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**MESSAGE FROM YOUR
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Lion Jack Nahmias presided over the meeting and a forum was formed. We finished the year with our expenses and income closely following that period's budget. Both the Administrative and Project account finished the year with a healthy balance. A new budget for 2008-09 was presented and received an affirmative vote. A discussion was held regarding the annual picnic/barbecue. It was decided that a good time for it would be in September (probably the weekend after Labor Day) for the event. I Hope Kathy's foot is up to par).

Treasurer **Lion Nahmias** reported we have received \$930.00 donated to the Roy Morlan Memorial Fund as of this afternoon The board voted to contribute \$250.00 to the fund.

It was reported that the Garrotte Lions were folding. Your secretary received a message from them saying that wasn't so.

Sonora Mountain Lions are requesting some assistance with the equipment they have available for infirm and injured people. **Lion Felix Romo** is going to make a short presentation indicating what is needed.

Also of great importance, our district Governor Pat Casey Gillum is scheduled to visit our club on August 27th.

A NOTE FROM YOUR ACTING PRESIDENT

As your Acting President for July, I want to inform you about the status of the Lion Roy Morlan Memorial. This is especially necessary for those members who are unable to attend our weekly meetings.

Donations from the club (\$250), individual members and friends of the Morlan family have reached \$1,500. This is fantastic as we have not even heard from all the active and less active members thus far!

In accordance with the wishes of the Morlan Family, all donations were to be used locally to benefit vision needs in our community. As a result, these funds will be placed in the Tuolumne County Eye Care Fund. This is administered by the Sonora Area Foundation.

The TCECF was featured in the last newsletter of the S.A.F. To pull a few sentences from the publication, "the TCECF is a joint project of local eye care professionals, two local Lions Clubs (Sonora and Sonora Mountain) and the Irving J. Symons Foundation. Established six years ago, the fund provides eye care for local residents who have an urgent need and no other means to pay for treatment. Nearly 40 patients have been helped with everything from eye exams and glasses to emergency surgery."

I hope this provides a clearer picture of the TCECF and the specific donations to the Roy Morlan Memorial Fund. We will certainly put all donations to use in meeting the vision needs in our community.

As the four ex-presidents (**Lions Jack Namias, John Bristow, Bob Bader., and Tim Atchely**) continue to share the presidential responsibilities for this year (2008-2009), you will be hearing from a different voice each month in the newsletter and at the weekly meetings and the monthly Board of Directors meetings.

On behalf of this year's officers, I want to thank all of those who have "stepped up" to assume responsibilities as chairs for our various projects and in the obtaining of weekly speakers by taking on individual months of challenge. Yours in Lionism,
Lion Jack Nahmias
Acting President

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 11th - -Board of Directors meeting, 5:30pm, Mother Lode Mobile Estates, 14292 Tuolumne Road, Sonora, CA. Remember this is a make up.

August 27th - District Governor. Pat Casey Gilum will visit our club.

BIRTHDAYS

Well, no birthday cake this month. No out of tune singing. No wise cracks about the advance of father time and how he is crippling us. No party to cheer us up. Hey, there ain't no nothen. I guess I can wish everyone a happy day, week or month. Maybe the fruits of gestation will appear next month.

PDG PAT GREEN'S CONVENTION TRIP TO THAILAND

Fellow Lions

Just wanted to tell you a little about my Thailand experience. First of all I learned not to take companions in the summer when you are going stand-by, Especially when there is only 1 flight a day going to your destination. We spent 2 nights in a hotel near the SFO airport finally our 3rd attempt to get on the plane we made it. The flight was great I was in Business class in the upper deck of a 747-400 plane. 1st time and it was great!! One companion was lower deck business class and one was economy plus. It was 11 hours to Tokyo 3 hr. lay over then 6 more hours to Bangkok. So we finally got there on their Wednesday at 1:30 AM their time.

Slept 4 hours and went to the 1st plenary which was real nice a talk from the International President from Sri Lanka and then the flag ceremony of 203 countries and territories. After that we went to the MD4 Reception and waited for our friends from Australia that I invited to join us. Then had just enough time to get to the Australian Reception. That was a very classy, formal with lots of beautiful food and drinks. Of course theirs was a formal occasion. They are the party people. Next evening was the PDG Dinner. That was very nice also several speakers talking about the big accomplishments through the last year. The dinner was wonderful too. At the cost of \$85.00 per person.

Next day we went to the Kings Palace it was nice but it was **sooo** HOT and Humid It would rain for 5 minutes, warm rain, then hot sun. It was about 6 hours long.

Next day we laid by the pool under an umbrella and swam every once in awhile just to cool off. We then went to have a real authentic Tia

Dinner. Next day 2 of us were very sick. Shirley wanted to go on a tour and there had to be 2 to go. So Lee Ann stayed in bed and I went with Shirley. I wasn't sure I was going to make it but I survived. Next morning 1:30 am had to get ready to go to the airport We got lucky got on the plane and ran for our connection in Tokyo. We all got Business class. Yeah! cause 2 of us were still very sick. Got home on Our Sunday. The people in Thailand were very nice and helpful. There is no welfare or unemployment so they all work at something I really liked the people and the hotels were nice but the traffic was horrible. People just walk in the streets. There are a lot of different colored taxi's, busses, motor bikes and tuk tuk's. Riding in the front seat of a taxi is an experience all by itself. The total flight was 17 hours of flying. All in all we had a good time.

Lion PDG Pat Greene

PROJECT CHAIR

Lion Tim Atchley emailed me of the following appointments:

Here are the speaker procurers, by month, for this year.

July-	Jim Gormely
August-	Pat Greene
September	Tim Atchley
October	Need volunteer
November	Jack Nahmius
December	John Bristow
January	Need volunteer
February	Lisa Melville
March-	Bill Dunlavy
April	Need volunteer
May	Bob Bader
June	-Dusty Rhodes

And here are the chairpersons/co-chairpersons for our events and fun draisers this year

All Star Football-
Christmas baskets-
Ciopinno Dinner-
Flea Market-
chair,
volunteer
Lobster
Atchley/Ji
Flag Day-
Student
John Bristow



Don Warren
Don Connant
Pat Greene/Lisa Melville
John Bristow will co-
need
to help him
Dinner Tiim
m Gormely
Jack Nahmias
Speaker -
Red Ribbon

Week	-Bob Bader
Peace Poster Contest-	Jack Nahmias
Science Fair-	Jim Gormely
Health Fair/Eye Screening-	Pat Greene
Scholarships-	Jack Nahmias
Christmas Dinner-	Tim Atchley
Valentine's Luncheon-	Pat Greene

I thank you, **Lion Tim Atchley** thanks you, the Board of Directors thanks you for taking on the speakers and fund raiser jobs.. Did I say thank you?

IDLE CHATTER

July 2nd - **Lion Jack Nahmias** had the reins of power for this meeting. **Lion John Bristow** reported that his wife Barbra is finally home. Her resistance to infection is compromised by the drugs she is taking. She ended up with an infection and a trip to Stanford. She is also proud of her award of "Best of Fair" for her flower arrangements. **Lion Bob Bader** celebrated an other year gone by and a year older. **Lion John Bristow** was fined for chattering about grandchildren. I was the secret **Lion**. **Lion Bill Dunlavy** sold me a ticket, but forgot to shake my hand. However, he paid the fine. **Lion Dave Holstrom** forgot or lost his vest Again he requested the wheel to be spun and got of scott free. **Lions Dusty Rhodes, Tim Atchley** and I surrendered a "Happy Buck"

Our speaker was Nathan Flake from Mother Lode Motors. **Lion Len Ruoff** won a chance for the jackpot and failed. **Lion Tim Atchley** won the kitty.

July 9th - Again we were under the benign leader, **Jack Nahmias** presiding over the meeting.

Lions Lisa Melville and **Marlene Hendrick** were back after a short absence. **Lion Tim Atchley** and **Dave Holstrom** were without their vests and were fined. **Lion Dusty Rhodes** wife, Pat is in the hospital. (More to follow)

Our benign leader appointed himself to be the secret **Lion**. The news was good, everyone shook his hand and everyone was fined. Much better for the club. **Lion Don Warren** won the kitty and **Lion Dusty Rhodes** had a chance to become wealthy, but blew it.

July 16th - **Lion Al Durston** is making some progress. But is unable to attend a meeting. Get well **Lion Al** we need you

Lion Pat Greene was late and fined. The secret **Lion** was your editor. A whole group neglected me. **Lions John Poorbaugh** and **Bill Dunlavy** paid the fine. However, **Lion Dave Holstrom** insisted the wheel be spun and stuck everyone. **Lion Don Warren** won a chance for the black marble, no soap and **Lion Lisa Melville** won the kitty.

We were graced with the appearance of one of the Olympic competitors. He came in complete regalia, ready to run, play basketball or? He poor mouthed the members and asked for donations to defer the cost of his experience.. I think the response was less than robust.

July 22nd - Here is **Lion Jack** again. Good to see **Lion Marlene Hendricks**. **Lion Tim Atchley** reports that his wife, Kathy is improving, though still hobbling. The secret **Lion** was **Len Ruoff** . So much discord and so little information that I only was aware of only two guilty members, **Lion John Bristow** stuck **Don Connant** and **Jim Gormely** Paid. **Lion Dusty** didn't have on a proper vest and all paid. **Lion Dave Holstrom** found an inconsistency in the spin of the wheel and claimed it gave him the shelter of the law not to pay. **Lion John Bristow** donated a happy buck just for the heck of it. The kitty was won by **Lion Bill Dunlavy** and a chance for the black marble's winner was **Lion Len Ruoff**, his luck didn't luck didn't hold

Lion Dusty's wife Pat had another bout with the hospital. While walking up the hill for her weekly time at the Museum she could not make it. She got help and was sent home. There was no improvement, so from there to the hospital. She suffered dehydration, had accidentally overdosed with Wafarin (blood thinner). They administered four blood transfusions. She rebounded and is back home improving rapidly. Hooray for her!

A couple of months ago a high school student Aleigh Neal made a presentation to the club and

asked for financial support for a student exchange trip to Italy. The trip didn't happen for her.

She sent us a thank you note as follows:

Lions Club,

I didn't get to go to Italy because I didn't raise enough money. It was very close but I didn't make it. I just wanted to thank your club for taking the time to help me. And I wanted to return the money you donated. You are very good people and I appreciate that you helped me out Plus the Lions club does so many other things for the community. This club has inspired me to become a part of this club in the future. Thank you again for helping me even though I didn't get to go.

Thank You, Aleigh Neal.