



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

Pine Tree Restaurant, 19601 Hess Rd, Wednesdays at 12 noon

District MD 4-A1, Mountain Region, Zone 3

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Fellow Lions,

We as Lions do a lot for the Tuolumne County Community. We have been a part of so many projects over the last 93 years that it is dizzying to think about. But what amazes me even more is the contributions of our membership to causes outside of Lions Club. There are so many of our past and current members involved in projects and organizations outside the club that help and encourage so many people. Your giving attitudes and selfless devotion to the betterment of your community is not just commendable, it reflects back on the club when people say "and did you know he/she is also a member of the Sonora Lions Club?"

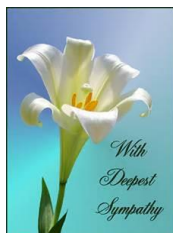
So thank you for doing what you're doing. Many individuals and your community are better off for your efforts. Keep it up!

Lion Tim

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It is with deep sadness we report the passing of Stella Eachus, Lion Mike Eachus' wife, on Friday, September 25th. We know the pain of losing someone dear and want to let Mike know that our thoughts and prayers are with him through this difficult time.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



October 10 – Kenny Ayers

October 10 – Loren Kaiser

October 13 – Glenn Carroll

October 18 – Kelly Ward

October 20 – Wally Ratzlaff

October 27 – Chris Link

October 29 – Lisa Melville

GENERAL DISCUSSION (All meetings are opened with a patriotic song, pledge, and a prayer. Our Lions' Welcome song is sung for visitors and guests).

- Our guests for the September 2nd meeting were Carol and Ethel, both friends of Lion Bill Dunlavy. Gail Witzelsteiner was our guest speaker today from SRMC Cancer Center. There were 27 Lions present for today's meeting.
- At the September 9th meeting, we welcomed Carolyn Ratzlaff again, Lion Wally's beautiful bride, Karyn Calhoun, a friend of Lion Diann Kaiser's, and Daniel, Lion Paul Berg's handsome son. We had 32 Lion members present at today's meeting.
- Visiting us during our September 16th meeting was Karyn Calhoun, Lion Diann's friend. Terry Skaff, Lion Joe's wife was here as was Trinity Avila from Habitat for Humanity as our guest speaker today.
- For the September 23rd meeting, Lisa Rowe and Maureen Graham (Nancy's Hope) were visitors of

PDG Tom Penhallegon and Lion Wendy Dart. Mike Ayala, the Executive Director of the Tuolumne County Chamber of Commerce was our guest speaker for the day. We had 22 members attending today. PDG Tom Penhallegon performed the induction of our newest member, Karyn Calhoun today. Congratulations Lion Karyn and to your sponsor, Lion Diann.



Lion Diann Kaiser (sponsor), Karyn Calhoun, and PDG Tom Penhallegon performing the induction ceremony for Karyn.

- Unbelievably, we had no visitors at our September 30th meeting, and unfortunately, our guest speaker encountered some technical difficulties and was not able to present his program. He may be rescheduled for a future date.

TAIL TWISTER TALES

- The Secret Lion for the September 2nd meeting was Lion Ray Bailey. He was able to have fines collected from several Lions. Fines were assessed to Lions Frank Meckler, Ray Bailey and Bill Dunlavy for talking. Lion Mal Perry was fined for arriving late.

- The Secret Lion for the September 9th meeting was Lion Joe Skaff, who busted several Lions for not greeting him properly.

- Our Secret Lion for the September 16th meeting was Lion Dennis Schroeder. He indicated that several Lions failed to shake his hand. Stella, the proprietor of the Pine Tree Restaurant, gave each Lions club member a ticket for a chance at a free dinner at the Greek Food Fair (a \$14 value). Lion Bill Dunlavy won this, but since he knew he would be unable to attend, the ticket was auctioned off for \$5 to Lion Chris Link. A dozen



eggs were auctioned off to Lion Ruth Moyer and Lion Paul Berg for \$6 respectively.

- At the September 23rd meeting, the Secret Lion was Lion Diann Kaiser. She was able to have many Lions fined for not greeting her properly. A dozen eggs were auctioned off to Lion Karyn Calhoun for \$4.

- The Secret Lion for the September 30th meeting was Lion Joanne Presson. She was able to rake in some big bucks for the club for those not greeting her as they should. Lion Doug Fleming was fined for being late, as was Lion Glenn Gottschall. Lions Jim Gormely and Diann Kaiser were fined for talking. PDG Tom Penhallegon won the egg auction for \$5 for his dozen this week.

HAPPY BUCKS

Lion John Moyer had a Happy Buck because he had just undergone a successful cataract extraction ~ Lion Ray Bailey talked about his trip and having to have his car fixed while in Oregon ~ Lion Leonard Ruoff had a Happy Buck because he is 94-1/2 years old and is glad he's still alive ~ We were all reminded to get our shingles shot ~ Lion Bill Dunlavy had a Happy Buck because he was wearing a Lions jacket from Phil Wood, and the Giants won ~ Lion Dennis Schroeder had a great time catching crawfish ~ Lion Ron Cole related he was scared to death over the Butte Fire raging all around us and



had a Happy Buck on behalf of all the firefighters out there working to save our community ~ Lion Jim Gormely snitched on Lion Dennis Schroeder for winning a chili cookoff ~ Lion Ray Bailey related a story of what not to do while working with car batteries and cable wires, and pointed out that if the worse that happened was injuring his finger so that he couldn't wear his wedding ring, then he had nuttin' to be complaining about ~ Lion Wendy Dart had a very Happy Buck being very glad to get rid of their 24 year-old couch and replace it with a brand new one...her butt was doing the Happy Dance! ~ PDG Tom had a Happy Buck because Lion Joe Skaff will be going to the Lions Leadership Institute next month ~ Lion Diann Kaiser was happy because her grandson came in 2nd in the Indy race ~ Lion Ray

Bailey's wife just celebrated her birthday, and he reported he is now sleeping with a 72 year-old lady ~~ Lion Frank Meckler's Happy Buck was because his new car just turned 23 years old and is still running ~~ Lion Kenny Ayers had a Happy Buck because his favorite Sprint Car driver did well ~~



Lion Dennis Schroeder had a Happy Buck from watching the latest solar eclipse ~~ Lion Kenny Ayers was very happy because compared to a year ago, his walking has improved 100% + ~~ Lion Joe Skaff had a Happy Buck after spending the day with his daughter and grandson, when his daughter surprised him with the announcement that since her son was lonesome, they decided to do something about it, and she is now pregnant again! Congratulations Grandpa! ~~ Lion Paul Berg had a Happy \$5 because the Kings started training camp, the Panthers were doing well, his Football Fantasy team was doing well, he and his wife just celebrated their



8th wedding anniversary, and they have started the process for being placed in a Habitat for Humanity Home! ~~ Lion Bill Dunlavy had a Happy Buck, not because the Giants were out of the running for a post-season slot, but because they were such good sports about it ~~ Lion Karyn Calhoun's Happy Buck was because her lifelong friend just got a new grandson ~~ Lion Jerri Critchfield's Happy Buck was not because she wouldn't be here for the Lobster Dinner, but rather because she would be down for her grandson's graduation from Marine bootcamp and also she got the good news that she will not have to have surgery ~~ Lion Tim Atchley's Happy Buck was for Jaica, a young girl in the Philippines who was able to have surgery on her clubbed feet because of the good work his ministry does over there, and she is now in the process of learning to walk for the first time in her life! ~~ Lion Judy Meeks just returned from judging a 64 horseback rider competition and it was outstanding ~~ Lion Bob Bader had a Happy Buck because he was now back from his extended 6-week trip across the nation. It was very enjoyable except that his wife Gerianne was struggling with a kidney infection and

then was later found to have some cracked ribs during their travels.

OCTOBER'S MESSAGE FROM IP JITSUHIRO YAMADA



Embrace the Spirit of Daring

About a decade ago I was privileged to visit the home in Calcutta, India, where Mother Teresa once cared for the desperately poor. Her love for others had a tremendous impact—not only on those she helped but also in inspiring others to follow her example. Mother Teresa was not rich or powerful. She did not hold office. She wielded no army. She owned next to nothing. Yet she changed the world. What a difference one person on a mission can make!

Her life actually is ironic—and instructive—for Lions. We Lions are not lone wolves. We serve together. We join a club because we realize we can accomplish so much more by working together. We realize we are not Mother Teresa. That's OK. We do what we can with our own talents. Our limitations actually can work to our advantage because in joining with other Lions we can accomplish so much more than we can do on our own.

So, Lions, be involved with your club as much as you can. Take part in the initiatives of Lions Clubs International as well. Help fulfill the centennial goals related to hunger, youth, sight and the environment. Support LCIF. Recruit a new member. Join us in beautiful Fukuoka, Japan, next year for the 99th International Convention. There is much more than strength in numbers: there is the opportunity to rebuild society. It's great you are a Lion. Thank you for your service and dedication. But always strive to be part of the worldwide Lions community and fully support our many remarkable initiatives.

It's easy to sit back and do the usual. But now is the time for you to be a Lion who goes outside your

comfort zone and makes service more a part of your life. I've heard it said: "Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all." So be adventurous and daring. Be a Lion.

RAFFLES

The cash raffles in August went to (Lions all): Jerri Critchfield, Jerri Critchfield (again!), Paul Berg, Jerri Critchfield (once again!), Joe Skaff, Chris Halley, Kenny Ayers, Glenn Gottschall, Wendy Dart, Ron Cole, Diann Kaiser, and Mike Eachus.



The fine-free critter was awarded to: John Moyer, Joanne Presson, Diann Kaiser, Ed Brown, and John Egger.

The Black Ball Draw chance was won by: Jerri Critchfield, Paul Berg, Leonard Ruoff, Kenny Ayers, and Dennis Heppner. They all withdrew the dreaded white ball, except on September 9th, Leonard Ruoff managed to separate that elusive black ball and win a whopping \$298! The pot now stands at \$84 and is growing again.



Lion Leonard Ruoff withdrew the black ball and won \$298!

SPOTLIGHT ON! (YOUR 3 MINUTES OF FAME)

Lion Tim Atchley talked a bit about himself during the September 2nd meeting. He was a former cop and his wife, Kathy, worked as a teacher, with both being retired now. Tim graduated from the FBI Academy. He has been with the Lions for 13 years now.



Lion Frank Meckler was our other 3 minute speaker. His eggciting report revealed that he was born in San Francisco and had attended UC Davis. Growing up, Lion Frank reported he helped his grandparents raise chickens, feeding and caring for them, so it was no wonder that poultry was in his genes. He was in the poultry business in his early years. The biggest chicken producer in this area is JS West, having over 1 million layers. Lion Frank has 3 sons, aged 57-61. He has been married for 62 years to the love of his life, Naomi.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Lobster Dinner Fundraiser** – Ticket sales are doing very well and are expected to top previous years in revenue. Workers signed up for work in the AM are asked to arrive at 9 am at the Elks Lodge. If you are helping during the latter part of the day, you are asked to be there by 4:30 pm. If you plan to be there for the entire event, you may take a break midday to go home to shower and rest, but please return by 4:30. As of the writing of this newsletter, we have pre-sold over 230 tickets! Any leftovers will be sold at the end of the event, and it will be in a more organized manner, being sold at one station only. We have lots of really good raffle gifts and a door prize of a \$500 gift certificate to Heuser's Furniture store in downtown Sonora. If you know of a distinguished guest that will be attending, please let us know so they can be acknowledged during the dinner. It has also been decided to include an information table for people to learn about who the Lions are, what we do, and how to join. At this table, there will also be the Sonora Lions 2016 Calendar for sale and S.H.A.R.E.S. cards available for those who want them. Lion Frank Meckler has graciously agreed to man this table for us. Lion Chris Link will be the MC for the event. There will also be a 50/50 raffle (or two!).

- **Library Help** – Lion Wendy Dart is happy to report that as of Tuesday afternoon, September 29th, the Sonora Lions Club and the Library were officially working together to help meet and greet the

clients coming into the library and providing assistance where needed.

- **H.E.L.P.** – Lion Dan reported that the HELP program is going along steadily. The appropriate contact number to give folks who call inquiring about it, would be the office number for the Sonora Mini Storage at 209-533-7766 and to ask for Dan or Kelly Ward.

- **Spot Vision Training** - PDG Kent Christensen will be here on Wednesday, October 14th at our regular meeting time. He will start the training towards the end of the meeting and continue beyond for about an hour or so.



- **Save Mart S.H.A.R.E.S. Program** – Lion Joe Skaff has assumed the role of chairing this program. He wants to reiterate how much this little program can help the club. No tickets to sell, no sweating in the heat of the summer; just handing your SHARES card over to the cashier at the Save Mart Store when you do your regular grocery shopping. Then 3% of what we spend there comes back to our club quarterly. It's that simple. You can give these cards to your family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. You need not be a Lion to use it.

- **Club Calendar Fundraiser** – Lion Wendy Dart was pleased and proud to present a short slide show of the club calendar on September 9th. It features beautiful scenic views of our area or club events that occur every year. Each calendar includes major holidays and important information regarding club functions. There is a sheet of 7 coupons included with each calendar with a value of \$50 or more. Each calendar sells for \$15. The calendars also include the history of the club and a comprehensive list of the activities and projects we participate in. Each member is asked to take 4 calendars to sell (or more)! We have approximately 90 extra calendars beyond the 4 per member.

- **Mother Lode Food Project** - The Green Bag food collection will be at our meeting before the second Saturday of every even numbered month. Translated, that means on the 2nd Wednesday of every February, April, June,



August, October, and December you need to bring in any foods you have collected to donate and put them in the lounge area of the Pine Tree Restaurant for pick-up. The next pick-up date is October 7th, so please bring in your non-perishable food items to the meeting on that day. Sue Mundy will be at the Pine Tree Restaurant around 1 pm to pick up the bags.

- **Sunshine Committee** - Lion Glenn Carroll has been feeling under the weather and we wish him a speedy recovery. Lion Bill Dunlavy's wife is doing a bit better with her struggles with shingles.



- **Soap Box Derby** – The subject of helping out with the Soap Box Derby was brought up, but with no response from the main membership.

- **Indigeny Reserve Fall Festival** – A signup sheet has been passed around for volunteers to help with this annual function. Indigeny has been very generous with their donations to our Glenn Bass Cross Country Run every year, so it is our privilege to help out with this event.



- **Butte Fire Update** – PDG Tom wrapped up our help with the Murphys-Angels Camp Lions Club with aiding the victims displaced by the Butte Fire. A total of 5 Lions from our club went up to help over the 3 days for a total of 142 hours.



RC Wendy Dart, Lion Barbara Raines, DG Ron Raines, Lion John Overton and PDG Tom Penhallegon, receiving the \$10,000 grant from LCIF.

- **Tuolumne County Health Fair** – This is going to be held at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds on October 20-21. There will be two 4-hour shifts each day, from 7-11 am, and from 11-3 pm. A signup sheet was sent



around for the two days to help Lion Doug Fleming with the glaucoma screenings.

- **Highway Cleanup Day** – This had to be postponed and will be rescheduled soon.

- **Club Christmas Party** – This year’s club party will be held at Lion Diann Kaiser’s home on December 20th at 2 pm. Final details are still to be determined.

- **Peace Poster Contest** – Lion Chris Halley is unable to chair this committee this year and we need someone to step up to the plate and take over. The kit has been ordered and received. Information on how to chair this contest is available.

- **Environmental Photo Contest** – Along the lines of the Peace Poster Contest is the Environmental Photo contest.



Anyone interested in participating, please submit your 8 x 10 printed photos to the

club before the next district meeting in November for judging. It will then be judged at the November District Meeting to go on to the next level. The five different categories are: Animal life, Plant life, Urban or natural landscape, Weather phenomenon, and the special theme of “A Dream for a healthy environment.”

SECRETARY’S MONTHLY REPORT, SEPT 2015

Submitted by Lion Secretary Bob Bader



- Total Membership from Last Report – 52
- New Members – 1
- Dropped Members – 0
- Transferred Members – 0
- Total Members at Close – 53
- Service Hours – 233 / YTD – 694
- Number of People Served – 149 / YTD – 885
- Number of Lions – 23 / YTD – 105
- Number of Eyeglasses Collected – 800/YTD – 800

- Twinning Relationships – 0 / YTD – 0
- Funds Raised - \$160 / YTD - \$9,166
- Funds Donated - \$2495/ YTD - \$9,010
- Total Activities – 11/ YTD – 34

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 9, 2015, Submitted by Acting Sec. Wendy Dart



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

SONORA LIONS CLUB of **Sonora, California** held its regular Board Meeting at the Pine Tree Restaurant on September 9, 2015. The meeting was called to order by President Atchley at 10:00 am.

The following Board Members were in attendance:

Atchley (P), Dart (1VP), Scaff (2 VP), Meeks (T), Berg (PP), Critchfield (M), Ayers (TT), Meckler (LT), Gottschall (1D), Link (1D), Brown (2D), Penhallegon (2D)

Minutes of the Business Meeting

Minutes of August 12, 2015: Approved with correction to change in Committee Reports, section A, where it should read President “Tim” and not “Tom.” (PDG Tom/Lion Meeks)

Financial Report:

- A. Accepted as presented. August 31 balances: Admin \$6,346.91, Project \$11,400.77. Copies attached.

Presentation of Bills:

- A. None. A letter of request for funds from A-TCAA was read. BOD approved to give them \$500 of the \$1,000 budgeted for this year, but to wait until after the Lobster dinner fundraiser.

Committee Reports:

- A. Membership – Lion Jerri said that Lion Diann Kaiser’s friend would be attending for the third time and an application for membership will be given to her this afternoon.
- B. Literacy Program – Lion Wendy was waiting to hear from Anita at the Library regarding this. Project will be shelved for now if no response to one more attempt. **Update:** The following day, Lion Wendy received an email from Anita stating that they do trainings on Thursdays and we had

a choice for Sept. 24th or October 1st. As soon as Lion Wendy hears from 2 more of the volunteers, we will more than likely proceed with the date of Sept. 24th.

- C. Lobster Dinner – Lion Skaff and Lion Meckler reported the ticket sales are a little slow. Lion Skaff mentioned that perhaps we should have the “top sellers” of the club mentor as to what makes their sales techniques so effective. Lion Joe will contact Stella at the Pine Tree regarding table cloths and napkins for the tables. Lion Wendy will order the balloon decorations. Lion Jim Gormely will be contacting the people regarding ordering the lobsters and also the dessert for the dinner. It was also discussed to set up a Lions information table for the public to get information on the Lions Club, how to join, get an application, etc.
- D. Rocca Park Concert Series/Modesto Nuts donation – PDG Tom reported we earned \$160 this past weekend. The last concert for our group is on the 19th. Lion Wendy reported that they do have concerts scheduled for every weekend this month and we have been invited to participate if we want. The BOD decided to pass on this and just stick with the final concert on the 19th. This project will probably not be recommended again for next year. The leftover meat and buns from the Modesto Nuts game were given to PDG Tom Penhallegon to use for the concert in the park event with the understanding that we would send a donation to California Lions Camp. A motion was made (PDG Tom/Lion Paul) to send a donation to CLCCP for \$100 to cover the cost of the hot dogs, burgers and buns.

Communications:

- A. A short email from DG Mike Retzlaff (4-C5) was read to the BOD by Lion Wendy, where he was praising the newsletter we put out, all the many projects we do, and that DG Ron should visit us more often.

Report of Secretary:

- A. 2015-16 Dues – All members are now paid through the end of the year at least.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Lions Calendar – Lion Dart is finished with the calendar. She plans to take it to the printer on Friday. It was decided to go with whatever coupons had been collected by that time, instead of trying to hold out for all 12.
- B. Lobster Dinner/Indigeny Tour – Lion Meckler said there were only a few nibbles and all of those had not panned out, so this project will be

put on hold and perhaps revisited for the Cioppino dinner in the spring.

- C. Rhodes/Romo Scholarships – Lion Skaff is meeting with Amy on Monday regarding this. He will report back next month.
- D. Shares Program – Lion Skaff suggested we make these cards available to hand out to the public at the Lobster dinner. It was decided to include a supply of these at the Sonora Lions information table that we will have set up there.
- E. Awning purchase – Pres. Tim has purchased two for \$215. They are now housed in the storage shed.
- F. Meals on Wheels – Lion Frank mentioned that Lion Kelly and Lion Bill Simpson both expressed an interest in the Tuolumne City project. PDG Tom and Lion Wendy are also considering helping with this. Lion Frank offered to walk anyone through the process to get them familiar with how things run and what is expected.
- G. Lion Leadership Institute – Lion Joe expressed an interest in going. It was agreed to send Lion Joe and get him registered for this.

New Business:

- A. Lion Chris Link suggested as something to think about for a project next year to help up at the Strawberry Festival. We could do something like cook breakfast to raise funds. Will put it on the agenda to consider when deciding on next year's projects.
- B. Assistant Lion Tamer – Lion Meckler is still seeking a newer member for assistance and to take over next year.
- C. Real Rocks Jewelry Show – Lion Atchley read the email sent to him by this group offering to do a jewelry show for the club after our weekly meeting one day. They would give back 30% of the profits to the club. The BOD declined this offer.
- D. Christmas party – It was mentioned that maybe Lion Diann Kaiser will host the party at her house this year. Pres. Tim will discuss this with her after the meeting today.
- E. MedicAlert – Pres. Tim read a letter received from the MedicAlert Foundation stating we had approximately \$1300 on account there, with several children who could be reinstated. Lion Wendy will contact Lion Terry and Sandy Anderson to set a date when they can come up and make a presentation to the club, hopefully in November.
- F. Sonora Cancer Center – Lion Kenny Ayers suggested the club consider becoming a program donor and get our name on a plaque in the Cancer Center. This will be put on next month's agenda under new business.

Calendar of Events:

- A. Sept 30 – Launch of Sonora Lions' Calendar fundraiser
- B. October 2 – Lobster Dinner fundraiser
- C. October 20-21 – Health Fair @ Mother Lode fairgrounds
- D. October 24 – Open house at Indigeny Reserve
- E. November 25 – Dark, no meeting
- F. December 5 – Club Christmas party
- G. December 12 – Pancake Breakfast fundraiser @ Applebee's
- H. December 23 – Dark, no meeting
- I. December 30 – Dark, no meeting

Remarks by the President: None

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

DISTRICT, MULTIDISTRICT & INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 3-4 – White Cane Days

October 17 – Stockton Delta Lions Club Ravioli Dinner, 4-7 pm, St. John's in Stockton

October 17 – Clements-Lockeford Steak and Crab Feed

November 13-14 – Mountain Region District Meeting, Sonora, CA

November 14 – Clements-Lockeford Texas Hold'em

February 4-7 – Multidistrict 4 Convention, Modesto, CA

April 21-24 – District 4-A1 Convention, Sacramento, CA (Red Lion Woodlake)

SONORA LIONS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 2 – Lobster Dinner Fundraiser, Elks Lodge, Sonora, CA

October 14 – PDG Kent Christensen will be here for extra Spot Vision training after the noon meeting

October 20-21 – Tuolumne County Health Fair, Mother Lode Fairgrounds

October 24 – Indigeny Reserve Fall Festival

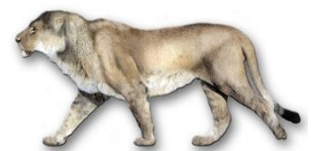
November 13-14 - Mountain Region District Meeting, Tuolumne County Senior Center, 540 Greenley Rd, Sonora, CA

December 12 - Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser @ Applebee's

December 20 – Sonora Lions Club Christmas Party @Lion Diann's house. Time: 2pm



LION TRIVIA CORNER – There are seven different species of lions around the world. These include the African Lion, American Lion, Cave Lion, White Lion, Asiatic Lion, Mountain Lion, and the Asian Lion.



WEEKLY PROGRAMS

• Our program for the September 2nd meeting was Gail Witzelsteiner from the Sonora Regional Medical Center Cancer Center. Gail has been working at the hospital for over 20 years and stated she was here to speak about the new cancer center. She showed a short video for the club to watch. The cancer statistics are quite alarming, revealing that 3 out of 4 family members will get

cancer. One out of 2 men will get cancer and some people will have a 31% chance of getting cancer in the next 10 years.

- September 9th was a business meeting, so no guest speaker was scheduled.

- Speaking at our club on September 16th was Trinity Avila from Habitat for Humanity. She has



over 19 years' experience with 10 years with her own construction company. She has received International Humanitarian Awards from

Columbia and India. Habitat for Humanity is a lot more than just building houses. She has researched the Lions Club and knows we know the value of service to humanity. They are there to help with social problems also. Since 1999, they have built 16 homes in this area and have helped 62 people with their homes. A 1 bedroom home rents for about \$800-950 a month, so their help is very much needed in this area. They believe they also build hope. In 2016 they are expecting to branch out with a "Brush with kindness" program. This will help seniors whose homes are in disrepair such as their roofs, bathrooms, all of which need to be ADA compatible. They help people help themselves and empower people with education and opportunity and are making lifelong impressions in those whose lives they touch. The impact moves beyond the immediate needs; it can affect the families for generations. The Lions helped the Wilcox family in 2000, putting them into a house when they had nowhere to go. The parents are now deceased and the children (now grown) were worried that they would have to leave the house. They found out they do not and the kids revealed that this house symbolizes their mother and father's hope they had for their children. We do make a difference.

- The guest speaker for the September 23rd meeting was Mike Ayala, Executive Director of the Tuolumne County Chamber of Commerce. Mike started out his career as a Highway Patrol Lieutenant in Merced. He transferred here and there over his career and for the final 10 years was a CHP officer in Sonora. He passed on a transfer to

the LA area, stating the obvious that he would not want to trade the beauty and grandeur of our community for the concrete streets and smog of



Mike Ayala, Tuolumne County Chamber of Commerce Exec. Director

Los Angeles. The changes being made with the COC are made to expect reasonable outcomes, not just to make a change. Their budget has been whittled to bare bones over the years, with 2 staffers in the office, 1 part-time and 1 full-time. He personally has supervisory training and PTSD training. This year they are implementing a new home-based business category, giving small businesses a tax credit for the first few years they are open. The COC does not receive any grants or federal or state funding. They only rely on membership funds. There are 3 tiers of membership sponsoring, Gold, Silver, and Bronze. Not only is this a valuable networking contact to have, but also can aid in management and leadership. You can sign up to receive their electronic newsletters, emails and updates. They have a Town Hall gathering 3 times per year with different themes, where members can meet and greet and get reacquainted with each other.

KUDOS KORNER

This month's featured member is kind of a new face to our club. But, while Lion Kenny Ayers might be new to the Sonora Lions Club, he is in no way a new face to Lions. Kenny comes to us as a transfer from the Waterford Lions club. He figured he would sit back and take a break because he was coming off being Region Chair for the Stanislaus Region. Wrong! Lion Bob Bader asked him if he would like to be the Tail Twister for the new fiscal

year. "Sure" he said. "I have done that before, no problem." Then Lion Cecil Steen asked him if he would be interested in taking over the storage locker (quartermaster)? "Let me think about that one," was his answer. "Well, why not?" he stated the next week. But it didn't end there. Region Chair Wendy Dart was hard at work setting in place her Zone chairs for the Mountain region. "Hey Kenny, how would you like to be Zone Chair for me?" With a little thought, Kenny said sure to that request too. Kenny's accomplishments are many during his time in Lions. He has held many Chairmanships and offices at both the club and District level. Since coming to Sonora he has jumped in, with a slight gimp, and volunteered for many service projects and fundraisers and worked at the relief center for the Butte Fire. Kudos to you, Lion Kenny. We're proud to call you part of our Pride.



FINE FREE TIME! Join the early birds for visiting before the meeting. You can get reacquainted, talk all you want and save on fines in the process.



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



OCTOBER GUEST SPEAKERS

October 7 - Scott Maury, Dermatologist, Skin Cancer

October 14 – Business meeting, PDG Kent Christensen to host Spot Vision training after business session.

October 21 – TBA

October 28 – TBA

November 4 – TBA

November 11 – Frank Smart, Veterans Admin.

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