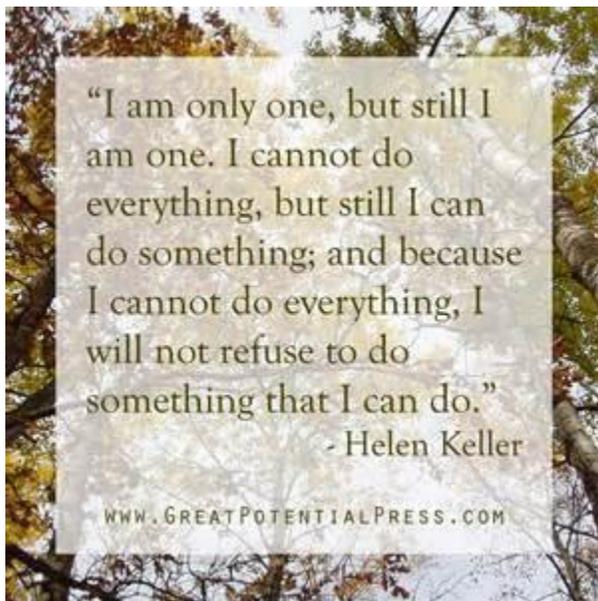




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QUOTE OF THE MONTH



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- May 15 – John Egger
- May 18 – Ed Brown
- May 18 – Ron Cole
- May 21 – Jim Gormely
- May 24 – Dennis Heppner
- May 25 – Leonard Ruoff
- May 26 – Doug & Sheri Fleming’s Anniversary

GENERAL DISCUSSION (All meetings are opened with a patriotic song, pledge, and a prayer. Our Lions’ Welcome song is sung for visitors and guests, as well as the special rendition of our birthday song for any birthdays.)

- Present for April 6th’s meeting were 31 Lion members. Guests included Thomas Haglund, General Manager from T.U.D. Lion Kelly Ward really “milked” her fine-free status this week by having her phone ring numerous times. Now that’s how you do it!
- We had 28 Lion members present for our April 13th meeting. Our guest speaker for today was Chris Lytle, from Spiritual Roads and Howard White.
- Attending the April 20th meeting were 28 Lions. We were happy to see our Junior Lion member, Daniel Berg, in attendance with his dad, Lion Paul Berg. Today was our business meeting, so no guest speaker had been scheduled.
- There were 32 Lions present for the April 27th meeting. Our guest speaker for the day was Suzy Hopkins from Friends and Neighbors Magazine. District Governor Elect Marilyn Richardson was also present for today’s meeting. We celebrated Lion



MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



- May 5 – David Hardy
- May 7 – John Poorbaugh
- May 7 – John and Ruth Moyer’s Anniversary
- May 9 – Naomi Meckler (Lion Frank)
- May 11 – John Moyer

Mike Eachus' birthday today and Lion Kenny Ayer's wife, Carolyn's birthday. A rousing rendition of Happy Birthday was sung.

TAIL TWISTER TALES



The Secret Lions for the month were (Lions all): Frank Meckler, Joe Skaff, Bob Bader, and Judy Meeks. All were able to have at least one Lion busted for not greeting them properly. TT Kenny was able to fine Bob Bader for having his phone ring during the meeting. Ron Cole was fined for not being here to help his guest speaker set up for his presentation. Bill Dunlavy was fined for "identity theft" having "borrowed" the fine-free vest and wearing it as a way to not be fined for not wearing any Lions gear. Loren Kaiser was also fined for not wearing any Lions gear. TT Kenny told of a new classification for some Americans. They will no longer be called rednecks; they are hereby to be known as "NASCAR-Americans." Being Tail Twister though, Kenny was not able to be fined for this. Ron Cole was fined for getting a new car. Lions Lorie Kaiser, Chris Link, Joe Skaff, Wendy Dart, and Tom Penhallegon were fined for being late for the meeting. Two were fined for not wearing any Lions gear.



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RAFFLES

The cash raffles were won this month by (Lions all): Mike Eachus, John Egger, Thomas Haglund (not a Lion), Wendy Dart, John Moyer, Lynda LaFlamme, John Moyer, John Moyer (AGAIN!), and Kelly Ward.

The Fine-free Critter award went to: Kelly Ward, Jerri Critchfield, Tom Penhallegon, and Kelly Ward again. The Black Ball Draw was won by: Ruth Moyer, Mal Perry, John Poorbaugh, and Kenny Ayers. All withdrew the white marble. The pot stands at \$135 and continues to grow.



HAPPY BUCKS

Jerri Critchfield was happy to be back at the meetings after her surgery ~~ Diann Kaiser had a Happy Buck because her son Loren Kaiser was in Phoenix with her grandson at the NASCAR race, who won! ~~ Bill Dunlavy had a



Happy Buck because the Giants won 2 ~~ Ray Bailey had a Happy Buck because he woke up this morning

~~ Tim Atchley's Happy Buck was for his and Kathy's 43rd Wedding Anniversary that they celebrated ~~ Bill Dunlavy had a Worried Buck because the Zika Virus may cause the 2016 Summer Olympics to be canceled ~~ Frank Meckler had a Coincidence Buck in that his mother's name was Zika and also Dennis Schroeder went on a ride-along with the Meals On Wheels program with him ~~ Lynda LaFlamme was very happy because she survived her surgery and she also took a "thinking of you" donation in honor of the CHP officer who was hit in an accident ~~ Ray Bailey donated 10% of his casino winnings ~~ Paul Berg was happy to be back and announced his new job at Sonora Dodge ~~ Bill Dunlavy was not very happy with the Giants ~~ Tim Atchley had a sad buck on behalf of his son's death ~~ Kenny Ayers had a Happy Buck because Rayma Garcia is back in the fold. We missed you! ~~ Tim Atchley thanked Rayma for the very generous donation of clothing to the Seeds of Dignity Ministries ~~ Tim Atchley also wanted to thank everyone who helped at his son's memorial service the past weekend ~~ John Moyer got a new printer and will be able to print the club's monthly newsletter for us! A big huge Thank You! ~~ Sharlene Winn-Reed had a Happy Buck because she got a nice promotion at work; unfortunately, it is in Folsom ~~ Bill Dunlavy had a Happy Buck because he just finished putting up 90 jars of pomegranate jelly ~~ Ray Bailey had a sad buck because he is not in Florida due to the 14 y/o motor home having too many issues needing attention ~~ Wendy Dart had a very sad \$5 in that the battery in their truck just up and died on them, while they were far from home and had to have a stranger in the parking lot

help pull it out of the parking spot to jump it; then when they went to check the 5th wheel to make sure it was travel ready, they discovered it had a flat tire and while trying to remove it for repair, discovered all the lug nuts were rusted on and would not budge; Cooper, their dog was recently thought to have an infection but it turned out to be 2 tumors instead; and the reason Wendy and Tom were late one week, was because after donating blood, Wendy went to the rest room and fainted. The nurses held her there until she was steady and stable enough to leave; and lastly, Wendy's lifelong and best friend (Joy) of 51 years had passed away after a 7-year fight against kidney cancer.

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We're Lions—People Who Matter

As a neurosurgeon and a hospital director, I always have had a deep dislike of hierarchical institutions, bureaucracy and anything that stands in the way of patient care. I try to put patients at the axel of a wheel, and medical professionals are the spokes that drive patient care.

This teamwork among medical professionals is a great lesson for Lions. Lions clubs are remarkable because they pool talents and resources. The more we collaborate in clubs and among clubs, particularly through LCIF, the more service we can provide. As Helen Keller said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

There is another lesson I have carried with me from medicine to Lions. In operating rooms I saved lives. Perhaps I saved 100 lives per year and maybe in the course of my career I will save 4,000 to 5,000 lives. But think about LCIF's measles initiative. In the past several years, tens of millions of children have been protected from a disease that is potentially fatal. You and I as Lions have made that happen. As proud as I am of what I do as a doctor, I am immensely satisfied and fulfilled to know what we accomplish as Lions.

So let's renew our commitment to teamwork as Lions. Our harmony translates into saved lives, opportunities for children and restored vision. And let's cherish our membership. How else can you so wonderfully impact the world than as a Lion? As one who wields a scalpel as loved ones anxiously await and who understands how important a day's work can be, I also deeply appreciate the importance of Lions clubs. Thank you for all you do as a Lion and please continue to serve for years to come.

Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada

Lions Clubs International President

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Mother Lode Food Project** – The next pickup for the Mother Lode Food Project will be Wednesday, **June 8th**. Please bring your nonperishables to the meeting that day and place it in the lounge area of the Pine Tree Restaurant. Susan Mundy will be in towards the end of our meeting to pick these up.
- **Speaker Procurement** – A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the next meeting (or several) for you to assume a month for next year's scheduling. Whichever month you sign up for, you will be responsible for finding a guest speaker for each week except the week designated as the club business meeting. Usually this would mean you need to find 3 speakers to attend. Please keep in mind that when you enlist someone from the District Level, such as a committee chairperson for Lions Eye Foundation (for example), the club gets extra points toward the Top Club award.
- **District 4-A1 Convention** – The District convention was held on April 21-24 in Sacramento. Here is a brief recap of the events: DG Elect – Marilyn Richardson, 1st VDGE Eileen Vaccarezza, 2nd VDGE Don Gall. Multiple-District 4 Excellence Awards went to Lions Don Gall, Claudia Miller, Doug Campbell and our own Jim Gormely. The LCI Presidential Certificate (LCI 3rd highest award possible) went to Lions Ken Harrison and Sue Carner. DG Special Recognition Awards went to: Lions PDG Don Allen, PDG Pat Casey-Gillum,

Marilyn Richardson, Eileen Vaccarezza, Claudia Miller, Terry Anderson, and our own Wendy Dart. District Lion of the Year award went to PDG Francis Bognuda. The Student Speaker winner was Maria Garlis, sponsored by the Linden Lions Club. Sonora Lions club was recognized for participating in the following: Flag Day, All Star Football, Camp Pacifica, MedicAlert, Parker's Prom, Pull Tabs (Sonora top club for the mountain region at 118 pounds, 2079 pounds turned in altogether). Scrapbook winner for Division C was Sonora (Way to go Judy Meeks!) Top Club awards were: Division A – Chowchilla; Division B – Arnold; and Division C – Modesto 500 (Sonora Lions Club came in 3rd place!) See pictures on Page 8.

- **Sunshine Committee:** Sherry Pert-Burns had surgery on her foot and is recovering nicely.
- **Nominating Committee** – All positions have been filled for next year's slate of officers. They are as follows: President – Wendy Dart; 1st Vice President – Joe Skaff; 2nd Vice President – Rayma Garcia; Immediate Past President – Tim Atchley; Secretary – Bob Bader; Treasurer – Judith Meeks; 2-year Directors: Ruth Moyer and Glenn Gottschall; 1-year Directors: Ed Brown and Tom Penhallegon; Membership Director – Jerri Critchfield; Lion Tamer – Ron Cole; Tail Twister – John Moyer; and Chaplain – Kelly Ward. The positions were voted upon by the club members and established at the April 27th meeting. Induction of the officers will be held on Wednesday, June 8th, presided over by Past Council Chair Derek Ledda.
- **Budget Committee** – The Budget has been set and approved by the Board of Directors for 2016-2017. Further recommendations for activities are to be discussed at the next BOD meeting.
- **Cioppino Dinner** – It was reported that this year's Cioppino dinner was the most successful event yet, netting a profit of \$6,142.70. Kudos to this year's Cioppino Chair Kenny Ayers for a great job!
- **H.E.L.P.** – Lion Kelly Ward reported that they are getting very low on certain pieces, such as wheelchairs, commodes, shower chairs and were thinking of running an ad in the Union Democrat. They do not need walkers or crutches at this time.

- **Lake Don Pedro Gold Chain Lions Club** – The LDPGC Lions club will be turning in their charter at the end of June. There will be a final farewell BBQ on June 20th at the Hacienda clubhouse at 6 pm. Anyone interested in attending, please let us know so we can give them a headcount of how many to expect. We will be extending an open invitation to all their members to transfer to our club if they wish. There has been mention that they would like to continue on at least one of their major fundraisers/community projects with our help and this will be discussed at a future meeting. We believe we will be getting 3 transfer members for sure.

- **Scholarships to Columbia College** – A total of 8 scholarships were awarded on April 22nd, for a total of \$3,600. We will try to get a few of the recipients to attend a meeting and give them a chance to speak with us about their future plans.

- **Club Social** – It has been discussed that we would like to have more “social” events for our members to mingle and have fun. We are working on arranging something for this summer. If you have any ideas on location and activities, please let us know. A pool party at Lion Jerri Critchfield's home has been a suggestion.



- **Tree Mortality Program** – Lions Glenn Gottschall and Tom Penhallegon are spearheading this program and are expecting to officially launch it at the May 17th Board of Supervisor's meeting. Many County Supervisors, nonprofit organizations, and agencies in the area are all on board and eager to get this program started. The focus of this program is to provide aid for qualified clients, to help them remove dead and dying trees that are endangering life or property.

- **Ear of the Lion** – We have arranged for 3 more clients to receive help with hearing aids. Tim Atchley can give you an application form if you are interested.

- **All Star Football** – Our sponsored player attended our May 5th meeting. The All Star football

game is scheduled for Saturday, June 18th at Tracy High School. Tickets are available through the club.

• **Club Newsletter** – Ok Folks, time is running out. We need someone to step up and assume the role of Newsletter Editor. Lion Wendy Dart will be President of the club next year and as such, it will be very difficult to run the meetings and take notes and pictures at every meeting. We really need someone to take over this very worthy project and keep it going. Please contact Lion Wendy at 209-406-5015 or wendy.dart@sonoralions.org for more information.

SECRETARY'S MONTHLY REPORT, APRIL 2016

Submitted by Lion Secretary Bob Bader



- Total Membership from Last Report – 53
- New Members – 0
- Dropped Members – 0
- Transferred Members – 0
- Total Members at Close – 53
- Service Hours – 49 / YTD – 2,719
- Number of People Served – 239 / YTD – 2,917
- Number of Lions – 8 / YTD – 460
- Number of Eyeglasses Collected – 0 / YTD – 2300
- Twinning Relationships – 0 / YTD – 0
- Funds Raised - \$220 / YTD - \$25,051
- Funds Donated - \$6,084 / YTD - \$29,432
- Total Activities – 7 / YTD – 124

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING



SONORA LIONS CLUB of **Sonora, California** held its regular Board Meeting at the Pine Tree Restaurant on April 13, 2016. The

meeting was called to order by President Atchley at 10:03 am.

The following Board Members were in attendance:

Atchley (P), Dart (1VP), Skaff (2 VP), Bader (S), Meeks (T), Critchfield (M), Ayers (TT), Meckler (LT), Gottschall (1D), Link (1D), Penhallegon (2D)

Minutes of March 9, 2016: Approved (Dart/Meckler)

Financial Report:

- Accepted as presented. Mar 31 balances: Admin \$\$5,463.86; Proj \$18,444.91. Copies attached.
The BOD was asked to review the project budget and be prepared to make recommendations for distribution of funds at the May BOD meeting.
- Columbia College Scholarship - A check for 8 scholarships totaling \$3,600 sent to the school. The scholarship awards ceremony will be held April 21.
- 2015-16 Budget was reviewed and a motion (Bader/Dart) to adopt was approved by the BOD. Copy attached.

Presentation of Bills: None

Committee Reports:

- Membership - Lion Critchfield was pleased with the membership growth over the last month and encouraged continued efforts. The LDPGC Lions Club will give up their Charter in June. Their membership will be invited to transfer to the Sonora Lions Club.
- Cioppino Dinner - Lion Ayers reported final net profit of \$6,142.70. Sec Bader reminded him to please complete the Final Project Report.
- Club Excellence - No report
- Glenn Bass Run- No report

Communications:

- Mother Lode Food Project sent a note stating they had collected over 4371 pounds of food this last collection. They thanked the Sonora Lions for our participation.

Report of Secretary: None

Unfinished Business:

- County Welfare Call - Sec Bader will follow up on this to see if the need still exists.
- Nomination Committee - The following slate of officer nominations will be announced at the next 3 regular Club meeting starting today with election to be held on April 27. Pres - Dart; 1st VP - Skaff; 2nd VP - Garcia; PP - Atchley; Sec - Bader; Treas - Meeks; Membership - Critchfield; 2 Year Directors - R. Moyer and Gottschall; 1

Year Directors - Penhallegon and Brown; Lion Tamer - Cole; Tail Twister - J. Moyer; Chaplin - K. Ward

- C. Lions Read to Succeed - Lion Dart will visit the Higgins Diggins Lions Club to learn more about the program.

New Business:

- A. Spot Vision - Lion Dart will contact Lion Phillips regarding her availability to continue the Chair this program. It was suggested that the County Schools Office and the various elementary schools be notified of our willingness to assist with the required vision screening.
- B. Tree Mortality Project - Lion Gottschall reminded the BOD of its previous direction to him to express to the County Working Group of the Sonora Lions Club willingness to help with this issue. Glenn has contacted several County Supervisors, Area 12 Agency on Aging and other Service groups with the thought of putting a "coalition" together to help provide financial resources to needy private property owners in dead tree removal. Glenn has gotten very positive responses to this concept. PDG Tom has also made preliminary contact with MD4 Officials about possible assistance from MD4 and LCI, since Governor Brown has declared this to be a State Disaster. After discussion, a motion (Bader/Dart) was passed to move forward with this concept. PDG Penhallegon will work with Glenn and Chair the effort. The BOD suggested the next step would be to contact the Sonora Area Foundation and County Office of Emergency Services for their advice and assistance and report back to the BOD.

Calendar of Events:

- A. Apr 21-24, District 4-A1 Convention, Sacramento.

Remarks by the President: None

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Bob Bader, Secretary

DISTRICT, MULTIDISTRICT & INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2015-2016

May 6-7 – Yosemite Region District Meeting, Camp Pacifica

June 18 – All Star Football, Tracy High School

June 24-28 – International Convention, Japan

SONORA LIONS CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2015-2016

May 11 – Club business meeting

May 18 – BOD meeting

June 8 – Installation of officers 2016-2017

June 15 – BOD meeting and club business meeting
(Note: Change in regularly scheduled day)

June 18 – All-Star Football Game

June 25 – Omelet Breakfast Fundraiser

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

- Thomas Haglund was our guest speaker on March 2nd. He has been on the BOD for T.U.D. for 8-1/2 years and relates they are trying desperately to balance the budget, have transparency, and survive the drought. They are striving to be a leader in California utility agencies. He outlined their goals to set an action agenda for 2016, renew the P.G. & E. contract, get the Phoenix Lake Project funding and are setting their priorities high. They are setting long-term water supply goals, and need to create more reservoirs. They are concerned with the fire protection plan to protect the flumes and water supply. The county currently has no water rights and the BOD wants to change that! The T.U.D. budget outlook is a bit improved, however, there is a great need to improve our infrastructure. The current rate we pay will not come close to covering the projected budget.



T.U.D. currently is working to remove dead and dying trees and will do so on private property if it endangers the ditch system. Our current water outlook is okay through December 31st. The state currently still has mandatory water conservation in effect at 21% less usage. Northern California is doing well for water reserve storage, but always can improve. Unfortunately, there is no system allowed to help those clients on fixed incomes. They will suffer the higher water rates along with the rest of the state population.

- Chris Lytle and Howard White were our guest speakers on April 13th. They are from Spiritual Roads. This has been around for 1-1/2 years and is there to assist those with addictions, hurts, habits, and hang-ups. This includes anger, depression, weight issues, drug and alcohol problems. Tuolumne County is one of the worst counties for these types of addictions in the state. They are

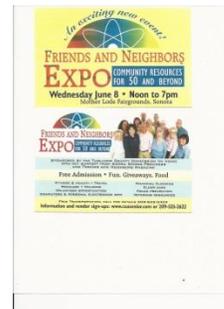
privately funded and also funded through the Sonora Area Foundation. They serve Tuolumne County and the surrounding areas. They believe if a person continues with these addictions, you will end up either in jail, an institution, or dead. Deaths from opioid use has tripled since 2012 and probably will get worse. The people have to come to them for help. Their philosophy is, you can't make a horse drink the water, but you can make it thirsty. It is the same with addicts. You can make them want the help. Hope is part of the recovery



process giving them the tool of a coping mechanism and to help them choose a better road. They meet with approximately 50 people a week. In total, they have helped over 500 people in 2015. The success stories all include clients getting and staying sober, getting homes, jobs and putting their families back together. They want us to help them get the word out about this program.

- Our April 20th meeting was a business meeting only, so no speaker was scheduled.
- The guest speaker for April 27th was Suzy Hopkins from the Friends and Neighbors Magazine, owner and publisher. She is a journalist by training, having started at the Union Democrat in 1984. She is married to Chris Bateman, formerly of the Union Democrat, and they have 3 children, the last of whom just moved out not long ago. Years ago Suzy started collecting other people's old and discarded pictures, considering them to be buried treasures that others so often overlook when someone passes away. The first edition of the Friends and Neighbors magazine was published in June of 2008, with 10,000 copies printed. They persevered through a rotten declining economy. Some of the ads included in the publication have been with them since the very first issue. Suzy gave a few fun facts about the publication: The collective experience of their writers equals more than 200 years. The average age of an employee is 60+. The

paper is now in more than 30 districts. The first issue had 30 ads and 90% of it consisted of editorials. Now, the 32nd issue has 90 ads. It started in Tuolumne County only, and now has spread to Calaveras County and has 100 distribution places. To help you find different resources in the area, you can go to their website www.SeniorFan.com. Whoever is pictured on the cover is never known until it comes out. The oldest person to have appeared on the cover was 99-year-old Del Berg, a Spanish Civil War survivor. The youngest was Halcion Winter, who was pictured sitting in a bucket at the age of 6 with a number of dogs nearby. The percentage of dogs on the cover is 16%. There have been no cats on the cover. They will be having a Protecting pets from wildfire summer edition this year. You can also go to www.MemoirCenter.com for veteran stories. They



are having a Senior Expo at the fairgrounds and are looking to liven up the event this year. It is on June 8th and the Sonora Lions have been invited to set up a booth for the event. This magazine is distributed quarterly.

LIONS TRIVIA CORNER

How many of our Sonora Lions club members can tell me the number of pins that our Fine-Free Lion Critter currently wears and what they are? Hint: It is more than 6 and less than 8.



Of interest, there is a pin from PDG Felix Romo's governorship featuring the cartoon cat, Felix, 1996-1997, dubbed El Gato. There is also a Sonora Mountain Lions pin, a Sonora Lions pin, a Lions International pin, a US flag, a Mother Lode pin with half the emblem chipped off, and the last I can't recall (oh dear!)

UPCOMING SPEAKER PROGRAMS

May 4 – Sonora High School All Star player, Jammy Page and coach

May 11 – Business Meeting

May 18 – Jon Rowley, Hearing Instrument Specialist, Belton

May 25 – Jeanne Higgins, Forest Supervisor, Stanislaus National Forest



Lions Terry Anderson, Claudia Miller and Wendy Dart receiving the Governor's Award of Excellence



DISTRICT 4-A1 CONVENTION



Lion Jim Gormely with MD4 Award of Excellence



Sonora Lions Bob Bader, Jerri Critchfield, Judith Meeks, Jim Gormely and his wife Joanne.

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

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