700-2800 received for this race. Expenses unknown at this time.



Treas. Jack made a motion, seconded by Bob P. to present the Sonora High School Cross Country Team with a check for \$1300. The motion carried.

Wendy will check the Sonora Lions web site to reflect the new phone numbers and club officers.

**Lobster Dinner** – Tim and Les were not present to talk about the Lobster Dinner.

**Storage** – The storage company has raised our rates. Since Cecil has upgraded the unit with shelves, etc., it was motioned to pay the new rate of \$44.50 to the end of the year and \$89.00 next year. The motion passed.

**Storage surplus** – Cecil reported supplies in storage may be in surplus. It was suggested Cecil meet with Tim and Les to check what is necessary for the Lobster dinner or if they need to buy more.

There will be a **Children's Health Fair** at Wal-Mart, Aug. 31. There will be eye exams, health exams and ID programs. Pres. Diann was approached by the Copperopolis club to help with this. Diann will send a sign-up sheet around for helpers.

**Peace Poster** – It was decided to pass on that. There is little to no interest from the schools.

Prices at **district meeting** – It was discussed that the price for attending was too high.

**Weekly meeting** to be held in Sonora Lions Park. Jim G. and Tom will BBQ the meat and provide the beans. Tentative date will be Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Duende Drama and Literature Program** – Frank C. asked for \$800 donation to help them. Paul made a motion, seconded by Tom, to take the money (\$500) set aside for the Festival of Lights and \$300 from the Youth Program for Duende Drama. The motion carried.

Pres. Diann will give a presentation on the **Lions Float for the Rose Bowl Parade** and the members will be able to offer a donation or not.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 7 p.m.

*Thought I should send this out while I had a chance to breathe during this huge occurrence in our district. A separate report will probably be issued regarding the Lions Club Rim Fire Disaster Relief efforts. A big huge THANK YOU to all who have helped during this stressful time. The response from the Lions clubs state-wide has been outstanding and very humbling*

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

### **Lion Wendy Dart**

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