



Sonora Lions Roar



Sonora Lions Club • Sonora, California USA

Volume XCI Number 21

"Sonora Lions, Serving the Mother Lode since 1922"

May 08 & 15, 2013

Greetings Fellow Lions!

As some of you are already aware, our news bulletin is in transition. We are going from a weekly newsletter to a biweekly newsletter, and eventually, the plan is to convert to a once monthly newsletter. If any of our awesome Lions members have suggestions to help make this news bulletin even better, by all means, please submit your ideas and photos. After all, this is YOUR newsletter, for your benefit, enjoyment and hopefully, we can all learn a few things from it. It is a living entity and I expect it will be continually evolving (hopefully for the better).

On May 8th, attendance was down a little. Could this be due to the start of vacation season perhaps? We had 1 guest speaker present, Sherri Brennan, Tuolumne County Supervisor. The May 15th meeting was a little better represented with



23 members, 1 guest speaker, Leon Casas, the new CEO of Meals on Wheels and 1 returning guest and potential new member, Michelle Dean, from NYL Insurance. The song and pledge were led by Bill D. and the prayer was said by Tim. Tim also reminded the group that Wednesday, May 15th, was National Police Remembrance Day and asked we give thanks and a few moments of silence for these fallen heroes. The Lions Guest Welcome song was led by Tim and Bob P. for the respective meetings.

MESSAGE FROM LIONS INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR, WAYNE A. MADDEN

"Failing to plan is planning to fail." Good words to heed.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- We had 2 birthdays for the May 8th meeting – John P. turned 82-years-young on the 7th and John E., who stated he would not be here next week for his birthday celebration, paid in advance. For the



meeting this week, it was revealed that Ed B. was celebrating his birthday. He spun the wheel and had to pay 2x the fine. He opted for the really robust version of the Lions

Birthday Song, which we provided wholeheartedly.

- Pres. Jack recruited Wendy in the reading of a story for the group about a parrot being adopted after being raised in a "house of ill-repute." Felix, the ever-omnipotent Tail-Twister, decided it was fine-worthy for both. Wendy protested, saying when a Lion is asked to help out, they don't refuse! She paid her fine anyway.



- Pres. Jack handed out 2 Stars of Excellence for service above and beyond to PDG Tom and Wendy, for their work on the recent Relay for Life event. During the May 15th meeting, Pres. Jack awarded two Service Awards, one to Tim for 10 years of service, and one to Treas. Jack for 15 years of service.



- The Secret Lion on May 8th was Bill D, who reported everyone, save for Felix and John E., shook his hand. On May 15th, our Secret Lion was Les. Having snuck into the meeting very close to starting time, quite a few members failed to greet him properly, including the entire center table, save for Bill D. Tim was given 3 free



"fine-waivers" from Felix for his comments the week before at not being able to taunt the Tail-Twister, but he declined, stating he'd rather earn them.

• **Happy Bucks** ~ Tim was very proud of his son-in-law, who just graduated with a Master's in Education. ~ Paul was also very proud of his



eldest boy, who just graduated from pre-school and is now moving on to the "Big Leagues." ~ Bob

and Joanne P. have just celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary. Congratulations you two! ~ Wendy sort of had a Happy Buck, announcing the changes in the newsletter that are about to take place. ~ Rob R. stated he was exceedingly happy that when his car's transmission went out and he had an accident, it was all covered because it was still under warranty. ~ Glenn G. had a Happy Buck, just because Felix wasn't there to fine him!

DISTRICT NEWS

• **District Meeting, San Andreas** Sec. Bob gave a short summary of the recent district meeting in San Andreas. There was very low attendance at this latest meeting. Bob discussed that with the incoming cabinet, there will be new breakout sessions and a slightly different way of running it, a shorter duration, and all members were encouraged to think about attending the next one in August.

• **MedicAlert** One-hundred seventy kids have been helped by our district's contributions and aid this year.

• **Ronald McDonald House Pull-Tab Program** Our district fell just 67 pounds short of donating a TON of pull tabs towards this very worthy project. We collected over 3700 pounds for this program over the last 4 years. That equals to over 1 year's-worth of overnight stays for families in need.



RONALD MCDONALD
HOUSE CHARITIES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

• **All-Star Football** It was mentioned that the monies for the ads have to be turned in by the first of June. Ace Hardware has taken out a ¼ page ad because the manager's son will be the quarterback. Bill D. also stated that a half-page ad will appear in the program from John P's business, because John's grandson will be playing for the All-Star

team. Awesome job! This is the 40th Anniversary of the Lions All-Star Football game, so a special ceremony is planned for the half-time show and all the former All-Star football players have been invited to participate in this ceremony.

• **Raiders Football Game Fundraiser** The game is set for October 6th. The Raiders will be playing the San Diego Chargers on that day. The cost for the bus ride, BBQ, drinks on the bus to and from the game, and the game tickets is \$105. Lesser tickets are available for those who don't want to participate in all those events that day. There will be a bus leaving from Sonora and a bus departing Modesto for this game.



• **Sunshine Report** Diann's knee replacement surgery went well and she is at home and recuperating nicely. Physical therapy will be starting, first with visits to her home, and then when she is released for driving, she will have to go to the rehab facility.



©Gary Thomas / Illustration01.com/102487

• **Relay for Life** PDG Tom related that the Friday evening set-up and Saturday/Sunday walk went very smoothly with the help of several Lion members. Tom and Wendy both spent the entire 24-hours-plus there, and enjoyed meeting and greeting the other walkers and helpers. We had a total of \$1810 collected in donations, so far, from



all 3 clubs, with walkers from each club. The luminary ceremony on Saturday night was especially beautiful and meaningful. Frank C., coordinator of the food wagon, had leftover meat for sale to the club members at \$3/lb. for hamburger patties and hot dogs. He still has 3 pounds of hamburger and 2 pounds of hot dogs remaining. Please contact Frank C. at tchrs_pt@sbcglobal.net or 209-536-0270 if you are interested in purchasing any.

- **Omelet Breakfast** Frank M. reported that the ticket sales \$\$ was starting to trickle in. He had posters available for those who wish to display them around town. We are hoping to collect around 30 raffle prizes/gifts for this event, so everyone is invited to bring something to help out. A sign-up sheet will be passed around next week for Lions to help serve and cook. The most help will be needed prior to the beginning of the actual breakfast, around 7 a.m.



- **Lions Park** Jim mentioned that we are basically done with our renovations. The fence will be installed in the next 2 weeks. The Historic Dome Campus Day is scheduled for June 22nd, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and a committee is getting together to decide how we will represent ourselves and our park during the festivities. Tim will co-chair this event along with Jim. Lions are needed to help hang our banners, display our awards/scrapbooks, and decide if we want any type of refreshments available. There is a plaque being made of granite for the rededication of our park. It will be installed at the base of the new sign for the Sonora Lions Park.



- **Calendar and Project Committee** Met today before the regular noon meeting. A draft of the budget for next year was approved by the BOD.
- **Meals on Wheels** Frank M. reported it was rolling along nicely.
- **Installation Committee** Bob P., Felix, Diann and Wendy are on the committee. They will be meeting soon to determine any special events and coordinate with our guest, PDG Don Allen. We will get with Stella and let her know that there will be

extra people attending that day, as wives and significant others are invited to attend.

- **Habitat for Humanity** Mal will get back with the folks from Habitat and tell them our concerns. He mentioned that clubs would be matched up with work duties suitable for their skills and abilities. More info will be forthcoming.



PROGRAM

- Sherri Brennan, Tuolumne County Supervisor, was introduced to the club at our May 8th meeting. She thanked us for our continued support of Tuolumne County and all that the Lions Club does for our community. She talked about the realities of being a public official, the difficulties encountered, disappointments and successes. She is on 14 different committees, so she is kept extremely busy. She addressed how Realignment is being handled and that no "rural" county is being represented in this process, which is very unfortunate, since our needs are very different than those of the large, urban counties that were selected. She also talked about how the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) could potentially affect us.

- Frank M. introduced our May 15th guest speaker, Leon Casas, the new CEO of Meals on Wheels down at the Senior Center here in Sonora. Leon has been a life-long resident of Tuolumne County. He has recently taken command of the MOW program. He reported that since 2007, over 309,000 meals have been delivered and 55,000 meals have been provided so far this year alone.



There are now 5 vehicles provided for the MOW program. Pets are also supported through the MOW program by supplying food and snacks for dogs and cats.



Medical transportation is also provided as part of their services. They are also starting a firewood program to people whose main source of heating is

wood. Help is needed for those who can cut the wood, stack it and store it. Leon also mentioned the other services available through the Senior Center, including every Wednesday from 10-12, you can get help with drawing up wills and formal contracts. They are staffed with retired attorneys and other professionals. The selection criteria for eligibility in the MOW program is that you must be 60+ years of age, low income, house-bound or isolated or have little family or outside support. Currently they have a staff of 7 folks. They always have a need for extra drivers in the summertime, when the regular drivers go on vacation.

RAFFLES

May 8th cash raffles were won by Frank M. and Dennis H. The Critter was won by Les. Bill D. won the Black marble draw, but still managed to withdraw a white marble. Dusty won the Dollar Lottery. At the meeting on May 15, Treas. Jack and Bill won the cash raffles and Joanne won the "critter" and will be fine-free next week. John P. won the Black Ball drawing, but withdrew a white marble. The pot would have been \$315.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **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.
- **June 15th** All-Star Football Game, MJC, Modesto, CA, Pre-game 6 p.m., game to start at 7 p.m.
- **June 19th** An all-day seminar will be put on by fund-raiser extraordinaire, Rob Hartley. Venue is to be determined.
- **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.
- **July 11th** Lions Pig in the Park fundraiser for Camp Pacifica, \$12, starts at 6 p.m.

- **August 3rd** Second Annual Lions Pride Stride Cross-Country Race, Columbia College, 8 a.m.
- **August 17th** Modesto Nuts game, tickets \$12, posters are available.
- **October 6th** 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. There are 39 seats available at this time. Contact Lion Felix for more information at romo@mlode.com or 209-768-0742.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS/PROGRAMS

May 22 Wes Wittman, Veterinarian

May 29 Eric Aitken, Tuolumne County Recreation Dept.

June 5 Michelle Dean, New York Life Insurance

June 12 Installation of 2013-14 club officers lunch, wives and significant others are invited to attend. Guest dignitary, Lion PDG Don Allen.

June 19 Rob Hartley, Membership warrior

June 26 Rebecca Miller, Cripps; UC Cooperative Extension (Oak Preservation Education)

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

Lion Wendy



President: Lion Jack Harris, smilnjak@mlode.com

Secretary: Lion Bob Bader, garibob@mlode.com

Membership Chair: Lion Jim Gormely,
jimgormely@mlode.com

Webmaster: Lion Ray Bailey, bailey-r@sbcglobal.net

News Editor: Lion ZC Wendy Dart,
SuziChocolate@yahoo.com

District Governor: Lion Jim Syvertsen,
jsyvert@sbcglobal.net

Sonora Lions Club, P.O. Box 101,
Standard, CA 95373

Pine Tree Restaurant, Wednesdays at 12 noon

District MD 4-A1, Mountain Region, Zone 3

www.SonoraLions.org

Sonora Lions, Serving the Mother Lode

Since 1922

Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nations Safety