



Sonora Lions Roar



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Greetings Fellow Lions!

Twenty-three members, one guest speaker and one potential new member attended our regular noon meeting. Guest speaker, Janet Atkinson, the author of the book *"Wings of Eagles,"* and one potential new member, Rob Rosenberg, attended the meeting. Lion Pres. Jack H. brought the meeting to order promptly at noon. The song and pledge were led by Lion Bill D. and the prayer was said by Lion Tim A. The Lion Welcome Song was led by Lion Bob P.

DISCUSSION

- There were two birthdays to report. Lion Bob P. had his 74th birthday, and Lion Steve F. celebrated his birthday on the 19th.
- Lion Pres. Jack H. read a story to the group about a farmer from Ireland buying a bull from Scotland.
- He also read the congratulatory letter the club received from Lion PID Wing-Kun Tan for Membership Retention Award and a patch was included, to be attached to our banner. It was given to Lion Len R. for handling.
- A student from Summerville High School is asking the club for support for her senior project of running a 5K race on April 6th; timers are needed.
- Lion PDG Felix R. announced that students from Summerville will be hosting Pancake breakfasts at Applebee's to raise money for solar panels. There will be 3 breakfasts – March 23rd, April 6th and April 27th. The cost is \$8 per person.
- It was announced that Lion Doug F. will be our Sight Conservation representative for our club.
- There will be a donation of a C-Pap machine to the H.E.L.P. program and several other pieces of equipment. Those in need should contact the program managers for more information about it.
- Lion Dusty R.'s wife will be having surgery. Lion PDG Tom P. also had a procedure performed on Thursday of this week. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

- The Secret Lion was Lion Frank M. He reported that everyone shook his hand.
- Lion Bob B. asked who would be attending the District Convention next month. As it stands, Lion Bob B., Lion Jim G., Lion PDG Felix R., Lion PDG Tom P. and Lion ZC Wendy D. will be going.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Sunshine Committee** No new news per Lion Diann K.
- **Nominating Committee** Lion Pres. Jack H., Lion Jim G. and Lion Jack N. will be putting together a survey to help pick the projects we will tackle next year, plan our budgeting for each project, decide on the direction our club wants to take, and rank the priority of these projects.
- **Budget Committee** The committee will be getting together on April 17th to decide on plans for the next year and then take to the BOD for club planning.
- **Meals on Wheels** Lion Frank M. said that the Subaru dealership in town has donated a Subaru vehicle for the MOW drivers to use. They have 5 vehicles available now for drivers who do not wish to use their personal cars. There is also a Drivers' Dinner scheduled for Friday night.
- **Slate of Officers** Lion ZC Wendy D. was asked to read the slate of officers for next year. A motion was made by Lion Jack N. and seconded by Lion Bob B. to accept the slate of officers as read and it was voted and accepted by the club members. The date of induction is to be set shortly.
- **Science Fair** Tuolumne County had the Science Fair and the judges made their determinations. It is a school-wide event. Lion Pres. Jack H. will be presenting the awards. As always, the Sonora Lions Club provides the awards and trophies for this event.

• **Lions Park** Lion Jim G. made his pitch for workers to help Thursday morning to get the remainder of the wood chips off the street and into the park. Workers and wheelbarrows were requested for the club. Students from Cassina High were going to be coming down to aid in this job. The Sonora Area Foundation for a grant for funding. We should get a decision in mid-April.

• **Eyesight Foundation** Lion Frank C. reported that over 500 pairs of glasses have been collected and he will be distributing these at the District Convention next month.

• **H.E.L.P.** Lion Mike E. says he has multiple pieces of medical equipment, including walkers, wheelchairs, commodes and crutches to turn in. Lion Bill D. reported that hearing aids and wheelchairs keep coming in.

• **All Star Football Game** Lion PDG Felix R. was asking people to buy either \$10 or \$50 ads for the program. The local coaches and players who were selected to participate will be our program on April 10th.

• **Cioppino Dinner** Lion Paul B. and Lion Frank M. estimated the tickets sale total was probably going to be around 220-240. It was announced that dessert was going to be chocolate raspberry cheesecake, and that the makers offered us the same deal that we got from the dessert served at the Lobster dinner last fall. We still need more raffle prizes and also Lions to help decorate the hall and tables. We need baskets to combine raffle prizes.

• **Membership** A short meeting was held after the conclusion of the meeting where the Board members present voted to accept the application of Rob Rogerson for membership in the Club. He is officially a Sonora Lions club member.

PROGRAM Lion Jim G. gave a brief bio on our guest speaker this week, author Janet Atkinson, author of the book "Wings of Eagles," and several other books. Ms. Atkinson gave a very interesting presentation on the history of women in aviation and the courage and determination of her daughter, growing up in an era where women pilots were just not in existence and her

perseverance in pursuing her dreams. She has also written two books on the local folks of our area.

RAFFLES Lion Len R. and Lion John P. won the cash raffles. Unfortunately, Lion Wendy D. forgot to write down whose name was drawn for the Critter raffle to be fine-free next week. Guest Rob R. won the Black Ball drawing. He withdrew a white ball, so no prize was awarded again this week.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **March 25th** Mountain Region Student Speaker Contest, 6 p.m., with Lion RC Gary W. in San Andreas at the Supervisor's Chambers.
- **March 29th** Cioppino Dinner, Elks Club from 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- **April 14th** Relay for Life of Tuolumne County 2013 Survivors' Night dinner, Elks Lodge, 5-7 p.m.
- **April 19-21st** District Convention, Sacramento.
- **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.
- **June 22nd** Open House at the Historic Dome Campus including Sonora Lions Park, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **June 23rd** Omelet Breakfast fundraiser, Senior Center.

That's all for now folks...Meow! Lion Wendy D.



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