



NORTH FRESNO LIONS CLUB

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Monthly Newsletter

August 8: Special Guests Honor North Fresno Lions

There were many guests in attendance at our August 8 meeting. Phil Price introduced Fernanda Santiago from Fresno Community Hospitals. She came specifically to thank North Fresno Lions for our generous recent donation to Terry's House and because she noted that we have given over \$4,000 since the inception of Terry's House.

It is amazing that our modest contributions given annually could grow to such an amount and have such a beneficial effect. She had three hand written thank you cards from families that stayed at Terry's House while their loved ones were hospitalized expressing what our gift meant to them! This is why we are Lions!



District Governor Falguni Patel

NFL President

Lion Keith Ginsburg



Fellow Lions,

I first would like to thank Marilyn, for all her help in making this transition from Secretary to President. I also would like to thank those Lion members who have been so supportive in this transition.

I would like to thank those people who helped in the moving of our 1st Vice President of his goods from his home to a storage unit. Those people were Tony Kedzior, Aura Partridge, who put in the most time and effort. Also, Marilyn Watts, Tom Good, Bob McCollister and Patricia Granillo. One of newest members Vanessa Nabo drove all the way from her home in Visalia to help.

I am looking for more projects that we could participate in in the near future. I believe we have a great group of people who like to help the community in any way they can. Please notify me if you find a project you think that we could participate in in the near future.

Lion Keith

Our District Governor, Falguni Patel and our District Zone Chairman, Robert Andrade, were also visiting. DG Falguni had a special presentation for Kaden Ferretti who coordinated arriving meeting attendees for the 5th USA/ Canada Leo Leadership Forum and for the First District Meeting including some International attendees. Kaden was there taking care of everyone, including delayed and cancelled flights and got everyone to where they were staying and to meetings.

She then presented Kaden with the 4th highest award possible in Lionism - the International President's Certificate of Appreciation from newly installed International President, Brian Sheehan, who was in attendance at the events and was very impressed with Kaden's service. DG Falguni also read a Certificate of Recognition for Kaden from Assemblyman Rudy Salas. Way to go, Kaden!



Lion Kaden Ferretti receives award from DG Falguni Patel.



Lions News

New Members Night October 27th, 2022

Once again New Members Night will be held in Caruthers on Thursday, October 27. It is an evening for new members and their sponsors to be recognized and duly installed as Lions. Great food and great speeches are always the norm for the evening. NFL no doubt will be sending a large contingent this year as we are getting many new members!

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.

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.

August 22 Possible Service and Fundraisers

Several Lions talked about ideas for fundraisers and service projects. Patricia is still working on getting better information on the Zoo Boo for the last two weekends of October to see if it is feasible for us to have a booth to promote Lionism. With North Fresno Lions being a merger of South Fresno, Fresno Breakfast, and Kings River Ambassador Lions, there have been a lot of successful fundraisers in all the clubs. The chief concern currently is can it be successfully carried out with our current membership.

Marilyn, Patricia, Keith and Subby checked out the possibility of a poker night at Club One. It would be fairly easy, fairly profitable, and a poll of the members suggested we could make it happen, preferably in March 2023.

An immediate service opportunity presented itself. Lion Subby Salanitro has to move within the week and so members were needed Friday - Monday, 26th - 29th to pack, organize and move his belongings. Members did step up and worked Friday, Saturday and Sunday and got the bulk of his items moved to storage. There were a few interesting finds as Patricia snagged a Philip Morris Cigarette box once used to sell cigarettes back in the 1970s. Thanks to all the Lions who were able to help - Tom Good, Bob Mc Collister, Vanessa Nabo, Keith and Patricia, Aura and Tony, Marilyn, and several of Patricia's friends!

August 15 IPP Ralph Handy Gave an Update on the Latest MMI Shipment

During the past week (week of August 8th) Medical Ministries International sent a container of donated medical equipment and supplies to AWS Hospital in Paynesville, Algeria.

Ralph and Company loaded 1391 items filling a 40' Sea Container valued at \$444,964. They are anticipating the next container will be ready to ship by mid September and will go to Monrovia. Thank you Ralph and Medical Ministries International for your valuable work around the globe!

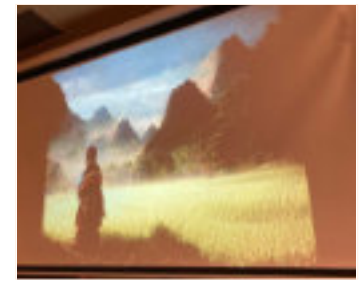
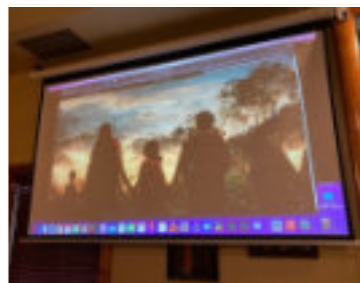


Aug. 8: Meng Lee, Learn Stream at CMAC

Lion Patricia Granillo met Meng Lee at CMAC where he works and coordinates a wonderful program working with youth in over 50 schools providing training on tech skills. The program is called Learn Stream. It is an after school enrichment program for grades K-12. He coordinates 20 staff who are high school graduates and college students who have been through the program. They get paid to provide the enrichment program through contracts with the schools.

Meng is a refugee from Thailand in 1989 and is passionate about creating safe spaces for children and teens. He also has established a company called MakeLine Productions that helps companies refine their image and improve their sales and bottom line.

He was a music producer at 16 years old and mixes sound and visual messaging to create content for businesses. He also showed us some of his "virtual art" creations. He can tell the program to create an image of a refugee finding a new life or whatever scenario he desires and the type of mood he wants to create with music and the computer creates a beautiful (or profound) piece of art - all computer generated! Very interesting program!



Virtual Art produced by Meng Lee.

Aug. 29: Tom Lang of the Aquarius Aquarium Institute

Lion Larry Holody secured Tom Lang, Executive Director of the Aquarius Aquarium Institute to speak to Lions.

Tom has spoken to us previously about their mission and progress. The last time he spoke, they had just gotten a significant donation from the Steinhart Aquarium in San Francisco of aquarium tanks. He explained how the donation came to be.

After the Loma Prieta earthquake, there was significant damage to their building, harming the structural soundness and creating leaks. They found a temporary home in a parking structure on Howard Street while they rebuilt the aquarium. After 5 years, they were able to move back into a permanent facility and the director offered the temporary tanks which were like new to Tom for the Fresno aquarium he was building. It was basically a \$250 million donation.

Back to the history of the Aquarius Aquarium, it will sit on land off Herndon and 99 abutting the San Joaquin River donated by the Jura family. Arthur Dyson designed a beautiful facility that, thanks to Parrish Engineering, can be built in phases. The Phase I structure will cost \$35 million. The plans are to incorporate the river for fresh water fishes and tell the story of the San Joaquin River and the Central Valley using native fish and also discussing invasive species and how they got here.

He told a fascinating story of how Striped Bass came to the Valley (an invasive species). They were imported from the East Coast to serve as food fish. They were shipped via the Transcontinental Railroad as babies in small tanks and the water was freshened along the entire route by dumping and refilling. He also will tell the story of how the river goes to the sea and the fish at each stage so there will be salt water tanks and stories as well. He envisions a Reef Aquarium where coral shards will be planted and it becomes a living growing organism with many different types of coral and clams.

The Aquarius Aquarium Institute's primary mission now and after the aquarium is opened is education. They do presentations at local schools where they bring tide pool animals in and give lessons on the tide pool, why they are important, and how to care for them. They also currently have a program at the Center for Advanced Research and Technology CART with a living Reef Aquarium that the students can add coral species and reef animals and fishes. They learn all about reefs and their importance to the ecosystem.

They are approximately half way to their Phase I drive goal. The Phase I building will be 6,000 square feet of concrete with no windows (no mold, can control light). They are selling blocks with your name or in memoriam name for \$100 and \$200 for retaining wall blocks. The building will require 5100 blocks.

Tom and his wife do not take any kind of a salary for their work. They run a successful aquarium installation business for homes and businesses. Thank you, Larry, bringing in Tom Lang to keep us updated!





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SEPT BIRTHDAYS

- 11.....Lion Mary DeLa Torre
- 28..... Lion Aura Partridge

SEPT ANNIVERSARIES

- 28..... Lions Aura Partridge & Tony Kedzior
- 30.....Lion Mary & Tony De La Torre

OCT BIRTHDAYS

- 14..... Lion Phil Price
- 18.....Lion Tony Kedzior
- 23.....Lion Marilyn Watts
- 25.....Lion Hank Ramirez
- 25..... Lion Subby Salanitro

OCT ANNIVERSARIES

- 28..... Lion Mike & Brenda Neer

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 5: Labor Day, No Meeting**
- 12: Board Meeting, 11:15;**
Prior to Meeting
- 12: LOD: Kaden Ferretti;**
Prg: Orientation of new members
- 19: LOD: Mary DeLaTorre;**
Prg: TBA
- 26: LOD: Ken Aminian;**
Prg: TBA

OCTOBER

- 3: LOD: Tony Kedzior**
Prg: TBA
- 10: Board Meeting, 11:00;**
YF Cafe, before mtg.
- 10: LOD: Phil Price;**
Prg: TBA
- 17: LOD: Ralph Handy;**
Prg: TBA
- 24: LOD: Bob Boehringer;**
Prg: TBA
- 27: New Member Night,**
Caruthers
- 31: 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 : 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

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September 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 <i>Labor Day No Meeting</i>	6	7	8 <i>NFL season opens: Rams vs. Bills</i>	9 Teddy Bear Day	10 FSU vs. Oregon State
11 Grandparents Day	12 Board Meeting: 11:00am, pre-meeting LOD: Kaden Ferretti; Prg: Orientation of New Members	13	14	15	16 Guacamole Day	17
18	19 LOD: Mary De La Torre; Prg: TBA	20	21	22 Autumn Equinox	23 Love Note Day	24
25	26 LOD: Ken Aminian; Prg:TBA	27	28	29 Coffee Day	30	



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