



Sonora Lions Roar



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"We Serve"

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Greetings Fellow Lions!

Twenty-seven members, one soon-to-be member and one guest attended our regular noon meeting on this beautiful spring day. Lion Pres. Jack H. brought the meeting to order shortly after noon. The song and pledge were led by Lion Bill D. and the prayer was said by Lion Tim A. Pat Greenwell, our guest speaker was introduced to the members and the Lion Welcome song was led by Lion Bob P.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

• There was one birthday to celebrate. Lion Joanne P. had celebrated her birthday on Monday, April 1st. However, she assures us she is "no fool!" She paid a \$5 fine to have the birthday song sung "nicely" plus an extra dime for every year of age. The total amount was not disclosed. She did thank us all for a good job of



singing.

• Lion Pres. Jack H. gave thanks to all who helped make our Annual Cioppino dinner a great success, especially those Lions who stayed the entire day (12 full hours), which included Lions Bob B., Frank M., Tim A., Tom P. and himself. Lion Paul B. was on the scene or gathering supplies/prizes for the entire day also.

A special shout-out for the Summerville High students who helped was given also. They did a fine job! There were quite a few compliments received from the guests present at the Cioppino Dinner. The highest praise of all came from the creator of the Cioppino recipe, Lion Dusty R., who reported that in all his 90-odd years of eating Cioppino, this was by far, the best he has ever had! Well done folks!

• Lion PDG Felix R. asked who the Secret Lion was this week and almost had to threaten to fine him when he did not reveal his identity. Ultimately, Lion Dusty R. admitted to being the Secret Lion and confessed that absolutely everybody shook his hand. He paid a fine for this.

• Lion PDG Felix R. collected many fines from the club members for not knowing the message from the International President in the Lions Magazine and other selected points of interest in this edition. Lion PDG Felix R. also collected a few fines regarding last week's newsletter.

• Lion Joanne P. had a very Happy Buck to report today. It was 3 years to the day that she has been cancer-free from her breast cancer! Great news indeed!

• Lion Tim A. had brought in some of his special toffee coated peanuts and almond brittle for sale, the proceeds from which go to his business "Seeds of Dignity" that helps people in the Philippines.

• Lion Ray B., after having to pay a fine, held the floor while telling the story of Ernesto the groundskeeper and the millionaire. Very funny!

• Lion Pres. Jack H. sent the sign-up sheet for the "Lions at Work" T-shirts and asked that all who signed up for one to please make sure the size is correct on the form.

• Lion Pres. Jack H. read two letters to the Sonora Lions. One was from the Tuolumne County Trivia Bee thanking Lion PDG Felix R. and the Sonora Lions for their continuing support. The second letter was from County Superintendent, Joseph Silva, thanking the Sonora Lions Club for their support and help in the 2013 County Science Fair. The Sonora Area Foundation donated \$600 to our club Eye Care Fund.

• Lion Wendy D. passed around ballots for club members to vote on their top 3 choices for a club slogan. The top 3 choices are: Sonora Lions, Serving the Mother Lode Since 1922; Serving Our Community; and We Serve the Mother Lode. These will be voted on by the Board at Monday's meeting.

• We received a surprise visit from Lion RC Gary West who spoke briefly to the club, apologizing for an incident that had gone bad at the Region Student Speaker Contest.

• Lion Cecil S. announced that the storage locker has a new lock and would like to have all of the old keys turned in.

- Lion Pres. Jack H. awarded Lion Paul B. the Star of Excellence pin for his hard work and dedication towards chairing the Cioppino Dinner Fund Raiser.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Meals on Wheels** Lion Frank M. reported \$624 was saved and 314 meals were served in March.
- **Lions Park** Lion Jim G. announced the sign for Lions Park is to be erected on Thursday morning. Due to the rain; however, this has been postponed until Friday.
- **Cioppino Dinner** Lion Jack N. gave a ballpark figure of around \$4000 in proceeds from the dinner. He would like to have all receipts to be turned in by next week's meeting so they can get the final totals.
- **Eye Glass Collection** Lion Frank C. reported he has collected another 400 pairs of eye glasses, bringing the total so far this year to over 1300 for our community.

PROGRAM

Lion Jim G. introduced our guest speaker for today, Pat Greenwell, an attorney. He spoke about the origin of the first "Festival of Lights" in Wheeling, West Virginia and how he would like to bring that idea to Sonora. He is asking all the service clubs in our area/county to "adopt a window" in town,



decorate it~light up the town, bring in folks to look at the decorations and generate business and good will in Sonora. He will try to match up the club with the appropriate business.

The Kiwanis, Rotary club and even the Tuolumne County Needlepoint Association will be participating. He would like to have one point person to contact from the club and gave us an application to take to the Board to consider.

RAFFLES

Lion PDG Felix R. and Lion Dusty R. won the cash raffles. Lion Joanne P. won the Critter award and will be fine-free next week. Lion Bill D. won the Black Ball drawing. He withdrew a white ball—oh plllttttt, so no prize was awarded again this week.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **April 8th** Board of Directors meeting, 5:30 p.m., Pine Tree Restaurant.
- **April 14th** Relay for Life of Tuolumne County 2013 Survivors' Night dinner, Elks Lodge, 5-7 p.m.
- **April 19-21st** District Convention, Sacramento.
- **April 21st** Wounded Warriors Golf Tournament, Phoenix Lake Golf Course.
- **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 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.



P.S. I am saddened to report that I have heard from last year's Zone Chair, Lion Ellie Duste, and good friend to many in our club, that her husband, Lion Ray Duste has passed away this morning at Emmanuel Hospital in Turlock, CA, after a long fight with heart and kidney disease. Information regarding a service for him is not available yet.

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