



NORTH FRESNO LIONS CLUB

ROAR



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We Serve

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Monthly Newsletter

June 27: A Joyous Installation of Officers and Thank You's

Passing the Gavel From Ralph Handly to Keith Ginsburg



Message from the President

Lion Ralph Handly



Fellow Lions,

On this my last Roar message, I would like to start by saying thank you, Marilyn, for all of your patience and efforts in putting this Roar together. We all certainly appreciate seeing it each month, and I know it can be a pain sometimes to take the time to put things together. You are one of a kind, and we all rely on your skills and dedication to our Lions Club.

There are many others that have given of their time and talents to make the last two years very good years for the NFL. I look forward to handing over the reins to Keith and his group of officers and support members.

I think that we can look with satisfaction in the fact that over the last two years we have given back to our community over \$26,000 to help support various non-profit groups that function in our area. To me, this represents our dedication to the Lions International motto of "We Serve". I am sure that Keith will continue this success pattern.

As we look over the last two years it has been a real E ride. I am not sure that we would like to go through all this again, but the best thing is that most of it is now behind us. We can choose to dabble our feet in the pool of pity, or we can put our shoes on and get marching. I would hope that we all choose the latter and get back to whatever a normal lifestyle now exists. We need to give Keith our best efforts as you have given to me. We have lost some members, and we have gained some members, but we are marching forward. Keith, you have my full support, and I wish you success in guiding our NFL.

In service,
Ralph

Lion Ralph presided over his last meeting June 27th after two pandemic years as president. After a lucrative happy bucks session, he lauded our success through such difficult times, donating more than \$26,000 over two stressful years. He then thanked all his board and hard-working members and let us know we were being honored with a large donation to the Lions Eye Bank in our names – Keith, Marilyn, Bernie, Tom, Subby, Bob B and Bob M, Larry, Tony and Aura. He also gave us a wonderful Sierra Nut House goodie bag!

Then the smile on his face got bigger and bigger as PIP Bill Biggs began to officiate over the Installation of new officers. PIP Bill first told a story about why he and others are Lions. It was at Pleasanton / Livermore's 65th Anniversary Celebration with over 100 in attendance. He saw the mayor of the city come to the podium to present the keys to the city to PIP Bill when the mayor started crying and told how his Mother was blind. He joined Lions that night.

He had just heard the story PIP Bill told of little Joey with terminal cancer who asked Make a Wish to send him to Hawaii. They raised \$35,000, then he took a turn for the worse and they raised additional monies to send a nurse with him. When Joey got off the plane after his trip, he told the waiting Lions that his new wish was to become a Lion! He was initiated into Lions and was a wonderful member and actually lived almost 4X longer than the doctors had given him. He was buried in his Lions vest, a very proud Lion indeed!

PIP Bill asked how are we changing lives; this is what Lions is all about. PID Dana assisted and installed the new officers one by one with a description of what their new duties were to be. Finally PIP Bill installed Keith as NFL's 73rd President after they discussed his understanding of his duties and PIP Bill's caution that he always needed to be mindful of taking care of NFL members as well as needs in the community!

Thank you to all for a terrific two difficult years. The harder earned is sometimes the sweetest!

2022-2023 Officers-North Fresno Lions Club

President	.....	Keith Ginsburg
1st VP	.....	Subby Salanitro
2nd VP	.....	Marilyn Watts
3rd VP	.....	Bernie Sankey
Treasurer	.....	Bob Boehringer
Secretary	.....	Aura Partridge
Tail Twister	.....	Tony Kedzior
Lion Tamer	.....	Patricia Granillo
Past President	.....	Ralph Handly
Roar Editor	.....	Marilyn Watts
Director-2 year	.....	Kaden Ferretti



Lions News

July 23 Blooming and Growing in Service Officer Training

On Saturday, July 23 at the Wyndham Hotel, 9000 Airport Drive in Visalia, the District will host its Officer Training Day. Training will be available for President, Secretary, Treasurer, My Lion, GST, GMT, Zone and Region Chairs, and Technology. NFL new officers are encouraged to attend. Register at District 4-A2 Schooling

July 27-31: 5th USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum

The 5th Annual USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum will be held in Visalia, CA on July 27-31. Our multiple district is a leader in developing youth through Leo Clubs. For more details visit <https://leosforum.org>.

July 29-30 Installation of District Officers and Meeting

During the USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum in Visalia, the District will also have the Installation of Officers, featuring International President Brian Sheehan. The Installation of Officers on the 29th of July will be followed by the First District Meeting on the 30th at the Lampliter Inn in Visalia.

November 6, 2022 Two Cities Marathon

Tom Good announced that Lions will again be tapped to cook breakfast for the several thousand hungry participants at the Two Cities Marathon. It will be at Clovis Community College again. More details to follow.

NFL Donates More Children's Books to Reading Heart

Each week, our speaker signs a children's book which is then donated to Reading Heart. The end of our fiscal year, another 40 books were donated to advance having books in the hands of all Fresno County children. We are proud to support Reading Heart and their goal to promote literacy.



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2022 List of NFL Charitable Donations

Bearskin Meadows	
Diabetic Youth Camp	\$500
Big Brothers/Big Sisters	\$500
Camp Keesem	\$500
Family Healing Center	\$500
Fresno Food Bank	\$1000
Heart of the Horse	\$500
Hinds Hospice	\$500
Kases for Kids	\$500
LCIF	\$1000
Lions Eye Foundation	\$337.50
Lions Hearing Foundation	\$258.50
Marjaree Mason Center	\$1500
Medical Ministries Int.	\$1500
Naomi House	\$500
Newsreel	\$300
Northstar Family Center	\$500
Poverello House	\$500
Salvation Army	\$1000
Terry's House	\$300
Valley Center for the Blind	\$500
Student Speakers	\$394.65
Fresno State Student Pantry	\$500
Totals	\$13,222.50



PIP Bill Biggs installing new officers



PID Dana Biggs installing new member Aura Partridge.



PID Dana Biggs installing new member Patricia Granillo

June 20: Marjaree Mason Center receives \$1500 Donation from NFL

Celia Malagon and Jessica Saylor gave a very informative talk and slide show about domestic violence and services the Marjaree Mason Center offers. Lion Phil secured the speakers, but we had a surprise member introduce them.

PDG and PID Dana Biggs and PIP Bill Biggs attended and announced they had moved back to Fresno to be near family. Lion Dana remembered the Marjaree Mason Center's origins and gave a little history as she introduced our two speakers.



Celia and Jessica alternated presenting an informative slide show about domestic violence and its impact on survivors, children, and friends. The basic mission of the Marjaree Mason Center is to support and empower adults and children affected by domestic violence. It is named after Marjaree Mason who was killed by her abusive ex, who also was a police officer. The important work is done to honor victims and try to insure it never happens again. The definition of domestic violence is a pattern of abusive behavior for one partner to gain or maintain power and control over their intimate partner.

They stated that 1 in 3 women, 1 in 4 men and 1 in 3 teenagers report having experienced domestic violence. They believe this is under-reported. They outlined the types of abuse - physical, emotional, economic, sexual, psychological, spiritual, cultural and technology or stalking. The pattern is to isolate the victims and make them feel unworthy and unwanted through systematic abuse. An example of economic abuse is for the abuser to run up debt (that is in victim's name) and not pay, so victim ends up with bad credit and can't escape. They isolate them from friends and family so they have no one to turn to for help.

The Marjaree Mason Center estimates it takes 7 or 8 attempts to leave the situation before they are successful. Their advice to someone close to a victim - stay their friend, keep reaching out and being available, continue to advocate for them to leave and be ready to help when they are ready. Tech stalkers may stalk via phone or car location trackers or slip one into the victim's purse. Spiritual abuse is misusing scripture to justify the abuse. Cultural abuse involves not allowing them to speak in their native language which shames them and isolates them from friends and family. The abuse always follows a cycle or pattern, first the honeymoon phase (professions of love and kindness), tension building (shaming, blaming various types of abuse) followed by an acute explosion of anger or physical harm. At the center of the cycle of abuse is always denial - I'm sorry, I'll change, things will be better, it won't happen again.

Why is it so hard to leave? They actually love the abuser; it is the same as their birth family, so they think it's normal to have isolation, fear, low self esteem, self

blame, promises of contrition and change. They may also hold a traditional value system where the man is the absolute head, or they have children and have no place to go.



The Center helps them, encourages them to make a safety plan, have a bag packed, a safe place lined up in advance, and avenues of escape inside the house. Never hole up in a bathroom with no escape, for example. They are encouraged to take pictures and document the abuse. Never wear long scarfs or dangly jewelry that can be grabbed and used to choke. Create a plausible reason to leave the house to buy time. Do call 911. Do develop signals with the neighbors or friends. When they tell their story to the police, they are told to get the name and badge number.

Most domestic violence starts before age 25. It is by far more common for men to be the abusers and women the victims. Fresno County has the largest (63% higher) domestic violence rate in the state. There were more than 7,000 calls to police last year in Fresno. Marjaree Mason Center provides a 24/7 crisis hotline, counseling, legal advocacy, education and training (including in high schools and middle schools), children's advocacy and children's enrichment center. They can house 40 families in their safe houses for up to 30 days and will provide emergency shelter for all women and children in need.

At the close of the meeting, Lion President Ralph and PID Dana presented Celia and Jessica with a \$1500 check to continue their excellent work.





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The Many Ways We Serve

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1..... Tony DeLa Torre
- 1..... Lion Tom Good
- 2..... Ranae Holody
- 6..... Lion Angela Espinoza
- 7..... Lion Sue Davis
- 7..... Lion Bernie Sankey
- 16..... Lion Bob McCollister
- 22..... Lion Bob Boehringer
- 26..... Sandy Yeram

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 8..... Lion Cesar & Angela Alvarez
- 11..... Lion Larry & Ranae Holody
- 14..... Lion Jose & Tina Rodriguez

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 29 Lion Ken Aminian
- 30 Barbara Handly

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 3..... Lion Bo and Sheila Boehringer
- 11..... Lion Phil and JoNell Price

COMING EVENTS

JULY

- 4: Independence Day, No Meeting**
- 11: Board Meeting, 11:15;** Prior to Meeting
- 11: LOD: President Keith Ginsburg;** Prg: Agenda for Year,
- 18: LOD: Patricia Granillo;** Prg: TBA
- 25: LOD: Marilyn Watts;** Prg: TBA

AUGUST

- 1: LOD: Subby Salanitra** Prg: TBA
- 8: Board Meeting, 11:15;** YF Cafe, before mtg.
- 8: LOD: Hank Ramirez;** Prg. TBA
- 15: LOD: Bernie Sankey;** Prg: TBA
- 22: LOD: Kassandra Clayton;** Prg: TBA
- 29: LOD: Larry Holody;** 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. First

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July 2022



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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3	4 No Meeting Holiday Independence Day	5	6	7  National Strawberry Sundae Day	8	9
10	11 Board Meeting: 11:15am, pre-meeting LOD: Ketih Ginsburg; Prg: Agenda for Yr.	12	13  National French Fry Day	14	15	16
17  National Ice Cream Day	18 LOD: Patricia Granillo; Prg: TBA	19	20  National Hot Dog Day	21	22	23
24	25 LOD: Marilyn Watts; Prg: TBA	26	27	28	29	30  National Cheesecake Day



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