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Greetings Fellow Lions!

Twenty-six Lions and one guest attended our regular noon meeting on this beautiful 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. Our special guest was

Pat Rhodes, Dusty's wife. The Lions Welcome song was led by Bob P.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

• We had one birthday to celebrate today, which was Mike's special day. It was rumored that his son had stolen his birthday when he turned 39, so he lost count after that. Mike opted to just pay his fine instead of spinning the wheel. We all sang a rousing version of the Lions' birthday song.

• Pres. Jack read us a short story, asking us if churches in Las Vegas accepted gambling chips as donations. Absolutely, they do! As it turns out, there are more Catholic churches than casinos in LV. They separate the chips from the cash and checks, and send them



all off to a local Franciscan Monastery. There the chips are cleaned and sorted to be cashed in at the casinos by the.....wait for it....."Chip monks!" Tail Twister Felix couldn't fine Jack for that groaner because he had won the "critter" last week and was fine-free this week.

• Tail Twister Felix went directly to Jim G. and fined him for several "infractions" he committed over the weekend while at the convention. Jim protested, saying "what goes on at the convention, stays at the convention." It still didn't save him from being fined. When asked what the infractions were, Felix related that one incidence was, when we were arranging for a new motivational speaker

for the club, Jim was nowhere to be found. It was later discovered he was in the hotel's hot tub with his lady friend....Ooooo la la! Today's Secret Lion was Treasurer Jack, who admitted everyone, save Glenn G. (who arrived late), had greeted him properly. Hmm, that makes 2 weeks recently that Glenn G. has failed to shake the Secret Lion's hand. Jim G. had to leave the room momentarily to take a phone call, but gladly paid his fine upon returning, stating that the call was from the S.A.F. telling us they will be fulfilling our grant request for \$11,500. Good job Jim! Felix returned the dollar to Jim because it was a Lions business call.

• Bill had a Happy Buck (sort of) relating that a California Black Bear was spotted at the fairgrounds. The bear hasn't been seen since then, so he questioned the validity of the siting. Bill also asked the group if any of us knew what the most "deadliest orgasm" was. After picking several Lions off the floor while they were laughing uncontrollably, he corrected his statement to say "organism." It is the mosquito, being known to carry several diseases, including some that will kill their victims.



• Diann had a Happy Buck, stating that escrow has finally closed, the transfer is finished and the money is in the bank! WTG Diann! Bet you're glad that business is finished.



• Tim had a Happy Buck, relating that he and his lovely wife, Kathy, just celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. Congratulations you two! Tim also reported that a \$50,000 grant was awarded to the group they help over in the Philippines to help build homes.

• Felix reminded the group about the Summerville student who is working on her senior project, a

pancake breakfast at Applebee's on April 27th to raise \$10,000 for solar panels for Summerville High. The cost is \$8 per person. This is the final push for her endeavor.

- Felix sent around the sign-up sheet to purchase \$10 or \$50 ads for the All-Star Football game program. The payment for these ads needs to be in before May 1st.

- Felix had won a NY Yankees ball cap at another function and wanted to raffle it off and donate the proceeds to the club. Pres. Jack bid \$5 and won it.



- Pres. Jack told us that he had a few more "Lions at Work" T-shirts to distribute. If anyone wants to order more, we would have to order them in groups of 8 or more, otherwise the price would be ridiculously high.

- Pres. Jack asked if anyone had any idea where the missing "Pride Stride" banner was. Jim G. said he had a lead on it and was in the process of tracking it down.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Meals on Wheels** Frank M. announced that the new director was in place now. All the drivers' schedules are being handed in for the next month.

- **Omelet Breakfast** Still on schedule with tickets available soon. It is scheduled for June 23rd.



- **Wounded Warrior Project Golf Tournament** Glenn G. said that they all had a very good time, but unfortunately, our team had just a par game, so no awards.

- **Sunshine Report** Diann had no news to report.
- **Finance Committee** There was to be a short meeting after the regular meeting. The results of last week's survey will be discussed.

- **Habitat for Humanity:** Mal asked if our club was still interested in participating because they still need lots of help. The Board will discuss and get back to him.



- **Lions Park** Jim G. spoke at length about the progress of Sonora Lions Park. Tom and Jim spent a couple hours during the week constructing

barriers around each BBQ pit to contain the sand that will be transferred there this coming weekend. Also, on Saturday, a large group of folks from the Latter Day Saints will be coming to the park to help with the laborious task of transferring the final 50 cu. feet of wood chips up into the park. There were 8 categories for Lions to fill in a supervisory capacity to help with this final push. Five or six Lions have volunteered so far, but a couple more Lions would be very welcome. Supervisors are needed for the sand transfer, directing traffic, director for the wood chips distribution, the shoveling of the wood chips, the flow of the wheel barrows of chips into the park, help with transferring the slash from the tree and brush trimmings, putting some of the slash into Frank M's son, Marty's truck, and folks to supervise the pulling of the weeds. The fun starts Saturday, April 27th at 8 a.m. until ??

- **Pride Stride** Jim G. said this is still in the early planning, but getting ready to go into high gear. The event is scheduled for Saturday, August 3rd at Columbia College again. We need sponsors for the event, who will get their names on the back of the T-shirt. For more information, you can go to www.active.com.

PROGRAM

Pres. Jack recapped the weekend's Convention news, including the fact that we won **Top Club in**



Division B for the second year in a row, and also **Top Club in the Mountain Region.** This was due to the hard work and due diligence of our club members. A special shout-out was given for ZC Wendy for her work, not only as

Zone Chair, but for doing the newsletter and the club scrapbook. He awarded her another Star of Excellence. Pres. Jack then turned the floor over to

Bob B. who went over the highlights of the convention and the specific awards that we won. Keynote speakers at the convention were Past International Director Rick Myers and Rob Hartley from the Long Beach Lions Club, a motivational speaker and dynamic membership warrior. The Lion of the Year award was to have been given to PDG Pat Casey-Gillum, except DG Jim could not find the actual plaque. We should have had our Tail Twister Felix collect a fine for that big blooper! First Vice District Governor Elect Kent Christensen was given the International President Award for Leadership. PDG Terry and Sandy Anderson received the Lincoln Abraham Fellowship Award for their great humanitarian efforts this past year. Ron Raines and PDG Pat Diamond received International Presidential Awards. The Sonora Lions were given banner plaques and/or patches for our participation in: Lions District 4A-1 Pull-Tab Service

ZC Wendy was given the Harry J. Aslan Fellow Award from the Student Speakers Foundation, presented by DG Jim Syvertsen for her work in the



District as Zone Chairperson. ZC Wendy was also awarded the PDG Harry Carlson Award through the MedicAlert Children's Program, presented to her by PDG Terry Anderson.

PDG Tom spoke briefly about bringing up Lion Rob Hartley as a guest speaker, who is an extraordinarily successful fundraiser and membership challenger. He will be speaking of new and fun and different ways to raise money for the club and thus, our community.



Project for the Ronald McDonald House Charities, MedicAlert, Eyemobile and the All-Star Football Game.



Our club received a certificate of recognition for our club scrapbook and also won **First Place in the Division B Scrapbook Contest!**

RAFFLES

Bob P. and Pat, Dusty's wife, won the cash raffles and the Critter was won by Tim, who will be fine-free next week. The Dollar Lottery was won by PDG Felix. The chance to draw the Black Ball was won by Frank M., who unfortunately, drew out a white marble. The pot continues to grow to almost \$300.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **April 27th** Lions Park final wood chips transfer and other finishing touches needing to be completed, starting at 8 a.m.
- **May 3rd** Set-up booth for Relay for Life Walk. Time to be determined soon.
- **May 4-5th** Relay for Life Walk, Sonora High School track. Survivors' lap following the opening ceremonies at 9 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. Visiting dignitary will be Lion PDG Don Allen from the Oakdale Lions Club.

- **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.
- **August 3rd** Pride Stride Cross Country Run, Columbia College.

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

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