



NORTH FRESNO LIONS CLUB

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Monthly Newsletter

Pat Ogle on The State of Fresno State Athletics, Aug. 26

Mission Statement of Lions Clubs International

*To empower volunteers to
serve their communities,
meet humanitarian needs,
encourage peace
and promote international understanding
through Lions clubs.*

Message from the President

NFL President
Lion Bob McCollister



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Summer is slipping away and we are headed into fall. Your anniversary committee is continuing to prepare for the November 5 event and will be contacting members for their assistance. Please say YES!!

Tree Fresno has volunteer opportunity Monday September 2 (Labor Day) to work in their booth and assist in giving away trees. They need 5 volunteers and will provide breakfast. The event is held at the Fresno Fairgrounds and runs 8:00 AM to noon

Camp Kesem is in their final two weeks of Camp for 2019 and are on track to have 10,000 campers. The camp is for kids who are members of families with or recovery from cancer treatment. Our Lions club help support this organization.

Please remember we will not be meeting on Monday September 2 Labor Day.

Lion Bob



Pat Ogle took over the Bulldog Foundation in 1982 and faithfully guided it for 28 years before retiring. He is still involved with special projects. He was very positive about the new AD Terry Tumey.

He told a story about the welcoming night Tumey held for the student athletes. He had it at the new state of the art pool. He borrowed some tennis shoes, gave a standard pep talk to the troops, then jumped into the pool. The problem was he could not swim and two coaches jumped in and rescued him. He, of course, pretended that it was all planned.

At the Friday night football kick off banquet, there were about 600 people in attendance and just the live auction brought in \$100,000 including from the most popular item, Coach for the day, which brought in \$27,000 from two boosters.

He also praised Jeff Tedford, the head football coach. He is concerned with the players as whole persons, not just as skilled players. Since 3 corporations sponsored the Dinner, all the proceeds went to athletics. All the athletes at Fresno State are improving their grade point averages.

He also said Tedford was very settled in Fresno and doesn't think he will be looking for another position. All in all things are improving for Fresno State Athletics. Thanks, Pat, for the interesting talk.

SAVE THE DATE!
NFL Charter Night Celebration
70th Anniversary
Nov. 5, 2019



Lions News

Save the Dates

Oct. 17 New Member Night, Laton

Nov. 1-2 2nd District Meeting, Dinuba

Nov. 5 NFL Charter Night Celebration / 70th Anniversary

On November 5 in the evening at Fort Washington Country Club, NFL will hold a gala celebration of 70 years of service to the Fresno community. Lion Dave, President Bob, and Marilyn are the central planning committee and additional members will be drafted to help as things progress. Former NFLers, District Dignitaries, and community leaders will be invited to help us celebrate. A Lion of the Decade Award will be given to the member with the most exceptional service for the last 10 years. It will be a semi-formal event. More details to follow but absolutely **SAVE THIS IMPORTANT DATE!**

Nov. 16 Diabetes Walk/Run and Craft Fair

It will benefit Bearskin Meadows Camp, Woodward Park

April 4, 2020 Annual Crab Feed and Auction

The date is set for April 4, 2020 at the Clovis Veterans Memorial Building. Roy Yeram has been selected as chair of the event. It's never too early to start planning for our largest fundraiser of the year.

April 5 California Classic Walk/Run Pancake B'fast

Sunday at 6 am, North Fresno Lions cooks a hearty breakfast of pancakes, eggs, and sausage for 2500 runners at Chukchansi Park in downtown Fresno. It is both a service project and fundraiser. We provide meats and serve, and get paid \$2000 as a donation to the club.



PDG Judy Wooley presents first-ever Van Van Caster Fellowship award to NFL Happy Van Caster. NFL President Bob McCollister looks on.

First District Cabinet Meeting full of Information and Spirit

District 4-A2 Governor William "Van" Vanlandingham held his first district meeting on August 9 and 10 in Visalia. A ton of good information was shared including by William Iannoconne regarding Lions in Sight and eyeglass collection. Every year our district collects and distributes about 50,000 pairs of used eyeglasses. They are sent to Vacaville State Prison to be refurbished before distribution for sight missions. Recent missions included Guatemala, Mexico and Ethiopia. The prisoners learn a valuable skill and many are hired by Optometrists after they are released.

We were told about the new ways of reporting projects and man-hours donated. The new My Lion app allows easier reporting and should result in higher reporting rates, which are at about 50% of actual hours worked. Globally Lions served 475 million people. North Fresno got a shout out for holding a service project in June (working the California Council on the Blind Conference in Fresno). Former North Fresno Lion, Roland Reyna who transferred to Riverdale Lions when his job changed gave an excellent presentation on leadership tools.

The highlight for North Fresno Lions was PDG Judy Wooley presenting our own Happy Van Caster with the first ever Walter "Van" Van Caster Fellowship which benefits Bearskin Meadows Diabetic Camp. The award is named in honor of her late husband Van.

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Aug. 19: Matthew Grundy, CEO Habitat for Humanity

Lion Liz Smith recently gave birth, but is both back at work and at Lions. She introduced Matthew Grundy, CEO of Habitat for Humanity. Happily, former NFL President Brad Stevens came to the meeting also as he is now working for Habitat. Brad caught up with old friends in the club.

Grundy asked what we knew about Habitat and turns out the Breakfast Lions who joined NFL helped build a home, helped start the ReStore, and Dave Price's bank helped with their financing. Habitat for Humanity was started in Americas, Georgia, by Millard Fuller who gave no interest loans to the poor to help them become home owners.

Worldwide Habitat has helped 13 million families get homes. Habitat has operated in the Greater Fresno area for 34 years and has built homes for 800 families. Those getting the homes have to put in 500 hours of sweat equity on their home and other homes as part of the qualification. They have to have 30 - 50% below the median income and meet other qualifications. They get a no interest loan and there has only been one default in those 34 years. Whirlpool supplies all their appliances and local solar companies install solar at no cost to the new homeowners.

We have a housing problem in California. One in five Californians spend more than 50% of their income on shelter. Affordable housing is considered spending less than 33% of your income. In California, we need 180,000 new houses yearly. We only build 80,000 units, a shortfall of 100,000 housing units. Thirty-three % of the census tracts in Fresno are considered disadvantaged. He told the story of Salvador. Salvador was living in a rental house. When Grundy visited him, there was black mold throughout the house and it immediately made you sick. After a complaint, his landlord sealed the windows shut, so Salvador started sleeping in the back yard of the house. The septic tank wasn't working either so he was bucketing it out and spreading it on the lawn. The City of Fresno had



Brad Stevens, Matthew Grundy, and Marilyn Watts

donated land at Shaw between Peach and Villa to Habitat. Habitat helped Salvador qualify and fill out the paperwork and he got to work building his own home. Now he is able to have his family in a safe, healthy location.

Besides building houses, Habitat runs other programs to help struggling homeowners called Acts of Kindness. School age children, church groups, individuals all help with minor repair work on homes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They have a program to cut lawns and a painting program for seniors. They build and repair handicap access ramps at veteran's homes and build playhouses for children of active duty service members. They partner with Fresno City College trade program which gives the students hands on experiences to learn and give to the community.

A member asked why the city can't do anything about landlords like Salvador's. He stated some local ordinances have been changed recently to give city enforcement more teeth. With due process - citations of violations, a grace period to rectify the violations - the city can now seize properties that are maintained in slum-like conditions.

Aug. 5: Detective John Hustedde, Valley Crime Stoppers

Lion Hank Ramirez introduced Detective John Hustedde from Valley Crime Stoppers. Detective Hustedde is a 22 year veteran of the Fresno Police Department. He took over Crime Stoppers in 2016. Crime Stoppers began 30 years ago in New Mexico when a frustrated police department put up a reward for an unsolved murder. It is now a world-wide program.

Crime Stoppers allows citizens to anonymously give information to law enforcement. Often witnesses or persons with information might not come forward for fear of retaliation and safety. The fact that there is a reward is an additional incentive to people to provide information on unsolved crimes. The tip has to lead to an arrest for the reward to be paid out. The rewards are paid out in cash in \$100 bills, and they give out \$100,000 in tip money yearly. They get up to 500 tips per month.

Hustedde told of an example where a witness saw someone throw a knife into a vacant field. He reported it not knowing if it was important or not and it turned out they found the knife, and it had been used in a crime and they



Lion Hank Ramirez (left) and Detective John Hustedde

were able to solve it. When a tip comes in, it goes out to 95 different local entities from Kings County to Merced County. They give out \$3,000 for murder and a specific amount for each crime. They are governed by a board of directors and the board can approve a higher amount if it is warranted.

To report suspicious activity or a tip to help solve a crime you can call 498-STOP or now there is tip software that can be loaded onto your computer or smartphone for ease of reporting.

Aug. 12: Andy Souza, CEO of the Central California Food Bank

Even though LOD Allan Layne had to be hospitalized, he fulfilled his LOD duties in huge fashion by securing Andy Souza to speak about the valley food bank. Thank you, Allan!

Souza was City Manager of Fresno before he became CEO of the Central California Food Bank 8 years ago. Even though the valley is the most fertile region in the entire country, our residents suffer higher levels of food insufficiency. It is estimated that 1 in 4 adults (approximately 500,000) and 1 in 5 children (250,000) suffer daily from hunger and food insufficiency. A recent study had Bakersfield as #1 (23.2%) in hunger in the nation and Fresno as # 2 or 3 (22.4%) while the national average is 15.7% and California's average is 14.1%.

It is obviously a basic human need and we struggle to adequately feed our people. The valley food bank serves five counties and has partnered with Feeding America and America's Second Harvest to provide 47 million pounds of food and 23 million pounds of produce to feed the valley last year.



Chronic hunger takes a mental, emotional and psychological toll way beyond the physical effects. It is a hidden epidemic and no one likes to talk about it. Andy himself grew up in rural Salinas. He was a Senior in High School when his parents divorced. His mom was forced to go to the local food pantry to feed her family. He did not know this until much later because of her embarrassment and shame. She was anxious, fearful and felt like a failure for not being able to provide for the basic needs of her children.

Senior citizens on fixed incomes, those facing situational poverty and homeless, working parents in low paying jobs all are likely to face choices on how to feed themselves and their families. It is said that children learn to read up til 3rd grade, then read to learn from grades 4 on up. If children are chronically hungry, they are stressed and unable to learn.

Also what are the cheapest foods? They are foods that are not nutritious, that only supply bulk to ease hunger, like top ramen, sugary cereals, and white bread. No wonder our diabetes rate is so high in the valley. The Central California Food Bank distributes food through 350 agencies in the 5 counties, including Catholic Charities and 140 neighborhood markets or pantries where the hungry can go to get food for free. Another study showed that of the people on SNAP and food stamps, 68% were working, but not earning enough to support all their needs, 12% were students (CSUF and FCC both have food pantries) and 18% were seniors. The agencies who receive food to distribute pay a tiny amount to the food bank - approximately one tenth of one cent for each pound of food.

Much of the food is supplied by farmers, who give their culls or unsellable produce and from grocers and other corporate sponsors. Valliwide Beverage recently donated a 140,000 square foot building that they now use. The food bank always needs volunteers to sort, clean, help with loading and distribution, stuffing mailers to request donations. The opportunities are endless and as a group our Lions club could help with a day of service to the food bank. And of course, they always love monetary donations.



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CONGRATULATIONS!



SEPT BIRTHDAYS

11.....Lion Mary De La Torre

SEPT ANNIVERSARIES

30.....Lion Mary & Tony De La Torre

OCT BIRTHDAYS

4.....Lion Ron Nyberg

10.....Lion Pat Woodarad

13.....Gianna Provenzano

14.....Lion Phil Price

18.....Lion Tony Kedzior

23.....Lion Marilyn Watts

25.....Lion Hank Ramirez

25.....Lion Subby Salanitra

OCT ANNIVERSARIES

28.....Lion Mike & Brenda Neer

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

2: Labor Day; No Meeting.

9: Board Meeting, 11:00;
 YF Cafe, before mtg.

9: LOD: Ralph Handly;
 Prg: Recent travels

16: LOD: Kaden Ferretti;
 Prg: TBA

23: LOD: Roy Yeram;
 Prg: TBA

30: LOD: Marilyn Watts;
 Prg: TBA

OCTOBER

7: LOD: Charlie Harris;
 Prg: TBA

14: Board Meeting, 11:00;
 YF Cafe, before mtg.

14: LOD: Mary De La Torre;
 Prg: TBA

21: LOD: Bob Boehringer;
 Prg.: TBA

28: LOD: Keith Ginsburg;
 Prg.: TBA



Lions Club Meetings in Fresno

Monday
 NORTH FRESNO: 12:15 p.m.
 Yosemite Falls Cafe,
 4020 N. Cedar.

FRESNO HOST: Noon, 1st & 3rd
 Yosemite Falls Restaurant, 4020
 N. Cedar.

FRESNO UNLIMITED : 5:30 pm
 2nd & 4th Tue, Hinton Center

Thursday
 EAST FRESNO: Noon, 1st & 3rd,
 Hometown Buffet, 458 W. Shaw,
 Clovis

Thursday
 FRESNO PRIDE: 6:00 pm 2nd & 4th
 Roundtable Clubhouse, 5702 N.
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September 2019



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

1	2 NO MEETING <i>Labor Day</i>	3	4	5	6	7 
8 ♥ HAPPY ♥ GRANDPARENTS ♥ DAY ♥ <i>G'parents Day</i>	9 Board Meeting: 11:00 am prior to meeting LOD: Ralph Handy; Prg: Recent Travels	10	11  <i>Patriot Day</i>	12	13	14
15	16 LOD: Kaden Ferretti; Prg: TBA	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 LOD: Roy Yeram; Prg: TBA <i>Fall Equinox</i>	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 LOD: Marilyn Watts; Program: TBA <i>Rosh Hashanah</i>					



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