



Sonora Lions Club Bulletin

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April 2022

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Lion Irene Wetzel, Editor



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Lion Tamer – Nick Reuter
Tail Twister – Cat Reuter
Immediate Past President – Jerri Regelin



Lion President Phil Baylis announced the Board of Supervisors, County of Tuolumne, provided a certificate of Recognition for Sonora Lions Club honoring 100 Years of Service for many charitable programs. Letter posted on website: www.SonoraLions.org

The Constitution & By-Laws review/update for 2022-2023 Year will be by Lion President Baylis, 1st VP Schwab and Lion Sec Bader. Chair of Nominating Committee, Lion 1st VP Schwab reported slate of nominations is almost complete. Committee will meet to complete the nominations.

March Guest Meeting Speakers & Recognition



Left:

Destiny Tafoya, Commander
California Highway Patrol

Right:

Lion Jerry Jensen captivated
us with his life experiences:
Childhood, Peace Core,
Military Services, and Career



Lion Wendy Penhallegon is
recognized by Lion Jill Schwab and
Sierra Senior Providers CEO Emily
Fise for Meals on Wheels support
with pet food donation by
Chewy.com. Both Lions Cat & Nick
Reuter were also recognized for
their support.

Student Speaker Contest, TOPIC: "How Can Kindness Reunite Our Country?"

Kent (On right) and his dad, Shane Patie at contest. Kent was our winner for Club and Zone levels and finished in second place to winner of the District Contest from the Sutter Creek Lions. Shane was instrumental in setting up the club contest at Summerville HS as he is the teacher for their speech classes.



The winner is Ian McMahon, a student from Amador HS and Sutter Creek Lions. The next level contest will be on Saturday, April 23 at 11:00 at our District Convention.

Report from Lion Bob Banner, Chair: Lions Phil Baylis, Judy Meeks, Tom & Wendy Penhallegon, Glenn Gottschall, Bob Bader and wife Garienn attended the Mountain Region Student Speaker Contest in Jackson. Tom & Wendy served as timers and Judy served as teller. There were 2 contestants representing the Sonora Lions Club and Sutter Creek Lions Club.

Read to Succeed Program CELEBRATION

Lion Irene Wetzal, Chair, was traveling so Lion Wendy Penhallegon, Committee, led the Celebrations for Lake Don Pedro and Soulsbyville Elementary Schools. Other Lions attended to support the celebration. Celebrations for Jamestown and Chinese Camp Elementary Schools will be April 8; Lion members are encouraged to attend!



H.E.L.P. Hospital Equipment Loan Program

Chairs – Lions Dan and Kelly Ward, February Report

Items	Loaned	Item Value	Contribution in Kinds
Wheelchairs	15	\$50.00	\$750.00
Commodes	20	\$20.00	\$400.00
Bath Chairs	17	\$20.00	\$340.00
Shower Benches	7	\$20.00	\$140.00
Walkers	10	\$20.00	\$200.00
Walker w/Seat	6	\$30.00	\$180.00
Canes	4	\$10.00	\$40.00
Crutches	2	\$10.00	\$20.00
Risers	5	\$10.00	\$50.00
Reachers	0	\$5.00	\$0.00
Sock Aide	0	\$5.00	\$0.00
Misc	6	\$5.00	\$30.00
Total Pieces Loaned	92		
Total Contributions in Kinds	\$2,150.00		
Total Hours Contributed	23		
Month:	Mar-22		
Prepared By:	Dan Ward		



Sonora Lions Club is Turning 100 Years Old This Month!

The Sonora Lions Club is turning 100 years old on April 24, 2022. This is a remarkable event and as such, we are hosting a 100-Year Celebration Dinner on Saturday, May 14, 2022. All tickets are to be presold; no tickets will be sold at the door. The cost is \$60 per person and will include a buffet dinner catered by Devon's Delectables.

When making your reservation, we ask that you give us your dinner preference to be sure there is enough of each entrée available for each party-goer. Please see the flyer included in this bulletin for details on how to register for the dinner. Semi-Formal/Cocktail attired is requested. This is a really big deal, so let's all put on our party clothes and get prepared for a great time and some well-deserved recognition. We need you all to show your support for our club! The guest speaker is Past International President Joe Preston and the MC for the night will be Darrell Slocum, CEO of the Sonora Area Foundation.

Submitted by Lion Wendy Penhallegon, wenpen@sonoralions.org, 209-406-5015



It's Wheelbarrow Raffle Time Again!



The Sonora Lions Club has asked PDG Tom Penhallegon to launch the 2nd Annual Wheelbarrow Raffle project this year. Lions Tom and Wendy have been scouring the county for donations and have come up with two (2) wheelbarrows full of spring cleanup gardening tools to raffle off this year. Anyone purchasing a ticket will have two chances to win a prize this year! Ticket sales will be the same as last year, with our pop-up canopy booth set up in front of the Tractor Supply Store and Walmart. The first weekend for sales is coming up this weekend, April 2-3rd, 23-24 and May 21-22, in front of the Tractor Supply Store, with Walmart being scheduled April 9-10. We are asking Lions to sign up for a 2-hour shift during the times we are set up in front of the stores.

This weekend we have one slot open for Saturday from 2-4 pm, and on Sunday. Each shift requires 2 persons to work from 10-12 pm, 12-2 pm, and 2-4 pm respectively. We need 2 people to work the 10 am—12 pm shift, 12-2 pm shift, and one opening on the 2-4 pm shift. If you can work any of those shifts, please give either PDG Tom (209-694- 5191) or Lion Wendy (209-406-5015) a call and we can put you down on the schedule. It's an easy 2-hour shift and all it requires is a smile and some pleasant conversation with folks coming and going from the stores. Thank you for your help.

Submitted by Lion Wendy Penhallegon, wenpen@sonoralions.org, 209-406-5015

Members Here & There

Past member **John Egger** passed away. There will be a dinner (\$40) fund raiser for the family on April 9 at the Posse grounds. Call (209) 4175 or (209) 352-9166 for tickets.

Past member **John Bristow** passed away Mar 24. A celebration of life for John will be on May 14, from 1:00-3:00 at The Church of the 49's in Columbia.

Travel is a joy for many of our Lion members. Lion **Irene Wetzel** (yours truly) just returned from Mexico and Arizona. Lion **Jill Schwab** is headed for Ireland next week, so wish her well during Wednesday's meeting.

Long-time Sonora Lions Club member, **Lisa Melville**, has recently been promoted to the Vice President, Commercial Loan Officer position. Lion Lisa has over 40 years in the banking industry. During the Covid pandemic, she had been instrumental in her bank's efforts to assist businesses in our area with PPP loans and forgiveness applications. She has been in Tuolumne County for more than 50 years, actually the very first female member of the Sonora Lions Club. She served as President of the Sonora Lions Club in 2010-2011 and still remains active in the club. Lion Lisa is also a Board member of the Habitat for Humanity of Tuolumne County. The Sonora Lions Club gives a huge shout-out to Lion Lisa. We are so very proud of you! Congratulations on your well-deserved promotion! Submitted by Lion Wendy Penhallegon



Project NOTICES:

1. Turned in at District meeting: 916 pairs of glasses, 3.2 lbs of pull tabs and 47 cell phones
Sponsored 1 needy person to receive recycled hearing aid from The Ear of the Lion
2. LCIF Member Donations- Lion Gormely reported \$700.00 donation will be sent to LCIF on behalf of the Sonora Lions membership.
3. Scholarship Committee- Lion Wended reported most applications have been reviewed and the Committee will make selections soon.
4. Community Service Hours:
 - MOW Dog Food Program- **Cat and Nick Reuter**
 - Food pantry for Needy- **Tim Atchley, Jan Newman, Jim Gormely**
 - Aid for Seniors- **Wendy Penhallegon, Phil Baylis, Jim Gormely**
 - Hwy Clean up- **John Nolan**
 - Fire Safe Council- **Glenn Gottschall**

NOTE: District Convention Attendance Reimbursement- A motion (Atchley/J. Regelin) MSC to reimburse Convention Delegates 50% of convention registration fee (\$130.00) if requested by delegate. B. District Convention Breakfast- After much discussion regarding feasibility of Club serving breakfast, this was tabled until further information known. ***Click here for registration form.***

Collections

Eyeglasses – Jerri Regelin
Hearing Aids – Tim Atchley
Ink Cartridges, Cell Phones & Green Bag Day – Jill Schwab

April Items for Veterans – Combs & Brushes

ZOOM services available for meetings:

Click Here:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83749375098?
pwd=aStqbJZVmZRS3EzclhFSmVuNWFjdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83749375098?pwd=aStqbJZVmZRS3EzclhFSmVuNWFjdz09)

2022 Calendar

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

April 6 Wed – Noon Meeting

April 7 Thurs 9am – Hwy 108 Cleanup- Lion C. Reuter: Meet at Junction Hwy 108 & 49

April 8 Fri – READ TO SUCCEED Celebrations – 8:30 Jamestown & 9:30 Chinese Camp Elementary

April 13 Wed – Noon Meeting & Board Meeting, Howard White speaking on “Love Tuolumne County”

April 14 Thurs, 4pm – Columbia College Scholarship Awards, Carkeet Park (on Campus) *Show support!*

April 20 Wed – Noon Meeting **Green Bag Day, bring “indate” canned and packaged foods**

April 27 Wed – Noon Meeting

May Meetings TBA next Bulletin

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

May 14 – Sonora Anniversary Dinner, Sonora Opera Hall, reservation required, flyer attached.

May 25 – Wheelbarrow Raffle Drawing

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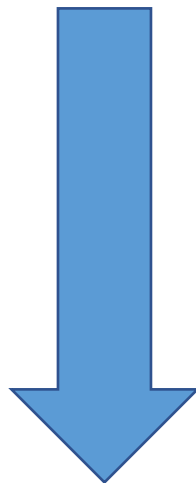
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Flyers & Report





Sonora Lions Club 2nd Annual Wheelbarrow Raffle!

**DONATION: \$10 per ticket
Or 5 tickets for \$40.00**



For information, call Lion Tom
@ 209-694-5191. Tickets
available from any Sonora Lions
Club member.

Drawing to be held **Wednesday,**
May 25th at our regular club
meeting. (Need not be present to win.)

The Sonora Lions Club turns
100 years old this year!

Help us celebrate by participating in this event. You get
TWO chances to win a wheelbarrow full of garden supplies!

Spring is in the air!



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

Our heartfelt thanks go out to all the local
businesses that contributed, making this
raffle possible!



Sonora Lions Club celebrating 100 years of serving



WHEN: SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2022

TIME: DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM

WHERE: SONORA OPERA HOUSE, 250 S. WASHINGTON ST.

TICKETS: \$60 PER PERSON

Join us for an evening celebrating the 100 years of service provided by the Sonora Lions Club! The special Guest Speaker will be Past International President Joe Preston. MC for the evening will be Darrell Slocum, CEO of the Sonora Area Foundation.

CHOOSE ONE MAIN ENTRÉE:

CHICKEN MARASALA, TRI TIP, OR VEGETARIAN PORTOBELLO LASAGNA (GF).

MEALS ALSO INCLUDE: LOADED MASHED POTATOES, GARDEN SALAD, VEGETABLES, BREAD, CHEESECAKE, AND A BEVERAGE. (CATERED BY DEVON'S DELECTABLES)

TO ORDER TICKETS GO TO: [HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM/E/SONORA-LIONS-CLUB-100TH-ANNIVERSARY-GALA-TICKETS-247955761357](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sonora-lions-club-100th-anniversary-gala-tickets-247955761357)

OR MAIL YOUR CHECK TO: SONORA LIONS CLUB, PO Box 101, STANDARD, CA 95373
WILL CALL TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE.

PLEASE INDICATE HOW MANY WILL BE ATTENDING AND EACH MEAL PREFERENCE.

RSVP BY MAY 1, 2022. SEMI-FORMAL/COCKTAIL ATTIRE REQUESTED.

PRE-PAID TICKETS ONLY. NO SALES AT THE DOOR.

SONORA LIONS CLUB

COLUMBIA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS—2022

- ♦ **Dr. Harvey "Dusty" Rhodes Scholarship** - Rebecca Andrade is the Sonora Lions Club pick for the 2022 Dr. Harvey "Dusty" Rhodes Scholarship (\$600). Ms. Andrade is a 40-year-old single female with a GPA of 3.63, who suffered a traumatic brain injury back in 2017 while on the job working for the US Forest Service. This injury severely limited her ability to read and write, but with the aid of several devoted educators and the awesome staff at Columbia College, she has overcome her hardships and has achieved close to straight A's ever since. She has an impressive community volunteer history and glowing references. Her goal is to graduate from Columbia with her Associates and move on to a 4-year school where she will further her education and obtain a degree in Child Development and eventually become an educator herself.
- ♦ **Felix Romo Scholarship**—Arshia Amirsolaimani is a 27-year-old single male with a GPA of 3.5 who is our selection for the Felix Romo Scholarship this year (\$600). Arshia has a ton of accumulated credits already to his name, and has clear, concise goals for his future. He emigrated here from Tehran, Iran as a child with his family. He has always been fascinated by numbers and mathematical problems and wants to apply this knowledge and expertise he is gaining by attending college to aid others in their life paths. He is not afraid to ask for help when he needs it, and is a peer mentor and a tutor. He has overcome severe addiction and physical challenges in this life and considers himself a survivor. We believe Felix Romo would have loved this candidate and we consider him the best one to receive this scholarship this year.
- ♦ **Bill Dunlavy Scholarship**—Alyssa Hix is a 26-year-old single mother of two with a GPA of 4.0, and is our choice for the Bill Dunlavy Scholarship (\$1000) this year. Ms. Hix is taking some very difficult classes including psychology, sociology, and statistics. She is very involved in the community and the education of her children. She participates in the Jamestown Head Start program, is a parent advocate, an integral part of her church, and volunteers at ATCAA. She had been in and out of the foster care system and because of that wants to "be a voice for (children) when they don't understand their circumstances." She wants to become a guardian ad litem for "broken children." She has excellent references and one of her professors stated that he admires her desire to serve her fellow beings by getting a degree in psychology.
- ♦ **Vernon McDonald Scholarship**—Tara Azmoudeh is a 30-year-old single mother of one with a GPA of 4.0, who is our selection for the Vernon McDonald Scholarship (\$800) this year. Tara has volunteered extensively at the Adventist Hospital during the Covid crisis, helping in the Covid Clinic. She also coaches her daughter's soccer team and holds a full-time position as an assistant pharmacist. Her references are great. She has a clear view of her future where she wants to earn her Biomedical Engineering degree in hopes to help make advancements in medicine/science to aid in healing the world's suffering.
- ♦ **Les Coon Scholarship**—Derek Allison is a 30-year-old married male with two children, who is our recipient of this year's Les Coon Scholarship (\$800). Mr. Allison served as an Airborne Combat Medic, is a Veteran with disabilities. He served in the military then moved back to Tuolumne County to raise his children and further his education in the medical field. It is his intention to receive an associate of science in Chemistry at Columbia College before transferring to UC Santa Cruz to obtain his Bachelor of Neurology, so he can help alleviate suffering anywhere and everywhere he can.
- ♦ **Judge Ross A. Carkeet, Sr., Memorial Scholarship**—Noah Milbourn is a 46-year-old married father of 3 with a GPA of 3.23, who was selected as this year's recipient of the Judge Ross A. Carkeet, Sr., Memorial Scholarship (\$800). Noah and his wife both have lofty goals and have both been heavily involved in volunteering with the Red Cross, sometimes involving being on location for weeks at a time. He also is a coach and has loved watching the children he coaches grow and learn under his guidance, and serves his church as well as a volunteer. His goal is to obtain a degree in psychology to help other children overcome an unbalanced justice system to obtain the vindication they sorely need and to better their lives going forth.