



# Sonora Lions Club Bulletin



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**President Lion Phil says:** It is the end of another semi tumultuous year. Semi tumultuous is the mild statement. The COVID Virus (whatever the new type) and vaccine discussion will be with us in the future. The mask issue is likely to be around and create some new situations for all our Lions clubs to respond to. I will ask that our club will discuss what options we will have been given in the future and provide the same cooperation that we have done to date. Let us move forward with the heart of a Lion. Our club has hung together and where we needed to respond by getting our chosen activities done for the good and success of the club we did it. It was not always easy but our end result was positive.

For your support, I give a thank you all. For our success thus far I ask the club to move forward in the New Year with same cooperative and positive attitudes we have shown to date. Happy New Year to all your families, friends and associates.



## Installation of Lions Nancy Rodgers and John Nolen, WELCOME & CHEERS!

Pictured left to right: Lions Judy Meeks, Nancy Rodger, Bob Bader, Don Allen, John Nolan, and Phil Baylis

# Happy New Year





### The Sonora LIONS Pancakes at Applebees

On a crisp December 4<sup>th</sup> morning, temperatures in the low 40s, sun just above the horizon, 19 Lion members were waiting to enter Applebee's to begin our ninth pancake breakfast. There were lions all: Ray Bailey, Tom & Wendy Penhallegon, Ken Hammond, Jan Newman, Jill Schwab, Irene Wetzels, Donna Ecroyd, Joe Skaff, Bud & Jerri Regelin, Judi Meeks, Sherri Burns, Phil Baylis, Walt Barclay, Kailen Hill, Bob Bader, and our great chairpersons, Nick & Cat Reuter.

The pride entered with a loud roar, learned a few details and began serving 65 stacks of Pancakes, bacon, orange juice and coffee. All served between 8:00AM to 10:00AM, then a quick clean-up and out by 10:30AM. Not only was it a great way to visit and sit with friends again, but also to finish the day with early Christmas shopping and enjoying a sunny day that ended at 64 degrees.

"Well, how did we do?" asked Tony the Lion. "Very well!" says Chair Cat Reuter. We served 65 including 8 walk-ins, sold 117 tickets and made \$1,055 profit. Also the prizes were provided by Lion Wendy, Sonora Tuolumne County Sheriffs Department and Applebees gift certificate. We also give a big thanks to Applebees for braving the Covid storm and allowing this project to continue its traditional event.

And, best of all, our Lions roar loudly for the excellent work that Cat & Nick Reuter did taking on this project without having any knowledge about this event. They really provided how lions serve.

**Submitted by Lion Frank Meckler**

See's Candy Sales near Tractor Supply  
provided income for Interfaith Council.  
Lions provided one day of service.

**Cheers!**





## December Meeting Speakers



Lion PDB **Don Allen** demonstrated Visual evaluation for elementary students.



Guest Sonora Mayor **Matt Hawkins** provided local updates and challenges.



**Community Christmas Tree** for Downtown Sonora displayed club-made ornaments, impressive!



### ***Christmas Cards created by Sonora Lions***

300 cards to Avalon  
900 to Interfaith  
120 to 2 Senior Centers  
50 to Adventist health  
125 Meals on Wheels Drive up  
200 Meals on Wheels Delivery  
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1770 TOTAL CARDS to individuals

**Thanks to Lion Jill for coordinating!**

## December Report MOW Friends of Pets Club

We now have 20 members of the Mow Pet Food Program. Thanks to their generous donations for the last quarter ending on Dec 29<sup>th</sup>, we have enough funding to carry on to late Spring at which time a reminder will be sent all members again to support the Pet Food Program.

Questions are asked "why" are pets receiving pet meals as do their loved ones. Simply, many of us know how a pet makes us feel when we are alone. Something to care for and in turn rewards you with their love. They also bring out your deepest feelings, help you relax and take life's challenges for the better each day.

Many days can go by with no human contact. Families sometimes are too busy to call. Our pets know us better than we know ourselves. They sense our feelings and let us know that they can be sad too. So a paw on your knee and time on your lap is far better than just sitting and staring out of a window. They are our partners, no matter what!

***And that's "why" our Lions Club supports the Mow Pet Food Club.***



**Submitted by Lion Frank Meckler**

## Mother Lode Food Project (Green Bags) - December 2021



The totals are in for the Mother Lode Food Project. Their donations increased by a whopping 20% from October, which is excellent news for our community. This makes FIVE consecutive deliveries in 2021 of over 1,000 pounds of food. The total poundage of food donated for the year 2021 is 7,722 pounds! This month, the Sonora Lions club donated 65 pounds (6 bags) of donated food items for a monetary value of \$120. The next collection date for the Mother Lode Food Project our club is Wednesday, February 16th, for distribution to ATCAA between February 22-24th. Please dig deep and give to those less fortunate.

**Also, we'd like to mention:** ATCAA has asked that we **not** include items packaged in glass containers. Please try to find your items either in canned form or in plastic containers. There is so much breakage and it is a shame to have any amount of food wasted just because of that.

We thank you for all you do to help keep our community safe and healthy.

*Submitted by Lion Wendy Penhallegon*

## Spot Vision Program



We are going to try to bring the Sonora Lions Club back into the district's Spot Vision Program. PDG Tom and I have volunteered to chair this valuable program and contact the elementary schools in our area to see how we can help protect the children by detecting any eye problems a child may be experiencing. It has been proven that the younger a subject is when an issue is detected and addressed, the better chance that he/she may have in overcoming it and having it corrected. We would like to know if you are interested in helping us on this program. We are looking for 3-4 members to accompany us on our school visitations to help screen the students and process the screening information. If you were at the meeting on the first of December, Past District Governor Don Allen gave a short explanation of the program and how it works. The process is quite simple and really does not take long to do.

Once we have permission from the school to perform this service, we will get the necessary information from the school about the students, enter that information on a memory card designed for use in the camera, then perform the eye exams on the students. Once the exam is performed, the results can be uploaded onto that card, and a paper copy of the result can be printed for the school's use if needed. The club does not maintain or keep any information on any of the students ever. If pictures are taken during these screenings, permission is required before using any images of any persons appearing in the pictures. We never have direct physical contact with the student and actually, our exposure to them is very minimal.



We will, of course, follow any restrictions the school may require, such as mask wearing. We last did a screening at a pre-school in the Lake Don Pedro area about 4 years ago, and I believe it is time we get back in the swing of things and start helping our schools and children. **Please let either PDG Tom or me know if you would like to participate in this program.** It is very easy to do and rewarding to witness. In the end, you may be greatly helping a student succeed later in life by fixing a potential problem today. **Wendy Penhallegon, 209-406-5015, [wenpen@sonoralions.org](mailto:wenpen@sonoralions.org)**

## Dues Reminder for those receiving notices for the half year!

Treasurer Lion Judy has sent out biannually dues statements if you have not paid, there are three ways to submit second half-year dues payment:

Pay Lion Judy in person (check or cash)

Payment with Credit Card (\$2.50 surcharge):

Lion Wendy Penhallegon 209-406-5015

[wenpen@sonoralions.org](mailto:wenpen@sonoralions.org)

Mail a Check:

Sonora Lions

P.O. Box 101

Standard, CA 9573



NOTE: Annual payments is June

**Read to Succeed Project UPDATE** – Schools have been contact to understand interest in the project. Four have expressed interest prior to the holidays. We will learn of the possilitites in January.

*Submitted by Lion Irene Wetzel*

### Collections

Eyeglasses – Jerri Regelin

Hearing Aids – Tim Atchley

Ink Cartridges, Cell Phones & Green Bag Day – Jill Schwab

**January Items for Veterans – Deodorant**

**NOTE: Zoom meeting services will be discontinued for January pending notification of change.**

## 2022 Calendar

*The Club meets all Wednesdays at 12:00 PM at the Cocina Michoacana II Restaurant, 14715 Mono Way, EXCEPT The fourth week, a Thursday evening meeting TBA. Sonora Board Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday following the noon meeting.*

Jan 5 Wed – Noon Meeting, Guest Gat Slor, “Legal Shield Services”

Jan 12 Wed – Noon Meeting, Board Meeting Report

Jan 19 Wed – Noon Meeting, Forest Service, “Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)

A 140,000-acre forest health and fuel reduction”

Jan 27 Thurs – 6PM, Location TBD

**February Meetings TBA next Bulletin**

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Jan 15 Sat – 10am-2pm Lions Leadership, 893 Lander Ave., Turlock, contact 209.480.9217

Jan 15 Sat – Merced Cioppino \$65, 6:00, 1420 Third St, Atwater, reservations 209.384.0727

Feb 5 Sat – 6:30 Mariposa Crab Feed, Mariposa Fairgrounds Build#A, reservations 209.742.6985

Feb 12 Sat – 6:30 Stockton Super Crab Bowl, Presentation Church, reservations 209.481.9146

Mar 5 Sat – 4-A1 Meeting and/or Modesto Crab Feed, reservations required 209.765.5437 (\$60)

March 18-20 – Regional Leadership Institute, Garden Grove

April 21-24 – 4A-1 Convention, Black Oak Casino

**Sonora 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner, Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Sonora Opera Hall \*Mark your calendar\***

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