



NORTH FRESNO LIONS CLUB

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Monthly Newsletter

Nov. 7: Official Visit by District Governor Falguni Patel

District Governor Falguni Patel paid NFL a visit on November 7. She was accompanied by PDG Al Kroell. PDG Al let us know that November is National Diabetes Awareness Month and passed out purple awareness ribbons. November 14 is International Diabetes Day. Lions are currently campaigning and educating the public about Diabetes at the Clovis Farmer's Market weekly.

DG Falguni informed us about changes to the Proud Lion Award. Previously only brand new members could receive the award, but to reinvigorate the clubs, currently everyone in the district is eligible. The challenge started on November 1, 2022 and runs through April 30, 2023. Criteria are the following: Attend a board meeting; attend a zone, region, district or Multiple District meeting; participate in a fundraiser or service project; attend a new member orientation; introduce a new prospective member to Lionism; register for My Lion (app to record activities and attendance); and visit another club in the district. There are Proud Lion awards for individuals and also 100% Proud Lion banner patches for clubs who get all members to do all the criteria. A great incentive for clubs to excel!



NFL President

Lion Keith Ginsburg



Fellow North Fresno Lions Club members,

At the NFL board meeting on November 14th, the president of Muddy Eyes, Gilbert Tellez, and his wife Stacey, came to tell us of what they were doing to feed people who were hungry and needed to eat. On Saturday November 19th at an empty lot on N Woodward Drive, Muddy Eyes hosted an event and fed about 18 families. They also gave free haircuts and free painting of nails. Three Lions set up a tent with our Banner and helped feed the people who needed food. Those Lion members were Vanessa Naba, Patricia Granillo, and Keith Ginsburg. Several people had never heard of Lions Club and wanted to know what we did and what we do for the Fresno community. We explained our purpose in the Fresno Area.

On Thursday December 1st and Saturday December 10th several of our Lion members will be Ringing the Bell for the Salvation Army at two doors at Penney's in Fashion Fair. A big thank you for those members who volunteered to Ring the Bell for the Salvation Army. If you are in Fashion Fair on those dates, please stop by and say hi to our members who are Ringing the Bell for the Salvation Army.

Lion Keith

DG Falguni also talked about the recent New Member Night and how many International students officially became LEOs. She was excited that these students would go on and grow Lionism back in their home countries. She said that Douglass Alexander, Chairperson of Lions Clubs International Foundation LCIF Board, sent greetings and acknowledged PIP Bill and PID Dana Biggs. She also spoke of other changes to Lions International. There are now more membership opportunities - family memberships, spousal, partner and student memberships as well as honorary memberships. Affiliate, Associate and Life memberships continue to be available also. She encouraged us to attend the November 18-19 3rd District Meeting in Ridgecove (near McFarland). She talked about getting members VSP certified; however Ralph explained that our club directly goes on Sight missions and also sends eyeglasses to international clinics in Third World countries and uses all the eyeglasses we collect.

She talked about Lions' Humanitarian purpose and current motto "Together We Can- Together We Will." Our focus is to help the people we care about and acknowledged the need is greater now than ever. Overall, our district has a positive membership growth, and there are new LEO clubs being set up. She has a few clubs in the district that are floundering like the Tulare Host Lions. It is an over 100 year club and is down to only 3 members. There is a Hispanic club and a Korean club that are currently inactive, all the while Asian Hate Crimes are soaring particularly near Bakersfield where the clubs are located. They are afraid to be visible. The Reedley Lions are also struggling. It makes our mission more important and clearer. We need to be active and work toward unity and common causes. Thank you, Lion DG Falguni, for your inspiration!



Lions News



2021 Bell Ringers: Keith, Kassandre, and Ralph

Dec. 1st and 10th Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army

Once again, Lion Subby Salanitra has coordinated with the Salvation Army to ring Bells and raise money for their excellent programs. The site will be at Fashion Fair Mall at the JC Penney's two entrances in the middle of the mall. The first shift will begin Thursday, December 1st at 10 am to 12 noon. Two-hour shifts will continue until 6 pm. The next service day is Saturday, December 10, also beginning at 10 am til 6 pm at the Penney's in Fashion Fair Mall. Most of the shifts are partially or fully covered, but if you would be willing to help, please call Subby at 559-930-5711 to schedule a two-hour shift. It is fun to play Santa for one of our charities! Thank you, Subby, for again setting this up!

December 6 Poinsettia Plants Delivered By Belmont Nursery to Lion Ralph's

Mark your calendar for December 6 because Belmont Nursery is delivering our 250 nursery grown poinsettias to Lion Ralph's garage (6548 N. Woodson Ave., just a block east of Van Ness Boulevard and south of Herndon). Plants sold by members can be picked up and delivered to your eager customers that day! Thank you to all who sponsored - Bob McCollister, Phil Price, Bo Boehringer and Marilyn Watts and a huge thank you to all who have been selling - Bernie, Bo, Bob, Dana, Tony and Aura, Mary, Keith, Patricia, Ralph, Tom, Larry, Kassandre, Phil and Marilyn!



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.

Student Speakers' Contest February 6

Lion Larry Holody, Proud Lion Extraordinaire, is again coordinating the annual student speaker contest with Clovis West High School on February 6. Last year we had excellent speakers on "How Kindness can Unite the Country." This year our equally timely topic is "Social Media, Connects Us or Isolates Us?" Please be available to attend, invite guests and help with the contest! It should be another great event! Thanks, Larry, as always!

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.

Nov. 14: Sarah Monroe Brown, Therapy Dogs



Sarah Monroe Brown is a volunteer for the Red Cross Service to Armed Forces at the VA Hospital. She is part of the No Veteran Dies Alone project. She is married to a Marine and the project is very near and dear to her heart. She is a volunteer in several projects and organizations that all seem to dovetail for her.

She is a Certifier for the Alliance for Therapy Dogs for one. She has a therapy dog named Sprinkles. The Alliance fully insures the certified therapy dogs as there is rigorous training and testing to insure they are safe for all. She also volunteers at the Chowchilla Prison. She has 20 rescue dogs at the prison that the prisoners train, nurture, and love, and eventually give the dog to a Veteran. The prisoners in the program continuously train and give their dogs to Veterans needing support and friendship from a pet.

The prisoners are held to a higher standard to qualify for the program and not surprisingly end up with very low recidivism rates. They teach the dogs basic obedience. She also volunteers at a pet food pantry and you guessed it, brings dog food into the prison program. See how all of her volunteerism dovetails.

She stated service dogs serve only one person, but therapy dogs serve and bring comfort to the needs of many people- in hospitals, veterans, schools, to name a few places they are used. Sarah volunteers at least 40 hours a week and blesses all the projects she touches! She was introduced by Lion Bob McCollister.



Nov. 28: Tom Good on the Origins of the Lions Eye Bank

Lion Tom Good helped establish the Lions Eye and Tissue Bank of the San Joaquin Valley in 1978. He served as President. The California Eye Institute gave them a suite of offices to get started. He spoke to Lions about the South American Cornea Project, one of their early very successful projects. The project came about in large part because Geraldo Rivera was from Lima, Peru, and knew that all throughout South America there was a shortage of eyesight-saving corneas for transplant. He used his television platform and credibility to call attention to the need.

Tom and the Lions Eye Bank began supplying the needs, working with a local coroner, Lion Ralph, and Linda Isola. Over time they serviced 33 eye banks in Central America with around 100 eye banks in America sending corneas. Over about 12 years, they supplied around 17,000 corneas to Latin America. Through his work with the eye bank, he was able to travel to Peru and see Machu Picchu two different times years apart. It is really amazing and something for everyone to see. It is a 15th century fortress atop the Andes Mountains situated to provide maximum protection to the Incan Empire. Tom spent 12 years at the eye bank after 20 years at the VA in procurement. Thank you, Tom for a wonderful presentation.

Nov. 21 Aura Partridge Talks Eco-Friendly Strategies

Lion Aura "boned up" on some eco-friendly ideas for reducing our carbon footprint to save the planet including Human Composting. Human composting began in Washington state in 2019. It legally allows funeral homes and individuals (instead of embalming and burial or cremation) to be placed in a special metal container with wood chips, alfalfa and other materials to slowly compost (up to 120 days). The containers are rotated like any other composting process. Other states have followed suit - Oregon, Colorado, Massachusetts and Vermont. California's Governor Newsom just signed a new law taking effect in 2027 to allow human composting, so we will follow other states. One body yields about a cubic yard of amendment. It is less expensive and cremation and burial both emit carbon emissions while this process does not. Family may use the amendment for a memorial garden or any other way. *My apologies to Aura for the tasteless pun in the first sentence.



Nov. 19: Three Lions Aid Muddy Eyes Service Project

Lions Keith, Patricia and Vanessa spent November 19 helping the MUDDY EYES team feed the homeless near Parkway Drive. At the November 14 meeting, Gilbert and Stacey Tellez spoke to Lions about their organization. It was set up in February of 2019 to spread a message of hope. They are an official food bank agency and pick up food to deliver to houses for the needy and motels for the homeless all on Parkway Drive. They provide cooked meals on Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the rest of the year - boxes of grocery items for the recipients to use. They go to 8 to 10 motels weekly. They left their stable jobs to do Muddy Eyes full time. They now make personal ends meet by driving for InstaCart and Uber Eats.

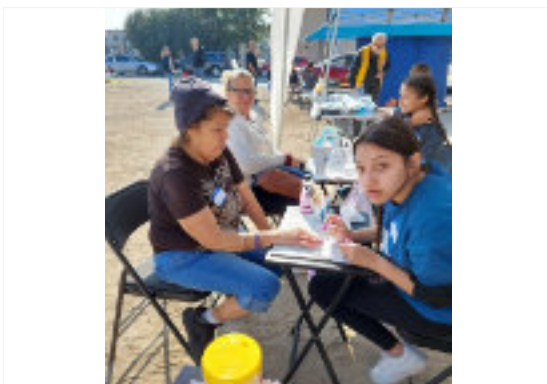
The Thanksgiving meal for the homeless was cooked and served on November 19 and our Lions pitched in mightily. Volunteer Barbers and Manicurists gave haircuts and did nails too. Patricia felt it was very rewarding and gratifying to see the care given to the homeless. To learn more or to help, go to muddyeyes.com. Great job Keith, Patricia and Vanessa!



Lions Keith, Vanessa, and Patricia help Muddy Eyes



Stacey & Gilbert Tellez, founders of Muddy Eyes



Distribution of Food and Supplies



Volunteer Haircuts



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- 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

FEB ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Lion Angela & Richard Espinoza



COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 1:** Bell Ringing for Salvation Army
- 5:** **LOD:** Angela Espinosa; **Prg:** TBA
- 6:** Poinsettia Pickup
- 10:** Bell Ringing for Salvation Army
- 12:** **Board Meeting,** 11:00; YF Cafe, before mtg.
- 12:** **LOD:** Bernie Sankey; **Prg.** TBA
- 19:** **LOD:** Patricia Granillo; **Prg:** TBA
- 26:** Dark for the Holidays

JANUARY

- 2:** **Happy New Year! Dark**
- 9:** **Board Meeting,** 11:15; Prior to Meeting
- 9:** **LOD:** Hank Ramirez; **Prg:** TBA
- 13-14:** 3rd District Meeting
- 16:** **LOD:** Cesar Alvarez; **Prg:** TBA
- 23:** **LOD:** Bob Boehringer; **Prg:** TBA
- 30:** **LOD:** Marilyn Watts; **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

WE SERVE

		<h1>December 2022</h1>					
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
				1  Bell Ringing for Salvation Army	2	3  FSU vs.Boise	
4	5 LOD: Angela Espinoza; Prg: TBA	6  Pick up and Distribute Poinsettias	7	8	9	10  Bell Ringing for Salvation Army	
11	12 Board Meeting: 11:00am, pre-meeting LOD: Bernie Sankey; Prg: TBA	13	14	15	16	17	
18	19 LOD: Patricia Granillo; Prg: TBA Hanukkah Begins	20	21  Winter Solstice	22	23	24  Christmas Eve	
25  Christmas Day	26 Dark for the Holidays Kwanzaa Begins	27	28	29	30	31  New Years Eve	



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