



NORTH FRESNO LIONS CLUB

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Monthly Newsletter

Oct. 26: Highlights of New Member Recognition Night

Lions New Member Night 2022, presented by District 4 A-2, consisted of many Leos and Lions converging on the Caruthers Fairground. Six North Fresno Lions members and sponsors participated in the event. There were approximately 250 to 300 members, sponsors, and Lions present from the whole District. The event agenda included a Call to Order, the Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation, and song. A Multicultural theme was present with various individuals dressed in their country's native costumes.

NFL President

Lion Keith Ginsburg



Fellow Lions,

On last Wednesday night several of the North Fresno Lions attended the New Members Night – District 4-A2 in Caruthers at the Caruthers Fairgrounds. Those people who attended were Keith Ginsburg, Aura Partridge, Tony Kedzior, Kassandre Clayton, Vanessa Naba, and Patricia Granillo. The program was run by DISTRICT GOVERNOR LION Falguni Patel. Many awards were given out, but the main focus was on the New Members who received certificates for joining the Lions. The food was excellent and program was well done. There were many LEOS who attended which was nice to see. All in all it was a great event.

For the first time our Lions Club participated in the ZOO BOO last Saturday night at the Fresno Chaffee Zoo. We passed out candy to the kids and information to the parents. Those who worked on this project were Patricia Granillo, Keith Ginsburg, Bob McCollister, Kassandre Clayton, and Vanessa Naba. We passed out information about our Club and many of the people seemed very interested. Hats off to Patricia who set the whole event up and talked to many people about what we do and why we do it.

Lion Keith



(L. to R.): Kassandre Clayton, Patricia Granillo, and Vanessa Naba



(L.tor.): Vanessa, Patricia, Aura Partridge (in back), and Kassandre.



Keith Ginsburg (left), Tony Kedzior (standing), and Aura Partridge.



Vanessa Naba (left) and Patricia Granillo

Falguni Patel, District Governor gave all the new members a wonderful welcome and was followed by the March of Flags by Leos and Lions. Then all sat down and ate a great meal and listened to GMT Lion Eleanor Perry and VDG Lion Cheri Provancha discuss Proud Lion orientation. They emphasized the Proud Lion Award Program to Reinvigorate, Reorient, and Reconnect all Lions, noting that all clubs that achieve 100% Proud Lions of Active members will be awarded a banner patch. All new members of our NFL agreed to want to achieve this goal! This Proud Lion Award is open to all Lions regardless of tenure.

Many clubs provided fundraising announcements, from tamale sales to motorcycle runs for fundraising. Many also donated to California Lions Club Foundation which aids in disaster relief. District Governor Lion Falguni Patel and GMT Lion Eleanor Perry and VDG Lion Cheri Provancha assisted in handing out new member certificates and discussed how to "grow club members".

Raffle for prizes and dance followed the closing remarks. Special award was given to the family of Lion Hargrave for his lifetime membership and contribution to Lions. All enjoyed a wonderful celebration and return to the Lion Kingdom!



Lions News

November 18 and 19, 2nd District Meeting

The 2nd District Meeting will be held in Richgrove on November 18 and 19, 2022. More details to follow from the District newsletter and website.

January 13 and 14, 2023 3rd District Meeting

The 3rd District Meeting will be held in Fresno on January 13 and 14. Never too early to mark your calendars. More details to follow.

May 4 to 7, 2023 District 4-A2 Convention

Our District 4-A2 Convention will be held in Visalia at the Wyndham in Visalia on May 4 to the 7. New officers will be elected and awards announced. Again it's not too early to mark your calendar.

Pre-Thanksgiving Poinsettia Selling Nov. to Dec. 6

We have ordered 250 poinsettias from Belmont Nursery to be delivered to Lion Ralph's garage on Tuesday, December 6 for seller's pick up and delivery to buyers. The flyer is attached and it is in a word document so you can put your name and information in place of my name for your convenience and sales. Plants will be \$20 delivered. Sell before November 18 so we know whether we need more or less! Let Marilyn or Ralph know as you sell, so we keep a running count. They are perfect for gifts, client appreciation, and holiday decorating!



Medical Ministries International (MMI)

Lion Ralph reported that MMI just shipped a container to Mongolia to a pediatric hospital. It was a 1 year vetting process as it is a new area to ship medical supplies to. They sent pediatric equipment and supplies in one container worth tens of thousands of dollars.

Zoo Boo at the Chaffee Zoo October 29

NFL, spearheaded by Patricia Granillo, participated in the Fresno Chaffee Zoo's Zoo Boo Event on October 29. Patricia, Kassandre Clayton, Vanessa Naba, Keith Ginsburg, and Bob McCollister set up an inviting booth with lots of candy and posters with details about our Lions Club. The Zoo estimated 3,700 kids and parents participated that night and we thank the Fresno Host Club and Kassandre and Willie Clayton for paying for the bulk of the candy passed out. It was a very fun evening and Patricia reported at least 5 Halloween Revelers stopped and talked about their interest in joining Lions. Thanks to all the new blood for coming up with some new fun ideas for outreach.



Oct. 24: Justin Downs, Pacific Crest Trail



Our October 24 speaker was Justin Downs who shared his experience hiking 2700 miles on the Pacific Crest Trail that begins on the border of Mexico and Southern California, runs through Oregon, Washington and ends in Canada. Justin states he was 27 years old, young and full of energy and was in between jobs at the time and wanted to experience what it would be like to cover a lot of the West Coast Mountain terrain. He managed to complete his task in approximately six months.

He shared with the club the various experiences he had with the personalities he met while on the trail and of a harrowing experience he had with a mountain lion who stalked him for at least 10 miles. He stated he had little more than a pocketknife to protect him while on the journey.

He also shared that due to fires causing detours which one could easily get lost he had to rely on his maps and at times assistance of other hikers. Definitely not for the faint of heart! He shared how he was able to obtain food for the journey through the assistance of others on the trail and also a little help from the outside world. He also carried an emergency beacon.

He reports he walked from 20 to 40 miles per day and shared some of the agony of walking and having the right shoes and even being laid up due to ankle problems for several days. I would call that stone bruise in horseman's terms, but he also shared the beauty of the back country and also the rich ecology of pristine lakes, blue and red colored fungus, and poodle bush which caused a rash similar to poison oak and that it tended to grow where the fires had been. What a great experience and we thank him for sharing his story with our club!



Oct. 3: Aura Partridge on Care Court & New Mental Health Laws

Governor Newsom recently signed SB1338 (Care Court) into law to be fully implemented by 2024. The bill will target strategies to aid the homeless and divert them into treatment. It establishes a Care Court to hear cases related to mental health and the homeless which will be a new branch of the civil courts. This court will replace the current drug courts (diversion) in the counties now.



The Court can divert the homeless with dual diagnosis needing mental health services into treatment including drug or alcohol program. It expands 5150 mental health holds to enable clinicians and family members to petition to require treatment. The bill establishes pilot programs in San Francisco, Riverside, Tuolumne, Glen, Orange, and San Diego to test out the effectiveness before it is implemented statewide.

The new Care Courts can mandate 12 month plans instead of the one month inpatient care allowed now. It will allow establishment of more conservatorships. No doubt the new law will be modified before it is fully implemented as there are always unintended and undesirable consequences of new ideas and legislation.

The bill sets aside \$10 billion and is intended to improve the results of the Home Key legislation previously enacted which has housed 58,000 homeless throughout the state. Many wealthy individuals in the state are trying to help with the homeless problem. Tom Springfield is pioneering the tiny house movement throughout the state. Others are trying to help also. Thank you, Aura, for bringing this to our attention.

Oct. 31: Steve Robeetello from Marjaree Mason Center

Steve Robeetello, Fundraiser for the Marjaree Mason Center for Domestic Violence gave an informative talk about their programs and needs. Marjaree Mason was only 36 years old when her policeman husband took her life when she tried to leave him. The program was established in 1979 to honor her memory. It was originally housed in the YWCA on M Street downtown.

They have significantly expanded to shelter houses throughout the Valley to serve victims of domestic violence. He noted that 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men are impacted by domestic violence. They served 8,500 adults and children with emergency shelter beds. They currently have 160 bed capacity. The pandemic made for many challenges - shelter houses had large common areas so victims could talk and get support, but with the pandemic they were forced to be in their bedrooms more. Also during the pandemic there were no private bathrooms in the rooms, that has changed now.

Domestic Violence is about control of the partner and children. During the pandemic, everyone was stuck at home, kids were zoom-schooled at home. This resulted in the hotline calls dropping significantly. However, the victims still tried to escape so social media and email calls were up. With families cooped up, incidents rose dramatically during the pandemic.

Robeetello thanked us repeatedly for our most recent \$1500 donation. He said \$1500 provides 14 days and nights of confidential shelter and all the services they offer such as

Oct. 10: Rob Piccolo from Valley Animal Center

Valley Animal Center is the valleys' no-kill shelter. Piccolo recently moved back to Fresno to help his aging parents after living in San Antonio for 5 years. When he lived in Fresno before Texas, he worked in retail and wholesale for 25 years. After his return, he rescued 7 dogs and cats and saw the need and felt the reward of giving. He is now the Executive Director of Valley Animal Center.



In 1992 the California Feline Foundation was established on Van Ness Boulevard as a no-kill cat shelter. In 1998 the Bob Barker Foundation funded them. In 2017 the Valley Animal Center was established on Dakota (near Elaine's Animal Inn). They provide low cost clinics, a surgery center, a dog park, and a cat club. Their main goal is humane education.

They have rescued 985 animals and 948 successful adoptions. They have 288 volunteers for 6066 volunteer hours. They have performed 2500 spays/neuters and 18,000 vaccinations as well as 2800 wellness exams. They have a surrender relief program and have provided \$40,000 to keep pets with their families, when people have adverse financial situations. They help pay for vet bills, run a behavioral hotline to help people deal with pet behavior problems. They also do dog training.

Around 9,500 animals go into shelters and only 2,797 were adopted and 5,051 were transferred to other parts of the country where there is a need or to VAC. Piccolo talked about a pilot program in New York City which is a trap and release program. Feral cats are trapped, captured, spay or neutered, and then released to help with the big city rat program. There are lots of unique ideas for dealing with unwanted animals humanely.

case management, and legal help getting restraining orders. They have a \$9 million budget of which 25% is government grants and funding. It costs \$2 million to provide the shelter beds.

He stated October is Domestic Violence Awareness month (as well as Breast Cancer and Pride Month). They wear purple ribbons to honor the victims. Their largest fundraising event is their Top 10 Women Event which just happened. They also have a Trees of Hope program where you can donate and buy holiday gifts for families.

In addition to their programs and support for victims, they run Batterer counseling programs (usually court ordered). They are committed to accommodating all people who need their services, LGBT, the undocumented, all religions and nationalities. They ask if you have clothing donations to take them to Catholic Charities or Eco World, and adults and children receiving services can shop there for free. They are appreciative to Ulta Beauty and their other large corporate sponsors for all of their donations and help. Their needs (that never go away) are for towels, hygiene products, shorts, t-shirts, pajamas, mattresses, sheets, toiletry items, diapers, pull-ups, toys and games and children's clothing and gift cards to stores they would be comfortable shopping at like Walmart and Target. Thank you, Steve for an informative talk.



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559 Beer, Old Town Clovis, 365 Pollasky Ave.
It promises to be a colorful and exciting show!



Kaden Ferretti
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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 11.....Marsha Conant
- 19.....Sheila Boehringer

DEC BIRTHDAYS

- 26..... Lion Sally Lewis
- 28..... John Ferretti
- 31.....Lion Gwen Blomgren

DEC ANNIVERSARIES

- 18..... Lions Dana and Bill Biggs
- 24..... Lion Tom and Cathy Good

JAN ANNIVERSARIES

- 7..... Lion Ralph and Barbara Handly
- 26..... Lion Kaden & John Ferretti



COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 7: LOD:** Subby Salanitra;
Prg: TBA
- 14: Board Meeting,** 11:15;
Prior to Meeting
- 14: LOD:** Bob McCollister;
Prg: TBA
- 21: LOD:** Aura Partridge;
Prg: TBA
- 28: LOD:** Tom Good;
Prg: TBA

DECEMBER

- 5: LOD:** Angela Espinosa;
Prg: TBA
- 12: Board Meeting,** 11:00;
YF Cafe, before mtg.
- 12: LOD:** Bernie Sankey;
Prg. TBA
- 19: LOD:** Patricia Granillo;
Prg: TBA
- 27: Dark for the Holidays**



Lions Club Meetings in Fresno

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

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

FRESNO UNLIMITED: 2:00 pm 2nd
 & 4th Tue, Dennys on Abby

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

WE SERVE



November 2022



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

		1	2	3	4	5  FSU vs. Hawaii
6 Daylight Savings Time ends	7 Board Meeting: 11:00am, pre-meeting LOD: Subby Salanitra; Prg: TBA	8  Election Day	9	10	11  Veterans Day	12
13	14 LOD: Bob McCollister; Prg: TBA	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 LOD: Aura Partridge; Prg: TBA	22	23	24  Thanksgiving	25  FSU vs. Wyoming Black Friday	26
27	28 LOD: Tom Good; Prg: TBA	29	30			



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