



The Lion's Roar

Sonora Lions Club

PO Box 101, Standard, CA 95373



We Serve

*The Club meets every Wednesday at 12:00 PM at the
Cocina Michoacana II Restaurant, 14715 Mono Way, Sonora
Board Meetings are every 2nd Wednesday following the noon meeting*

District 4-A1, Mountain Region, Zone 2

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June 2021

OUR NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2021-2022



SLATE OF OFFICERS SONORA LIONS CLUB 2021-2022

President—Phil Baylis
1st Vice President—Jill Schwab
2nd Vice President—Paul Berg
Secretary—Wendy Penhallegon
Treasurer—Judy Meeks
LCIF Coordinator—Jim Gormely
Membership Chair—Jim Gormely
1-Year Director—Donna Ecroyd
1-Year Director—Stacey Ruiz
2-Year Director—Kelly Ward
2-Year Director—Ken Hammond
Director At Large—Tom Penhallegon
Chaplains—Tim Atchley & Joe Skaff
Lion Tamer—Nick Reuter
Tail Twister—Cat Reuter
Newsletter/Webmaster—Wendy Penhallegon

*Vote held at the April 21, 2021 meeting after the 3rd reading of the
2021-2022 Slate of Officers. The vote was a unanimous vote to con-
firm the new officers.*

The Sonora Lions Club wants to give a huge "shout-out" to those who stepped up to serve our club and our community. We are looking forward to a very busy and fulfilling year ahead of us. WE SERVE!

LUNCH MEETINGS

At our May 12th meeting, 1st VP Jill Schwab opened our meeting to a song and pledge, and the prayer was given by Lion Tim Atchley. We had one guest today, Lion Debbi Hopman from the Tracy Tank Town Lions and we sang our Welcome Song for her. It was discussed that Lion John Moyer had just had a birthday and we were going to call him and sing him our endearing rendition of Happy Birthday, but Lion Jerri reminded us that he would be in getting another treatment at that time.

Tail Twister Tales— Lion Frank had a sad buck to report that Lion Dennis was having heart problems and was currently being treated at the hospital ~ Lion Wendy had a Happy Buck because her granddaughter, Kayla Dart, had just graduated from Cal State University at Fresno with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Health Administration ~ Lion Jerri had a Happy Buck because she was back from moving her grandson to Colorado, where he cut his hair and got his first job ~ Lion Mike had a Sad Buck because on his way to the meeting 2 weeks prior, he had a car accident (not his fault and his first in all his years of driving!) and then came last week only to find out that there was no meeting ~ Lion Tim's granddaughter graduated from high school and is now working at Divine Swine Restaurant in Modesto ~ Lion Bob Bader had a sad buck because his wife broke 2 toes coming out of their RV while out of town ~ Lion Glen is back from his travels and his wife Nancy is recovering from a pulmonary embolism she developed last year ~ Lion Debbi Hopman had a Happy Buck because someone else was cleaning her cabin for her and this weekend she will be able to see her grandchildren play T-Ball and Baseball.

Fines—1st VP Jill had Lion Wendy fined for almost throwing away a soda can without getting the pull tab first!

Secret Lion—This week's Secret Lion was Lion Bob who had Lion Wendy fined for not greeting him!

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Reports: PDG Tom reported that sales of the wheelbarrow raffle have been going well, with over \$1,300 collected so far. There will be more weekend dates set a booth in front of Walmart and Tractor Supply, so please sign up for a shift at one of these locations. Our 100th Anniversary Committee gave reports from the Opera House and Best Western as potential locations for the event. It was decided that the Opera House would best suit our needs and the atmosphere we are desiring. The date was officially set for Saturday, May 14, 2022. The planning begins. We were reminded of the board meeting at Lion Jill's home tomorrow evening at 6 pm. Since we needed another body on the Board of Director's to serve for voting purposes because Lion Jim Gormely currently holds 2 positions, PDG Tom Penhallegon volunteered for that position (Director At Large). A motion to accept him as Director At Large was made by Bob Bader/Wendy Penhallegon. MSC.

Guest Speaker—Lion Debbi Hopman gave an informal talk about the Peace Poster Contest coming up this year. The topic will be "We Are All Connected." We can order our packets any time now. She also gave us big thanks for adapting to the situation and providing such an excellent break-



fast at the convention this year.



Raffles—Lion Jerri won the cash raffle and Lion Wendy won the Fine-Free Critter for next week (she could have really used it this week!). Lion Glenn won the honor of drawing for the Black Marble, but only managed to find a white one. The pot is now \$118.50.

Finally got a picture of Lion Jerri Regelin's award from the convention last month. Congratulations on a great job!



On May 19th, the meeting was opened in regular fashion with the song, pledge and prayer. Our guest speaker, Frank Smart, was introduced to the group and the Welcome song was sung for him. As it turns out, it was Frank Smart's Birthday today and Lion Doug and Sherri Fleming's Anniversary was coming up. We sang our version of the Birthday Song proudly for Frank! Lion Wendy Penhallegon made the announcement that it has been decided the California Lions Camp/Camp Pacifica is going to be put on the market due to lack of funding in the past few years and inability to maintain insurance. 1st VP Jill is setting up a date to have a group of us see a play later this year at SRT (see more details on page 7).

Tail Twister—Lion Tim stepped in as Tail Twister today. The Secret Lion was 1st VP Jill, who reported that everyone shook her hand, so all were fined \$1. He auctioned off a bag of Sesame Crunch treats for \$5 to himself, as no one else bid on it. Lion Jill had a Happy Buck for her story about her cat that got stuck in a pipe while she was away. Her neighbor got it out by dousing it in Mazola Oil ~ Lion Judy was happy to get away with Lion Rayma for the weekend.

Committee Reports—The 100th Anniversary party was set for Saturday, May 14, 2022 and will be at the Sonora Opera House. The committee will meet again next month to start setting up more details. The Omelet Breakfast will tentatively be scheduled for Saturday, August 14th. PDG Tom gave an update on the Wheelbarrow Raffle, which is doing very well. There are 2 more sessions scheduled to set up in front of Tractor Supply and Walmart before it ends. Lion Frank Meckler announced that we will just be continuing with the Friends of the Pet Club as per usual. The next drawing will be on June 30th.

Guest Speaker—Frank Smart, a big veteran advocate in Sonora, talked about the Vietnam Memorial that has been created. It was actually

funded by a senior project where the student was able to raise over \$94,000 to accomplish this. There will be a time capsule placed there and Frank has spent 2 years collecting authentic artifacts from the 9-11 disaster, from NY, the PA field, and the Pentagon. He created a \$6K display case (bullet-proof)



to house these important artifacts. There will be a Women's Veteran Memorial placed in Twain Harte across from The Rock. There will be a "design competition" to select the appearance of this memorial. There will be several veteran affairs events coming up for the community including a Beep Ball tournament in September, where each player, if not visually impaired, will be blindfolded. The ball beeps and the bases beep, and you have to play without sight. It'll be fun!

ANOTHER CLUB MEETING

Our May 26th meeting was opened in usual fashion with song, pledge, and prayer. Our guest speaker today was 1st VDGE Doug Campbell, from the Oakdale Lions Club. We sang our Welcome song for him, which he appreciated very much. He was very grateful that we didn't have to sing the birthday song for anyone! We were all surprised by a visit from our long-lost Lions John and Ruth Moyer!

We started the meeting with our guest speaker, 1st VDGE Doug, speaking about ways in which our club has made a difference over the years. He reminded us that we were selected Top Club for 5 of the last 10 years, and to gain that honor, we definitely had to be doing something right! We also were honored by LCI last year for our incredible service for the year 2019-20 being named **#6 in service** in our Constitutional Area

1 (which encompasses the entire United States of America and affiliates, Bermuda, and the Bahamas; approximately 11,374 Lions Club). There have been numerous projects over the years that we are particularly proud of, and not all of them involve selling tickets and serving dinners. Lion Doug reminded us of why we are all there...We Serve! He was asked about his club in Oakdale and how they came about placing all the flags out for every legal holiday. It actually came about around the 9-11 tragedy when a few members wanted to show their support for all the 1st responders and generate some patriotic feelings for their community. It has expanded to over 320 flags being placed up and down the town for each legal holiday. It takes a crew of about 6 Lions a couple of hours to place them all out, but what a beautiful sight it is to see. He suggested the usefulness of being a member of the Chamber of Commerce in your town.

Tail Twister—Lion Cat fined our president because his phone started ringing. Lion Kailen arrived late, but TT Cat paid his fine for him because of his herculean effort to join us whenever he can. The Secret Lion this week was Lion Bud, and he was only able to have Lion Kailen fined for not greeting him properly. ~ TT Cat had a Happy Buck because they will be leaving shortly for a vacation in their RV to Hurricane, Utah ~ Lion Kailen had a Happy Buck because of his somewhat successful race



down in Mexico, raising money for the orphanage ~ Lion Jill had a Happy Buck because she remembered her vacation hat...but forgot her vest! She also joked about how she got her great "shiner" after a close encounter with a push broom ~ PDG Tom had a Sad Buck because of the news about Lion Kelly, who took a face plant while on vacation and had to have 10 stitches in her face, broke her elbow and wrist, and possibly her other arm too ~ Lion Irene wore a shirt from Yosemite after a pleasant stay up there in the campground ~ Lion Bob had a dental appointment, so he paid a fine for leaving early ~ Lions John and Ruth were both very happy to be able to join us today.



Auction: Lion Jill brought a homemade wreath made of corks and ribbons for auction. The bidding was hard and fast, and went for \$35 to Lion John Moyer.

Committee Reports: Lion Jim talked about our club members' donation to LCIF this year, as in the past two years, where every member is asked to donate \$20. It will not be an official "100% club" recognition for us, but will be our version of it. Lion Jim reported that the local Boy Scouts Troop 562 were scheduled to be at the Sonora Lions Park this evening to clean it up and asked members to show up and support their efforts. PDG Tom said there will be two more sessions of selling tickets for the wheelbarrow raffle, with the next one on the first weekend of June (5th and 6th) at Tractor Supply Store, and again on June 19-20th in front of Walmart. The sign-up sheet was passed around for workers to fill the 2-hour sessions. We had some extra time, so 1st VDGE Doug told a joke to the club about 2 hunters. **Raffles**—Lion Tim won the cash raffle this week and Lion Bud won the fine-free critter for next week. Lion 1st VP Jill won the honor of drawing for the black marble, but only found a white one. The pot now sits at \$129.



*District Governor
Marilyn Richardson
District 4-A1
2020-2021
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Your success and happiness lies in you. Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties.

AZ QUOTES

Helen Keller

Welcome to the Tuolumne County Library

Each month a new list of recently purchased library materials is created for your perusal.

California's Library Services for People with Print Disabilities (vision impairment) in association with the Library of Congress, provides free Braille and audio books, magazines and playback equipment to all eligible Californians unable to read standard print. Copy and paste the link below to find your local braille and talking book library and sign up for free library service. <http://pd.library.ca.gov>

E-Books

We offer e-books for checkout. Using your library card and PIN, you can download e-book titles on your computer, e-book reader, or mobile device through our OverDrive Digital Media Catalog. This service is available for your device at home or through our Wi-Fi connection at the library. Please note that the library's public access computers cannot be used for this service.



If you are a Lion and enjoying this newsletter,
Share it!

If you are enjoying this newsletter and are not a Lion, we would encourage you to **Become a Lion!**

For more information call Lion Jim Gormely,
Membership Chair (209) 532-6515



Mother Lode Food Project

The next Pickup Day is Wednesday, June 23, 2021 for our club. You can bring your green bag donations to the club meeting. Alternatively, you may drop off your donations at the following locations: A-TCAA (Jamestown), Bolton Feed, Umpqua Bank (Junction Shopping Center, Umpqua Bank (Twain Harte), and Thad Waterbury's Front Forch.



Most Needed Items Are:

Non-Perishable Food
Holiday Food Items
Cereal

Hearty Soups

Canned Meat

Canned Fruit

Cooking Oil

Canned Tuna

Canned Beans

Dried Beans

Pinto Beans

Canned Corn

Masa

Brown Rice

Long Grain White Rice

Plain Stewed Tomatoes

Fruit Cocktail

Side Dishes

Soy Milk

Canned Milk

Texturized Vegetable Protein

Pasta

Vegetables

Side Dishes (Hamburger Helper, Rice-a-Roni, etc.)

Pet foods

Especially for Seniors:

Dried Fruits

Ready made Jell-O & pudding

Ensure protein drinks

Low-sodium Pull-tab Soups

Low-sodium Single-Serving Meals

Low-sodium Crackers

Green Tea (regular and decaf)

Canned Vegetables

Hard Candies

Non-Food Items:

Toilet Paper

Toothpaste

Toothbrushes

Soap

***Please check your expiration dates as they cannot and will not use anything that is out of date.

WHAT IS YOUR CLUB MINDSET?

How can we overcome the stagnation we've endured for the past year and grow as a club? Are you looking at things with a closed mind or an open mind? When was the last time you brought a new idea to the club?

Growth mindset

Embraces challenges

Accepts criticism and negative feedback as constructive

Equates reward with effort

Persists in the face of setbacks

Never gives up

Learns from failure

"Talent is developed"

"What more can I do?"



Fixed mindset

Avoids challenges

Rejects criticism and is hurt by negative feedback

Expects reward without effort

Lets setbacks derail them

Gives up easily

To fail once is to fail completely

"I'm no good at this"

"Why should I bother?"



Want your own Lions License Plate?

Now is the time to register to get your own California Lions License Plate! This will only show you have an interest in getting one. You will receive an email confirming your interest. No purchase required if you later change your mind.

Together we can make this happen, scan the QR code on the photo or copy and paste the link below.

<https://bit.ly/2QYi4Ph>



**Register to
get your own
Lion license
plate today!**

RIDE WITH PRIDE

<https://bit.ly/2QYi4Ph>



**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY**

DID YOU KNOW?

**By thinking one
positive thought
every morning
you can psychologically
trick your brain into
being a happier person.**

!! ATTENTION !!

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 or debit 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.

SPRING CLEANUP WHEELBARROW RAFFLE REPORT

After 2 weekends of sitting out in front of Walmart and Tractor Supply, the Spring Cleanup Wheelbarrow Raffle is off to a great start. We are still collecting items to put in the wheelbarrow, so the final value will be close to \$700 worth of merchandise! To date, we have raised over \$1,300 from just these two weekends, plus individual members purchasing tickets. Keep up the good work!

Submitted by PDG Tom Penhallegon



(Right) 1st VP Jill mimicking a very believable "Vanna" pose. (Top picture) Lions Bob and Nick holding down the fort. (Bottom picture) Just some of the merchandise you can win.



Sonora Lions Club Spring Clean-Up Wheelbarrow Raffle!

DONATION: \$10 per ticket



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
@ 209-406-5015

IN LOVING MEMORY



12.10.45 - 8.8.20
CONNIE LEE ELSHIRE WILLIAMS

Please join us to celebrate the life of dear wife, mother, friend, colleague, and former Sonora Mayor, Connie Williams. We will miss her joy, laughter, humor, and love. Thank you for helping us carry on her memory today and forever. We are blessed to have known her and she will be deeply missed.

**June 5, 2021 - 11:00 AM - Coffill Park
12020300, Sonora, CA 95370**

Hello Lions and Friends,

The number of Lions in 4-A1 and the number of clubs in the District have fallen drastically during the past 30 years that this District has supported California Lions Camp, Camp Pacifica.

During the past year, the Camp has weathered a major wind storm, nearby fires and smoke damage, closure due to the pandemic, and a series of lawsuits from a former Lion who worked as a contractor/volunteer at the Camp. On top of those problems, financial support for the Camp has dropped and the ability to obtain insurance has disappeared. The result was a decision to put the Camp on the market with the hopes that a buyer could be found and a sales agreement reached that would allow the Camp to retain two or three weeks each year for Camp Pacifica at the facility. If not, the sale would provide funding to rent a facility each year for the Camp.

CAMP PACIFICA—the experience—will not die. This year, there will be five exploratory trips to cultural sites for the youngsters, with the hope of a three-day overnight camping experience at a rented campground at the end of the summer.

The California Lions Camp, Camp Pacifica did not enter into this decision to sell lightly. All of the possible solutions



were studied and discussed. The financial problems did not appear overnight and have been there for a decade or so. It was the other pressures—fire, storm, insurance, lawsuit—that forced this

decision. In the long run, it is believed that it is the best decision for Lions and our disabled children.

—The Board

HUNKER-AT-HOME STORIES

From Lion Ray Bailey ~ As I recall, the “Covid Shutdown” kicked off in about March or April 2020, right after my wife Norene and I returned from a motorhome trip in Arizona and Nevada. She and I quickly decided that we were too old to be locked down, and with a stockpile of newly created masks, continued our marriage-long hobby of RV travels. We are currently on our 2nd cross-country trip since the “lockdown.” We have just wrapped up a several day stay at Cape Canaveral, Florida, where, with part of our family, we visited the Kennedy Space Center and witnessed two rocket lift offs. Prior to this experience, we celebrated the 2nd birthday of our youngest great-grandchild, Emilia. In a couple of days we will be camped on Key Largo for nearly a week. If all goes well, I plan to charter a fishing boat and fill our freezer. After that, we’ll start a very slow return, via a northern route, to home. Should take another month. We’re old and in no hurry. Thinking of you all!



Submitted by Lion John Moyer ~ Lion Ruth Moyer enjoying her flower garden. She not only likes to take good care of Lion John, but spends hours outside tending her beautiful flowers.

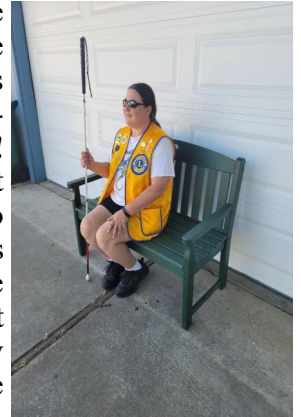


Submitted by Lion Wendy Penhallegon ~ Lion Wendy decided that it was about time to get that guitar out of the corner that PDG Tom bought her 7 years ago in Michigan and learn how to play it again. Here she is practicing her chord progressions and getting her fingertips nice and callused.



BAGS FOR BENCHES PROGRAM

This past month, our club has donated another 88.2 pounds of plastics to this wonderful project. To date, since we started collecting bags for the Stockton-San Joaquin Lions Club, we have donated a whopping **283.3 pounds of plastics!** Pictured below is the first bench, which is ear-marked to be placed at the Pixie Woods Park in Stockton. They will be getting a plaque to go with it also to let the community know about what the Lions Clubs are doing.



Below is a box of bags donated by Lion Wendy's good friend, Beverlie Silva. There are over 100 bags in there! So neat and tidy! Would love to see more of this.



COMING SOON TO A TOWN NEAR YOU!

Lion 1st VP Jill has arranged for us to have an outing together...no business, no working, just fun and friendship. We will be gathering for a boxed lunch just prior to the 2 pm performance of “*Murder On the Orient Express*” on Sunday, November 7th. We already have several members who have expressed an interest in attending, so let Lion Jill know soon, as seating is limited.



★ IMPORTANT NOTICE! ★

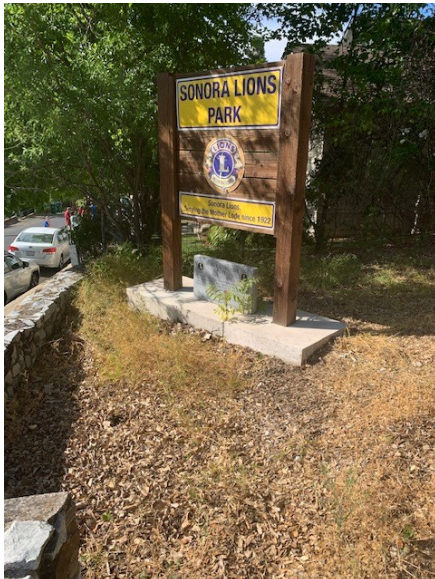
For our Office Installation Meeting on June 30, 2021, 12 pm, at Lions Jerri & Bud's home, we will be asking everyone to wear their zaniest, wildest, or most colorful shirt. This is just another way to keep things lively and fun while also celebrating another year in Lions and saluting our awesome club members.



SONORA LIONS PARK CLEAN-UP BY BOY SCOUTS

On Wednesday, May 26th, members of the local Boy Scout Troop 562, along with Lion Jim Gormely and Lion Bug Regelin showed up to give the Sonora Lions Park a nice manicure and polish. Together they pulled and whacked over 20 bags of weeds out of there and picked up all the trash left by careless visitors. Kudos to these young men for their fine job!

BEFORE PICTURES



AFTER PICTURES



SENIOR CENTER'S FACELIFT



On April 24-25, the Love Tuolumne County Project was hard at work giving our local Senior Center a much-needed facelift. They went from a plain gravel store-front to this beautiful garden-like setting.

Next Board of Directors' Meeting will be held immediately following our Wednesday noon meeting, June 9, 2021 at the restaurant.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND



Birthdays and Anniversaries for June

6/2—Tom Penhallegon

6/2—Lorie & Loren Kaiser's Anniversary

6/11—Jerri Regelin

6/14—Bob & Garienn Bader's Anniversary

6/22—Cecil & Fran Steen's Anniversary

6/22—Stacey Ruiz

6/30—Ron Ramos



MOW Friends of Pets Club—May 2021

Submitted by: Lion Frank Meckler

It was decided that with the Lions Club returning to some form of normalcy, we will only ask for donations as before. The Friends of Pets Club will still ask members to donate a minimum of \$20 per quarter and receive 2 tickets for the end of quarter drawings. Any \$10 added for that quarter will receive 1 ticket. Two \$50 Visa cards will be drawn on June 30th with possible added prizes. So far 6 members have joined. Lions Bob Bader and John Moyer won the last quarter's awards, and Lion Bob Schuman won a beautiful lap quilt. Not bad odds: 3 out of 16 members who entered. So come on Lions, increase the odds and send in your \$20 donation (or more) and don't forget your friends who like to also play.

Our committee packs over 500 dog and cat pouches plus 35 lbs of treats per month. Our front line drivers appreciate having a large treat when a first time delivery has a large dog greet them before meeting the senior. The greeting always turns out with a new canine friend looking forward to their treat each day. We also want to acknowledge and thank Tractor Supply for helping with reduced costs for our pet food purchases. Again, thank you Lions for supporting this project. Our pets woof and purr a big thanks.

Remember, June 30th is our next drawing. Please send donations to: Lion Frank Meckler, 18315 Golden Oaks Dr., Jamestown, CA 95327

Thanks, Lions Frank Meckler/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: littlebluehse@gmail.com

Hello Lions, Another month is gone. It has been great to have face-to-face meetings. Bud & I have been doing a little traveling and staying safe. Dennis Schroeder was in the hospital but is home now with congestive heart failure and still not doing very well. Keep him in your prayers. Kelly Ward had a nasty fall, requiring stitches and with a broken elbow and wrist. We sure hope she will heal up quickly. Lynda LaFlamme was also in the hospital with heart problems, but is back at home. Lion Stacey tore a ligament in her foot and is laid up for a while. John & Ruth surprised us by coming to our Wednesday meeting. Both are looking good. Ruth has healed up from her surgery and John is doing better, but starts more chemo on June 2nd. Sure hope everyone is staying safe. Please let me know of anyone who may be sick, hurt, or having surgery. As always, Lion Jerri Regelin

EAR OF THE LION REPORT MAY 2021

Submitted by: Lion Tim Atchley, Chair
timothy_atchley@comcast.net



There were two (2) applications sent to clients for hearing aids this month. Eight (8) hearing aids, batteries, and assorted implements were sent to the Ear of the Lion Headquarters in Clovis.

Next Plastic Bag Pickup Date

The next scheduled meet and greet date for bringing your plastic bags, pull tabs, eyeglasses, used ink cartridges, hearing aids, and old cell phones is Thursday, June 10th, at 11 am. PDG Tom and Lion Wendy will be at the Pine Tree Restaurant parking lot from 11 to 11:30 am that morning to collect them from you. Please remember, the plastic bags must be dry and clean of all food and debris. Thanks for all your work!



Think back in your life and remember when someone gave you a word, a letter, or a conversation of encouragement that changed your life! Clubs are encouraged to make that happen for someone starting in July 2021. Yes, District 4-A1 is ... Serving HOPE. As always, how your club serves HOPE is up to you. The goal is to raise the human spirit for those in need. Here are a few suggestions:

~~Contact local homeless shelters, rehab programs, senior programs, etc. (your choice) and find out if your club can write an uplifting letter of encouragement to someone in their program. Letters should offer encouragement of a better tomorrow, that troubled times don't last forever when you believe in yourself – tell the letter's recipient that you believe in them! (using 1st names only for confidentiality)

~~Does someone in your club need encouragement? Write to them!

~~Write to a little league or local sports team.

~~Find a senior residential care center where the residents may not be hearing from their family members or friends.

~~Select a group or individual who you think their spirits may need to be uplifted.

Next, our club should decide which member will track/tally the letters that are sent. By July 25th, send information and photos to Lion Gail Cates at gfcion@gmail.com. Three "Engagement Challenge" Clubs will be chosen as "winners," to be selected by our new District Governor Gabrielle McKechnie. Together, our service will be encouraging those in need. Just think of the difference our club can make!



US Flag Day Word Search



STARS AND STRIPES	HALF-STAFF	PATRIOTIC
NATIONAL ANTHEM	UNION JACK	AMERICAN
US FLAG DAY	FLAG POLE	NATIONAL
VEHICULOLOGY	HALF-MAST	OFFICIAL
BETSY ROSS	OLD GLORY	THIRTEEN



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MORE NEWS AROUND TOWN

~SAVE THE DATE~

**15th Annual Meals on
Wheels Fundraiser**

Friday August 20th

from 9 am to 11 am



SSPI and Meals on Wheels are celebrating **25 years of service** to seniors in our community! "LIVE" on air Radiothon! Tune into Star 92.7 for live interviews, information, and music. More details to come!!

Ms. Judy Grossman, a local artist and owner of **Brush and Cork** paint studio donated 200 beautifully painted canvases that will be delivered to Meals On Wheels clients this month!



MESSAGE FROM LIONS INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT JUNG-YUL CHOI



Greetings Lions,

Out of all the diverse talents Lions possess, one in particular seems to be consistent across clubs and constitutional areas: the ability to turn difficult situations into opportunities.

Now that we are well into 2021, more than a year since the first lockdowns began, many clubs have adjusted to a new normal. The rules of the pandemic no longer seem strange, they are simply a part of our life.

While we know it won't be this way forever, some of the adaptations clubs have made in the past year have been truly innovative. And it's worth looking at whether they just may have a place in our service beyond the pandemic.

For instance, we now have meetings without being in the same room. Virtual meetings have enabled Lions to serve safely during the pandemic, and they've also opened the door to new possibilities. I often hear parents or young people just starting out in their careers tell me that they would love to serve, but they can't find the time to attend meetings. But what if those meetings were in their home? And all it required was an internet connection and an hour of their time? No rushing in traffic and no babysitter required.

We have the potential to radically change how we serve. This doesn't mean every club should move to virtual meetings. But it does mean that every club should examine what changes it has made over the past year that may be worth keeping.

Traditions are wonderful. Lions, especially, love keeping the familiar close at hand. But traditions can and do evolve, just as we do. Let's take this month, in which we focus on strengthening our membership, to discover how we can evolve and use the lessons of the past year as a guide for the future.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

International President, Lions Clubs



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 eight of us Sonora Lions who want to attend. If you are interested in going, please register to show your interest in going. Go to their website at www.stocktonhostLIONS.org. Attendance is limited, so get your request in early.

CLUB OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Sonora Lions Club Calendar of Events

June 9—General Membership Meeting, Marian Zimmerman, from Farms of Tuolumne County, guest speaker, 12 noon, Cocina Michoacana Restaurant
 June 9—Board of Directors' meeting immediately following the General Membership Meeting
 June 26—Omelet Breakfast Fundraiser has been postponed
 June 30—Officer Installation, 12 noon, at Lion Jerri & Bud's home, District Governor Linda Pugliese to perform the installation

District, Multi-District, and International Calendar of Events

June 1—Helen Keller Day
 June 7—Lions Clubs International Birthday
 June 14—Flag Day
 June 19—Golf Tournament - Up Country 88 Lions
 June 26—Relay For Life of Livingston
 June 25-29—LCI Convention - Virtual
 June 30—Stockton-San Joaquin Lions' Phase 2 Plastic Collection ends
 June 30—Spring Clean-Up Raffle—Sonora Lions
 July 17—Cornhole Get-Together—Modesto Sunset
 August 21—Stockton Host Lions Club 100th Anniversary Celebration
 August 22—Steak Dinner—Up Country 88 Lions and possibly Sutter Creek Lions
 August 28—District Meeting/Officers' Installation, Yosemite Region hosting
 September 9-11: USA/Canada Leadership Forum - Des Moines IA, <http://lionsforum.org/>
 September 18—Relay for Life of Greater Stanislaus County, Modesto
 November 20—District Meeting, Stanislaus Region hosting



SECRETARY'S MONTHLY REPORT

May 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	150/YTD 2,378
• Number of People Served	574/YTD 11,248
• Number of Lions	91/YTD 596
• Number of Hearing Aids	8/YTD 9
• Number of Eyeglasses Donated	0/YTD 3,275
• Pounds of Pull Tabs Donated.....	0/YTD 110.5
• Pounds of Plastic Bags (Bags 4 Benches)	88.9/YTD 283.3
• Number of Cell Phones donated	0/YTD 71
• Funds Raised	\$0/YTD \$6,685
• Funds Donated	\$0/YTD \$6,060
• Total Activities	24/YTD 211