



# The Lion's Roar

## Sonora Lions Club

PO Box 101, Standard, CA 95373



***We Serve***

*Club Meetings every Wednesday at 12:00 PM  
Cocina Michoacana II Restaurant, 14715 Mono Way, Sonora  
Board Meetings every 2nd Wednesday at 11 am, Cocina Michoacana*

**District 4-A1, Mountain Region, Zone 2**

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***Lion Secretary Wendy Penhallegon, #4  
"Sonora Lions, Serving the Mother Lode Since 1922"***

**May 2021**

### WE'RE BAAAAACK.....

Wednesday, April 7th, found the Sonora Lions Club meeting in person for the first time in over a year! It was so good to see all the old familiar faces and enjoy the easy-going camaraderie we have grown to know and love. As expected, we are trying to get into the "groove" again as far as smoothness of running the meetings goes, but all in all, I think we were off to a good start. We had 22 members attend and are hoping to see even more as time goes on. We are in the process of deciding how often and when to meet going forth, and we would really like your input on this subject. It has been suggested we continue as we were pre-pandemic, meeting every Wednesday. Some preferred the every 2nd and 4th Wednesday. While others still suggested the 2nd and 4th Wednesday with an off-day meeting thrown in during the evening hours. We want to hear from you to find out what your preference is. With the hours of the restaurant being as they are, we may have to move the Board of Directors' meeting to another day and time, but that will have been decided by the Board during the April 14th BOD meeting. 1st VP Jill Schwab was in rare form and handed out a few awards for folks who went above and beyond during the shut-down period. Lion Bob Bader received the Good Egg Award for his eggcellent work on the St. Patty's Day Fundraiser. Lion Bud Regelin received his award for keeping calm "gnome" matter what was happening. We sometimes are "winging it" but Lion Jerri Regelin has been the angel helping us fly. Lion Secretary Wendy Penhallegon handed out several of District Governor Marilyn Richardson's pins to members who had not yet received them. Lion Jerri gave a recap of the Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner, reporting we cleared approximately \$2800 over expenses. Lion Bob Bader spoke a bit about the Mountain Region Student



Speakers Contest coming up on Thursday, April 8th, via Zoom. We are currently looking for a new person to chair the Speaker Procurement Program. All this would require is getting folks to sign up to cover 1 month during the upcoming year, and line up guest speakers for as many meetings as determined by our new meeting schedule. So far, we have no takers. 1st VP Jill advised that the Budget Committee needs to meet, and soon, to set our budget for next year. On this committee will be 1st VP Jill, Pres. Phil, Treas. Judy, Sec. Wendy, and Lion Frank Meckler. All in all, we fared very well with Temporary Tail Twister Ray Bailey collecting a lot of fines from the participants in the meeting.



## MORE CLUB LUNCHES

On Wednesday, **April 14th**, the club found itself together again at the restaurant for its second in-person meeting in over a year. Pres. Phil opened the meeting with the pledge and a prayer. He had covered all the month's birthdays and anniversaries last week, however, considering today was Lion Tim and Kathy's 48th anniversary, we decided to acknowledge them again. Lion Ray Bailey reported that it was his son's 56th birthday today also.

**Tail Twister:** Lion Cat Reuter tested the waters assuming her Tail Twister duties for the first time ever. She asked for a Happy Buck from Lion Nick simply because he was happy she was there and his belly was full. Lion Ray decided he should pay a Happy Buck for his son's birthday. Lion Sherry Pert-Burns was fined for not wearing any Lions garb or badge. Lion Jim paid a fine for being late to the BOD meeting because his wife had broken her ankle at 4 am this morning. Pres. Phil paid a hefty fine for being late also for the board meeting. Lion Frank said Naomi was upset because she couldn't watch the Giants play!



**Recognition:** Pres. Phil called Lion Nick Reuter up to the front to present him a Membership Key for recruiting a member and having that member stay in the club for over a year.

**Committee Reports:** Lion Jerri Regelin mentioned a sign-up sheet going around to sign up to help with the breakfast that we are serving at the convention Saturday morning. Lion Frank Meckler thanked everyone for donating to the Pet Food Club. We will be having 2 drawings for a \$50 gift card this quarter.

**General Business:** To continue last week's discussion about meeting days and times, it was decided to have 3 regular weekly lunch meetings, and one evening meeting on the last meeting day of each month, beginning in July 2021. This motion was made by Lion Jerri Regelin/seconded by Sherry Pert-Burns. Motion carried. Lion Jill Schwab had a big box full of candy canes to donate to anyone who wanted some. The remainder boxes will go to Lion Dennis Schroeder for the care packages he makes up for the homeless.

**Raffle:** Lion Jim auctioned off 18 eggs donated by his hard-working chickens. Lion Ray Bailey was the lucky bidder and they went to him for a mere \$5.25.



Our meeting on **April 21st** opened in usual fashion by stating the pledge, singing a patriotic song, and Lion Tim said the prayer. We had 2 guests visiting today who were introduced to the club, PDG Kent Christensen and Barbara (Bobbie) Anderson, a friend of Lion Jim Gormely's. The Welcome Song was sung for them.

**Announcements:** Pres. Phil once again had Lion Nick Reuter come up to the front for special recognition. He thanked Lion Nick for his hours of very hard work put in for repairing the picnic tables at the Sonora Lions



Park. Lion Jim reported that the Boy Scouts will work out a date with us to come and pull weeds and do a general overall cleanup of the park soon. The third reading of the Slate of Officers was read and the club voted on it as submitted with no new nominations made from the floor.

**Guest Speaker:** PDG Kent Christensen spoke to the club about LCIF (Lions Clubs International Foundation), where your money goes, and how we benefit from it. He assured us that 100% of our donations come back to our communities. Since its conception fifty years ago, we have donated close to \$1 million from the state of California and have received back approximately \$600K for various state disasters.

**Tail Twister:** Lion Cat Reuter was able to fine Lion Sherry Pert-Burns for arriving late. Our Secret Lion was Lion Jim Gormely. Everyone save Lions Bob and Mike was fined for not greeting him properly. Lion Cat had a Happy Buck for Lion Ken Hammond and Suzie, who have been able to purchase their own home now~~Lion Tim Atchley had a Happy Buck because he and his bride celebrated their 48th anniversary last week~~Lion Pres. Phil had a Sad Buck because 1st VP Jill was in the ER over the weekend with heart problems~~Lion Mike Eachus turned 91!~~Lion Wendy had a Happy Buck because she was able to get a confirmation from Past International President Joe Preston to come to our 100th Anniversary Celebration next year!

**New Fundraiser:** To set off our year of celebration of turning 100, PDG Tom is launching a new fundraiser called the Sonora Lions Spring Clean-up Wheelbarrow Raffle. We will have a wheelbarrow filled with gardening supplies donated by various businesses around town. Tickets will be on sale from now through June 30th, where the drawing will be at

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our regular noon meeting. We will ask the manager of our meeting place restaurant to pull the ticket as we presume every member will have purchased at least one ticket. Tickets will be \$10 each. Members will be asked to take tickets to sell individually or asked to work at a "booth" in front of various businesses around town during this 2-month period. A motion to accept this as a new fundraiser project was made by PDG Tom Penhallegon/seconded by Lion Cat Reuter. Motion Made/Seconded/Carried (MSC).



## Sonora Lions Club Spring Clean-Up Wheelbarrow Raffle!



Donation: \$10 per entry  
For information, call Lion Tom  
@ 209-694-5191. Tickets  
available from any Sonora Lions  
Club member.

Drawing to be held **Wednesday,  
June 30th** at our regular club  
meeting.

The Sonora Lions Club turns **100 years old** next year! To celebrate, we are kicking off a year of events starting with this wonderful opportunity drawing.

Spring is in the air!



All proceeds to benefit the Sonora Lions Club community programs and projects.

Cash, Check, or Credit Cards are accepted.  
For Credit Card orders, contact Lion Wendy  
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On a side note, PDG Tom challenged Pres. Phil to sell these tickets at the District 4-A1 Convention this past weekend. Between those two, over \$300 worth of tickets were sold!

At the **April 28th** meeting, 1st VP Jill was acting president and opened the meeting. We said the pledge of allegiance and sang God Bless America. Lion Joe said a prayer for us. The meeting started off with Lion Sec. Wendy giving highlights of the district convention this past weekend. (See pages 5-7 for more info and pictures.) 1st VP Jill reminded everyone there will be no meeting next week, May 5th.

Continued...**Tail Twister:** Lion Cat fined PDG Tom and Lion Nick for not offering a "cupcake" to 1st VP Jill for the Scavenger Hunt part of the convention. Lion Kelly had a very Happy Buck because she was able to attend this meeting~~Lion Frank had a Happy Buck because his wife is now able to watch baseball again, but a sad buck because he had to switch TV providers to achieve it and now does not know all the functions of how to use it. Lion Bob B. had a Happy Buck because, after more than a year, he and his wife are able to take their RV out and are going up to Jackson Rancheria for a few days ~~ Lion Tim had a Happy Buck because after he left the convention this weekend, he worked for the "Love Tuolumne County Project" and found it very fulfilling. He reported 311 volunteers were helping ~~Lion Ray's Happy Buck was because he will be traveling for a while to the Cape Canaveral area. A dozen of Lion Jim's eggs were auctioned off to Lion Wendy for \$5. A cute pink Lion that makes all kinds of noise was auctioned off to Lion Cat for \$2.00. Lion Judy won a loaf of zucchini bread made by Lion Jill for \$2.00. 1st VP Jill related being in the bank that morning wearing her Lions vest, and a man started talking to her about it. He ended up donating \$100 to the club! The Secret Lion for the day was Lion Wendy, who was able to have many members fined.

**Committees:** PDG Tom talked more about the wheelbarrow raffle and sent around a signup sheet to work the booths at Walmart and Tractor Supply in the coming weeks. We have more than \$300 of merchandise already collected with much more to be donated for the prize. Tickets and flyers are available for all members to distribute and sell. Lion Frank needs 2-3 more members to help him with his newest program.

Please contact him if you would like to help him and Lion Bill. They will be meeting before the May 12th meeting at the restaurant at 11 am. The Omelet Breakfast has been postponed and the club voted to hold it in August, after the Senior Center reopens. We will discuss honoring the Lioness club members when Lion Jerri returns from her trip. Stockton Host Lions Club, our sponsor club, will be hosting their 100th Anniversary celebration on August 21, 2021. See Page 10 for more details. 1st VP Jill sent out a reminder that we are still collecting eyeglasses, plastic bags, pull tabs, old cell phones, hearing aids, and empty ink cartridges for recycling. Collection will be May 4, 11-11:30 am at the Pine Tree parking lot.

**Raffles:** Lion Jan won the cash raffle. There was no draw for the critter this week, but next week we will. The Black Marble draw was won by Lion Judy, who only pulled out a white marble. The pot still grows.



Avery's Quote: "My pink Lion won't eat people and she will save people and other animals."

## COLUMBIA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2021

### **Bill Dunlavy Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000**

Zoe Kelly—Zoe is a 28 year-old woman with 81.5 units completed a CC, enrolled in 14 more currently. 4.0 GPA and works as a teacher for Head Start program in Jackson and also involved in leadership on campus as a peer mentor through TRIOS SSS at Columbia College. She has been on the President's List academically for all semesters at CC. She has more than the usual praise from two CC instructors. Her math instructor describes her as "an amazing student, totally engaged, always attentive." Her Child Development instructor called her "one of the best students I have ever had" and said, "I use her work as an example to other students."

### **Harvey "Dusty" Rhodes Scholarship - \$600**

Rozlyn Robinson—A 59-year-old woman returning to school at age 42 after being diagnosed with MS. Overcame this setback with lots of grit and positivity. She plans to get her AA degree and then transfer to UC Davis for her Bachelor's degree, followed by her Master's in psychology. She has done lots of volunteer work and has shown major determination to get to where she is. Her references were great, and her GPA is 3.86. We believe she is a great candidate to receive this year's Harvey "Dusty" Rhodes Scholarship.

### **Felix Romo Memorial Scholarship - \$600**

Kaitlin Southard—A 26-year-old female with a strong drive to keep moving towards her goals. Her dream is to bring stories to life as a graphic artist, character designer, concept artist, or cartoonist. Her interests are very eclectic, providing her with a quite different perspective. She is innovative and sees opportunities where others may not. Her GPA is 3.75 and has a noticeably clear idea of where she wants to go in life. She works hard to achieve what she sets out to do. Her references are particularly good. We feel she was the best fit with the most need for the Felix Romo Memorial Scholarship.

### **Judge Ross A. Carkeet, Sr. Memorial Scholarship - \$800**

Chance Tillery—A 19-year-old male with a desire to keep learning and to pass on that knowledge and experience to his students someday. He has always felt at home in the school environment but struggled with socializing and making friends. With a lot of self-searching, he realized he did not want to just do well in school, but he wanted friends, to make memories, and try new things. Thanks to a critical instructor, he was shown a different approach to history that ignited his curiosity and he started thinking about things in a different way. He is creative and insightful and had professional instincts. He plans to continue his education in a 4-year college to continue to grow academically and personally, and eventually to become a History or ESL teacher. Chance has participated in numerous school plays and enjoys playing the piano.

### **Les Coon Memorial Scholarship - \$800**

Jasmine Buslett—A 29-year-old female single parent of two children. She is a Health Major and has received awards for outstanding work in both Chemistry and Biology, as well as made the Presidents List in Scholastic Honors. Her GPA is 4.0 and her goal is to earn her AS in Nursing and then transfer to Stanislaus State to obtain her Bachelor's in Nursing, then on to getting her Master's to become a Nurse Practitioner. Her financial need is great. Her references are superb, and she would be an excellent candidate for this scholarship.

### **Vernon McDonald Memorial Scholarship - \$800**

Derek Allison—A 29-year-old male, married with 2 children. He served 4 years in the US Army as an airborne combat medic with an honorable discharge in 2019 after being injured. He was deployed in Italy during service time. He has had 53 units at CC going back to 2010, prior to his military service. Cumulative GPA of 3.81. No listed involvement in leadership or community service. Aspires to obtain a degree (BS) in neurology. His 2 references are an Army medic he served with in Italy and a medical doctor that he worked under in Italy. Medic describes him as "hard working, intelligent" who "always made the care of his soldiers his top priority." The physician describes him as "resilient, trustworthy" with a "strong work ethic and always eager to take on a challenge." Both highly recommend him for the scholarship.

Submitted by the Sonora Lions Club Scholarship Committee

Wendy Penhallegon, Chair

Stacey Ruiz

Timothy Atchley



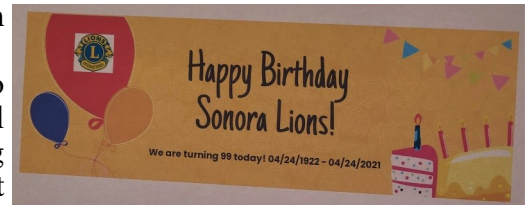
## DISTRICT 4-A1 CONVENTION, APRIL 22-25, 2021 AT BLACK OAK CASINO

The Food Faire was well-attended, with 8 clubs participating offering various foods and drink. The drinks ranged from lemonade to wine and homemade moonshine (served at the personal RVs of some attendees), with many rum libations, and the food included shrimp dishes, linguica sandwiches, tamales, soup, cookies, and more. One booth gave everyone a special “pirate” name and made us walk the plank. Everyone survived that and was rewarded with a gift from the treasure chest. Later, we strolled around the park and visited the hospitality sites for this year’s candidates and enjoyed some more food and drink. The Best Decorated RV was Lions Simms-Tekaft from Atwater-Winton. There were many guests who participated in the scavenger hunt and searched for the “rare” valued items on the list. Friday night’s entertainment had guests rocking out to the tunes of the “Black Irish Band.”



Saturday morning found the Sonora Lions up early and preparing a feast for the Lions of our district with scrambled eggs, bacon, hash browns, fresh fruit, and a huge selection of muffins. The business part of the morning started at 9 am, introducing our district’s guest from Michigan, International Director, Justin Faber. The Sonora Lions Club was celebrating their 99th birthday that day, so

we were asked by District Governor Marilyn Richardson to sing our special version of the Birthday Song. The attendees were astounded by our singing abilities, and even PDG Ron Raines complimented us on the improvement we have made since the last time he heard it!



PDG Kent Christensen did the Honorary Roll Call, introducing all the Past District Governors in attendance. Lion Barbara Raines, from the Greenhills Lions Club (which will be closing after this year), gave a speech on Lions Project for Canine Companions for Independence (LPCCI) and introduced her newest pupil, Amore, a young pup who has a lot of life and energy. PDG Kent spoke about LCIF and the important work they do and was selling tickets to win a chance for a Melvin Jones Fellowship.

The District Level Student Speakers Contest was held after a great lunch. We listened to 3 students give their speeches (the fourth was ill and could not attend). The winning speaker was a young lady sponsored by the Chowchilla Lions Club and will go on to the next level, Area 1 Student Speakers Contest, to be held Friday, May 7th, at the Linden Lions Club House, beginning at 7 pm. See Page 8 for more details.

Many, many Certificates of Appreciation were handed out by both PDG Claudia Miller and DG Marilyn Richardson. The Sonora Lions Club received recognition for their participation in the Hunger Initiative during January (with many donations to A-TCCA and the Mother Lode Food Project, plus community service time in food pantries). PDG Eileen Guadagnolo and Lion Carrie Guadagnolo both received their Guiding Lion status this year. During visiting dignitary ID Justin Faber’s speech Saturday night, PDG Logan McKechnie’s phone rang. ID Justin challenged him, stating “I’ll match your donation to LCIF instead of a fine.” They both divvied up \$1,000 for the cause! At the end of his segment, DG Marilyn awarded him with a K.K. Fukushima Fellowship (from the California Lions Foundation) for his service to Lions Clubs International.

Results of the election were as follows: 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Elect – Todd Riebe from Jackson Lions Club; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Elect – Doug Campbell from the Oakdale Lions Club; and District Governor Elect – Gabrielle McKechnie. Past District Governor Kent Christensen will be Board Director At Large. The Convention Committee changes passed. Each candidate running for office had their “mini parades” and letters of endorsement and seconds were read.



## MORE CONVENTION FUN AND PICTURES...

During PDG Claudia's term, the Club of the Year went to Oakdale Lions Club, and the Mountain Region Club of the Year award went to Up Country 88 Lions Club. The Lion of the Year was awarded by region: - (Lions all) Stanislaus - Carolyn Gomes from the Modesto 500 Lions Club; Yosemite - Miles Renteria from Mariposa Lions Club; San Joaquin - Jack Guzman from San Joaquin; and Mountain Region, our own Pres. Phil Baylis from the Sonora Lions Club! Liz Bockhop from the Merced Golden Lions Club received the Dr. Howard Abrams' Humanitarian Service Award for her efforts towards Childhood Cancer and the Parker's Prom Project.

From DG Marilyn's year, the Lion of the Year award went to PDG Logan McKechnie. Lion Janet Hart, from the Sonora Lions Club was awarded the "Best Pirate Name" and received her registration for next year's convention for free! Three Lions received the District 4-A1 Certificate of Excellence, and they were Barbara Raines, Jerri Regelin!, and Jean Weaver. Gail Cates received a Certificate of Appreciation for her service as Newsletter Editor, IT tech, and publicity. Cabinet Secretary Susan Newman also received a Certificate of Appreciation for her job as CS. Tom Legg, from Atwater-Winton Lions Club had the high honor of receiving an International President's Certificate of Appreciation.

Sunday morning after breakfast, a Celebration of Life was held for the 51 Lions Club members who had passed in the last 2 years. The Food Fair awards were – Best Food – Merced Breakfast; Best Booth – Modesto 500; and Best Overall – Oakdale Lions Club. \$336 was raised from these food fair participants. The Sonora Lions Club received a patch for our contribution to the Parker's Prom project. We were also recognized for our scrapbook from 2019-20 being the Best Overall Scrapbook and will be judged by the Council of Governors' meeting in June for ranking in the state.

As a parting gift to visiting dignitary, ID Justin Faber, DG Marilyn gifted him with an autographed California license plate for him to add to his "wall" to help him remember all the new friends he has made.



*Lion Irene  
at her RV*



*1st VDGE  
Doug  
Campbell*

*2nd VDGE  
Don Allen*



*2nd VDGE  
Todd Riebe*



*Lion Nick &  
Friends*



*Lions Jennifer & Stephen Gass with  
Kris Pearson*



*Lions Bud Regelin,  
Jim Gormely, Phil  
Baylis, and Nick  
Reuter cooking  
breakfast for the  
crowd on Saturday.*



*ID Justin  
Faber*



*Lion Joe Skaff manning the  
coffee station (left upper) So-  
nora Lions members enjoying  
breakfast (left lower picture).*





2nd VDGE Todd Riebe



1st VDGE Doug Campbell

The 3 candidate "parades"



DGE Gabrielle McKechnie



1st VP Jill Schwab  
at your service!



ID Justin  
Faber with  
PDG Tom  
Penhallegon



DG Marilyn with ID Justin Faber and his gift



DG Marilyn Richardson and  
1st VDGE Doug Campbell on Hawai-  
ian Theme Day!



Lion Wendy  
Penhallegon  
with baby  
Aaron, PDG  
Kent's  
grandson..



PDG Don Allen  
endorsing his candi-  
date.



CS Susan  
Newman



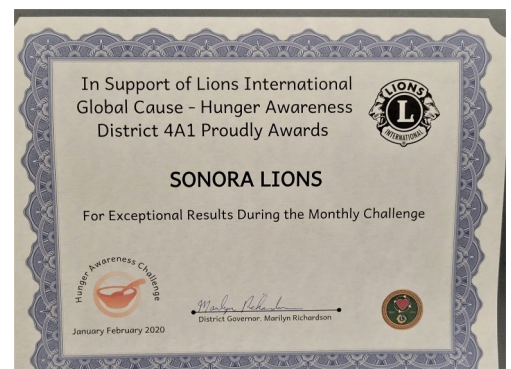
District Disaster Trailer



Lion Wendy award-  
ing Pres. Phil the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Bulletin  
Awards.



PDG Kent with  
Bulletin award







Congratulations to the 2020-2021 Peace  
 Poster Contest Winner, *Yue Zheng*, aged 13,  
 sponsored by the *Dalian DeLong Lions Club*  
*(China)*.

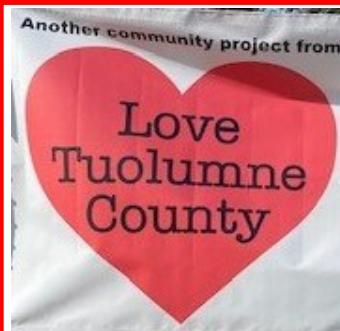
Quote from an 88-year-old on her first day in the hospital: "No matter where you go in Sonora, there's always a Lion around to offer a helping hand!"

\*\*\**Iris Gardner, Lion Stacey's Mom*

### Did you know...

Our yearly dues statements will soon be going out to all of you. We now have the ability to pay for our yearly dues via credit card. You can do that simply by calling Lion Wendy at 209-406-5015, and she can get this done in just a few minutes. The process is secure and your information is never saved for any reason. Please be advised, however, that there will be a \$3.00 surcharge for using a credit card to cover the fees the club is charged by the processor. We will never assess a surcharge for fundraiser tickets, weekly meals, or other public activities.

## WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND TOWN?



The Senior Center had been selected as one of the locations for this community event. The patio was updated with seating and vertical planters. They also hope to see raised garden beds to provide a place of activity and community.

The California Highway Patrol presents:  
***Age Well, Drive Smart***

### ***Virtual Senior Driver Education Class***

Refresh your knowledge of "Rules of the Road."  
 There could be a possible discount on your auto insurance should you complete this course.  
 Contact Tuolumne County CHP for more information at 209-984-3944



**CALIFORNIA  
HIGHWAY PATROL**

## DISTRICT 4-A1 STUDENT SPEAKERS CONTEST WINNER



The winning student for this year's District 4-A1 Student Speakers Contest was Hailey Pasley. Miss Pasley is sponsored by the Chowchilla Lions Club and currently attends Chowchilla High School as a Junior. She will go on to participate in the Area 1 Student Speakers Contest on Friday, May 7th at 7 pm at the Linden Lions Club House.





## How Did You Get Your Nickname?

Lion Walt Barclay got his nickname "Wimpy" at Gallo Glass Co. He would bring a hamburger every day for lunch for the first 5-10 years of working at Gallo. So just think of the cartoon Wimpy: "I'll gladly pay you Tuesday, for a hamburger today."



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Lion Ellie Duste was given the nickname "Putty" when she was about 5 years old by her brother. It was because she was playing with some of his hand-me-down toy cars, saying putt putt putt... Maybe this is why Lion Ellie has always loved to drive?!

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Lion Bill Simpson got his nickname driving destruction derby for over 27 years. He realized the folks in the stands were getting bored one night so he asked the judges if he could go out there and screw around a bit. They said sure. So he did what he normally does, blew himself up, rolled around, set the place on fire; you know, normal stuff. The announcer was really getting into it and was saying, "Look at that Wild Bill." Anyway, he kept yelling out, "look at that Bill, he's crazy. Then he said "I wonder what Crazy Bill is going to do next year?" He's been called "Crazy Bill" ever since. Now you know!

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Lion Wendy Penhallegon was given her nickname at a very young age by one of her brothers. He claimed she sounded like a rusty, squeaky gate opening and closing going E.e.e.e.e.E.e.e.e.e. So from then on, her nickname has been EE.



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PDG Tom Penhallegon's nickname while going through school was either "Penguin" or "Pelican." Both were a play on his name, although he did kind of walk like a penguin from time to time!



## Birthdays and Anniversaries for May

- 5/6 - Phil Baylis
- 5/7 - John & Ruth Moyer (Anniversary)
- 5/11 - John Moyer
- 5/18 - Ed Brown
- 5/19 - Dan & Kelly Ward (Anniversary)
- 5/21 - Jim Gormely
- 5/26 - Doug & Sheri Fleming (Anniversary)

## MOW Friends of Pets Club—April 2021

*Submitted by: Lion Frank Meckler*

The Pet Club drawing was scheduled for April 28 at our meeting. Only 16 members joined for this quarter, but with their generous donations having created two \$50 Visa Gift Cards. Donors this quarter are (Lions all) Jan Newman, Ray Bailey, Frank Meckler, Bob Bader, Jill Schwab, Doug Fleming, John & Ruth Moyer, Bill Coffill, Cecil Steen, Bob Schuman, Bud & Jerri Regelin, Judy Meeks, and Tom & Wendy Penhallegon. The winners of the two \$50 Visa Gift Cards were Lion Bob Bader and Lion Jan Newman. Lion Bob Schuman won the quilt. The next drawing will be in 2 months to end our Lions Fiscal year. The Board of Directors approved at the April 14th meeting to separate the pet foods expenses from the raffle income. The raffle is called "20 gets ya 50" and will be similar to the Lobster or Cioppino dinners where earned funds will be distributed to pet food expenses and for other Lions Club donations. This an opportunity for club earnings to exceed or become our largest fundraiser with fewer hours where the only effort is to write a check for a donation. There will be a mailer in early May describing how easy a project this will be. It begins on July 1, 2021. We will still have the drawing on June 30th however. Lion Bill Simpson and I cannot develop this project alone. We need 2-4 members to join for their input on how the new project will be run. We will meet at the restaurant on May 12th at 11 am (prior to the regular meeting).

Our hero front-liners at the Senior Center are still working hard with the thousands of meals delivered each month and looking forward to a grand reopening later in July.

*As always, Thank You Lions for all your support.  
Lions Frank Meckler and Crazy Bill Simpson*



## Sunshine Report

If you know of any member who is ill, having surgery, or needs acknowledgment, please let me know at 209-532-7828 or by email at: [littlebluehoe@gmail.com](mailto:littlebluehoe@gmail.com)

Our Lion Stacey's dear mom, Iris, fell and broke her hip and is now at Avalon for rehab. Lion Donna broke 2 bones in her foot, so she will be walking a lot slower for a bit. VP Jill Schwab is having tests as her heart is misbehaving. Lion Ruth Moyer had surgery on her wrist on Thursday, April 22nd and is doing okay. Lion John Moyer is going through chemo again and is very tired with no energy. Pres. Phil will be having knee surgery on Wednesday, April 28th. We hope all goes well. Lion Bob Schuman has been having balance troubles lately. Please keep them all in your thoughts. Lion Bud and I will be helping our grandson, Steven, move to live with his mother (my daughter) in Colorado, so I won't see you for a few weeks. Stay safe.

### EAR OF THE LION REPORT April 2021

Submitted by: Lion Tim Atchley, Chair  
[timothy\\_atchley@comcast.net](mailto:timothy_atchley@comcast.net)



There was no activity to report for the Ear of the Lion Program for the month of April.

### OUR SPONSOR CLUB TURNED 100 LAST YEAR!

Our sponsoring club, the Stockton Host Lions Club, turned 100 years old last year. But because of the Covid restrictions, they were unable to have a celebration of this tremendous event. With the restrictions being lifted soon in the state of California, however, they are planning their big gala for Saturday, August 21, 2021, at 6 pm at the Stockton Golf and Country Club, 3800 Country Club Blvd, Stockton, CA 95204. There are already about 8 of us Sonora Lions Club members who want to attend. If you are also interested in going, please go to their website at [www.stocktonhostLIONS.org](http://www.stocktonhostLIONS.org) to get your name on the list. Attendance is limited, so please remember to get your request in early.



**Next Board of Directors' Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 13, 2021**  
**6:00 pm @ Lion Jill's home.**



**H.E.L.P. Report**  
**Diann Kaiser Memorial**  
**Hospital Equipment Loan Program**  
**MARCH 2021**  
**Lion Dan Ward, Chair**  
[sonoraministorage@yahoo.com](mailto:sonoraministorage@yahoo.com)  
209-533-7766



| Item                  | # Used     | Cost    | Total           |
|-----------------------|------------|---------|-----------------|
| Wheel Chairs          | 25         | \$50.00 | \$1,250.00      |
| Commodos              | 23         | \$20.00 | \$460.00        |
| Bath Chairs           | 7          | \$20.00 | \$140.00        |
| Shower Seats          | 9          | \$20.00 | \$180.00        |
| Walkers               | 33         | \$20.00 | \$660.00        |
| Walkers/w/Seat        | 16         | \$30.00 | \$480.00        |
| Canes                 | 7          | \$10.00 | \$70.00         |
| Crutches              | 6          | \$10.00 | \$60.00         |
| Risers                | 6          | \$10.00 | \$60.00         |
| Reachers              | 0          | \$5.00  | \$0.00          |
| Sock Aide             | 0          | \$5.00  | \$0.00          |
| Misc.                 | 8          | \$5.00  | \$40.00         |
| Monthly Hours         |            |         | 35              |
| <b>Monthly Totals</b> | <b>140</b> |         | <b>3,400.00</b> |

### Year July 2020 - June 2021

|                               |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Total contributions in kind   | \$23,745.00 |
| Total Hours contributed       | 249.35      |
| Total Equipment Pieces loaned | 994         |

The H.E.L.P. program is running low on equipment available to lend out. A lot of what was on hand has had a lot of use and should be replaced. If you know of anyone who has medical equipment that is no longer needed by them, please encourage them to donate it to our program. Call Lion Dan at 209-533-7766 for more information.

### One of Those Moments When You're Proud to be a Lion!

From Lion Jerri Regelin: "After last week's meeting, upon coming out of the restroom, I noticed a young boy standing in the hallway. I said 'Hello,' and he said, 'I know the Lions! They came to my school!'" Lion Jerri said "That's wonderful! Was it for the Read to Succeed Program?" He replied, "Yes, it was! I didn't win, but we were still happy you were doing it!"

If that doesn't make you proud to be a Lion, I don't know what will!





# THE WORD SEARCH BATTLE



## Flowers

Difficulty: Hard



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U U R S P Y T R A A L I L R B  
N Y T E C S E F S I L M Z E I  
P L K A W T F M A U O A A D T  
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Play this puzzle online at: <https://www.wordsearchbattle.io/topic/flowers>

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|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| ASTER    | IRIS     | MAGNOLIA | SUNFLOWER |
| CLEMATIS | JASMINE  | ORCHID   | TULIPS    |
| CROCUS   | LAVENDER | PEONY    | ZINNIA    |
| DAFFODIL | LILAC    | PETUNIA  |           |
| DAHLIA   | LILLY    | POPPY    |           |
| DAISY    | LOTUS    | ROSE     |           |

## MESSAGE FROM LIONS INTL. PRESIDENT JUNG-YUL CHOI



Greetings Lions,

How does a stream become a river? It begins as a trickle of snow melt at the top of a mountain and flows downward, picking up more water as it runs, joining other streams. It wears away rock and soil as it flows, carving a path and shaping the landscape until one day it's a roaring river.

Lions, this is how change happens. Slowly. Over time. And by joining together.

Like most of you, I have long been trying to lessen my impact on our planet. I recycle, I reuse items before replacing them, and I try to reduce my overall consumption. I want our planet to be healthy and vibrant for generations to come.

But there is so much more to be done. I often wonder if my small, everyday changes make a difference. I wonder if I shouldn't be doing more. And the answer is yes. There is always room to be doing more to protect the planet. However, it's also true that the little things *do* matter. They *do* add up. Small efforts made consistently and over time can amount to meaningful change.

Earth Day is April 22, 2021. Lions, no matter what your chosen cause, I hope you are able to pause this month and think of all the decisions you make every day. Ask yourself if there is room for a small effort toward a cleaner environment; a drop of water to join our ever-increasing tide of change.

Sincerely,

**Dr. Jung-Yul Choi**

International President, Lions Clubs International



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**2020-2021**

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### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A Person who  
feels appreciated  
will always do  
more than is  
expected



How many can you claim?



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*"We Serve"*

## Sonora Lions Club Calendar of Events

May 5—Due to the Cinco de Mayo holiday, we will not be having a meeting this day. See you next week!  
 May 12—General Membership Meeting, 12 noon, Cocina Michoacana Restaurant  
 May 13—Board of Directors meeting, Lion Jill's home, 6 pm  
 May 19—General Membership Meeting, 12 noon, Cocina Michoacana Restaurant  
 May 26—General Membership  
 June 26—Omelet Breakfast Fundraiser has been postponed

## District, Multi-District, and International Calendar of Events

May 1—Camp Pacifica Forum - Let's Talk  
 May 1—GAT District Funding submissions due May 14-17: CA I & II Lions Certified Instructor Program (LCIP) Chicago, IL  
 May 1—Application submission deadline for Matching, Diabetes, Hunger, Childhood Cancer, SightFirst, and Lions Quest grants to be considered in August 2021 by the LCIF Board of Trustees and the Lions Quest and SightFirst Advisory Committees  
 May 21-22—102st California Lions Convention <https://md4lions.org/md4con>  
 June 1—Helen Keller Day  
 June 7—Lions Clubs International Birthday  
 June 19—Golf Tournament - Up Country 88 Lions  
 June 25-29—LCI Convention - Virtual  
 June 30—Stockton-San Joaquin Lions' Plastic Collection ends  
 August 21—Stockton Host Lions Club 100th Anniversary Celebration  
 September 9-11, 2021: USA/Canada Leadership Forum - Des Moines IA <http://lionsforum.org/>



## SECRETARY'S MONTHLY REPORT

**April 2021**

*Submitted by: Lion Wendy Penhallegon, Secretary*

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| • Total Membership from last report .....       | 51                  |
| • New Members.....                              | 0                   |
| • Dropped Members .....                         | 0                   |
| • Transferred Members.....                      | 0                   |
| • Total Members At Close.....                   | 51                  |
| • Service Hours .....                           | 775/YTD 2,228       |
| • Number of People Served .....                 | 826/YTD 10,674      |
| • Number of Lions .....                         | 121/YTD 505         |
| • Number of Hearing Aids .....                  | 0/YTD 1             |
| • Number of Eyeglasses Donated .....            | 0/YTD 3,275         |
| • Pounds of Pull Tabs Donated .....             | 0/YTD 110.5         |
| • Pounds of Plastic Bags (Bags 4 Benches) ..... | 0/YTD 194.4         |
| • Number of Cell Phones donated .....           | 0/YTD 71            |
| • Funds Raised .....                            | \$2,733/YTD \$6,685 |
| • Funds Donated .....                           | \$4,00/YTD \$6,060  |
| • Total Activities .....                        | 20/YTD 187          |

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