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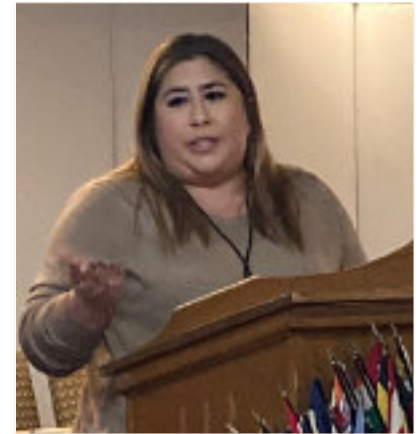
## Lion Vanessa Naba Explains the Mission of United Way

### April 3 Speaker Pietrangelo Vallis

Lion Dana's nephew, Pietrangelo Vallis, will be our speaker on Monday, April 3, regarding agriculture. He is also the grandson of the founders of the iconic Vallis's Restaurant near Kingsburg.

From a family of long-time growers and vintners, he has keen and direct insight into the current state of agriculture in the Valley. Please plan on attending and bring a guest.

One of our newest Lions, Vanessa Naba, now works for the United Way of Fresno and Madera. On March 6, she talked about the mission of the United Way as well as their 2-1-1 Helpline. United Way, a national agency, began as a centralized repository of donations to go out to local community non-profits helping the local communities. Their big goal is to dismantle systemic barriers to poverty.



One of their projects is a phone Helpline (2-1-1) to connect those needing assistance in 150 different languages (including 2 indigenous languages from Mexico) to necessary resources in the local areas. They help those needing disaster help from emergency housing, heating, or other winter storm emergencies. They can help with food, power outages and housing needs. They can help those facing eviction navigate their options and solutions.

United Way 2-1-1 line handles over 30,000 calls a year both simple and complicated. They identify the caller's needs and any additional case management needs. They can provide financial literacy, how to purchase a home, utility assistance, and even free tax preparation.

They are funded by county and city funds and grants, donations through payroll deductions with participating businesses. Their clients' average income ranges from \$15,000 to \$60,000. They use volunteers primarily supplied by Americorps. Thank you, Vanessa!

NFL President



Lion Keith Ginsburg



From the President of the North Fresno Lions Club, we are planning on doing some wonderful events soon. I am very proud of our club because we are helping a local group feed the poor and giving them Easter gifts for their kids. Another important event is that we are selling tickets for dinners to Tahoe Joe's Famous Steakhouse on Monday May 1st and Tuesday May 2nd.



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# Lions News

## April 7 Partnering with Muddy Eyes to Deliver Easter Baskets to the Homeless

On Monday, April 3, we are partnering with Muddy Eyes to donate cash or an Easter Basket(s). Muddy Eyes is a non-profit that helps the homeless with food and other essentials. Gilbert Tellez and wife, Stacy spoke to NFL about their ministry with the homeless.

Our members have done service with them at a prior special event they held. First we are collecting goodies on Monday, April 3 at the meeting, then on April 7, Friday, NFL will be helping with their Easter event, 12 pm to 2 pm at Emergency Housing for Kids, 937 Klette Avenue.

If you go to their website or follow them on Facebook, they have an easy Amazon wish list of two different baskets that you can order and have sent directly to them. We will also collect monetary donations on Monday, April 3 to allow them to buy the supplies they need for the event.

Thanks to Vanessa and Patricia for getting this together, so we can easily be of service to our community.

## May 1 and 2 Tahoe Joe's Fundraiser

Lions will be selling Dinner tickets for meals at Tahoe Joe's Famous Steakhouse on Monday, May 1 and Tuesday, May 2. Diners will call in the day of with their order for Joe's Steak or Wood Grilled Chicken and sides. Tickets are good for dine in or take out.

We have 150 tickets for each night and the flyer is attached to the Roar for your convenience. Please run out flyers and pass out to friends, family, or associates and sell, sell, sell!

## May 6 Hinds Hospice Angel Babies Walk/Run

Over 40 years ago, Nancy Hinds, founded Hinds Hospice Care to ease the transition of those in need of end of life care and those grieving lost loved ones. Seventeen years ago, the Angel Babies Walk/Run was started to celebrate the brief lives of those infants dying in childbirth or through the first year of life. Seventeen years ago, Lion Subby Salanitro got North Fresno Lions involved in the annual event by pledging our support to prepare the hearty breakfast for the hungry runners. This year the event and pancake breakfast service project will be held May 6, Saturday. Subby again is organizing our involvement and will have more details as they become available.

## 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.

## Mar. 20: Debbie Ockey, Wings Advocacy

Retired Fresno City College professor, Debbie Ockey, now volunteers nearly full time for Wings Advocacy. Wings Advocacy was started by 4 women who were recruited by the Catholic Diocese to help deal with the homeless.



They soon realized even if agencies were getting them housing, the people were moving into empty apartments with no furnishings. So they got to work, getting furniture, home goods like pots, pans, dishes and cleaning products so the rooms the homeless were moved into were actually livable.

Assemi Development donated warehouse space for them to store furniture and other goods. They established a non-profit in 2016 and now have 25-30 volunteers and service 7-14 clients weekly. The clients are referred by various organizations, like Turning Point, Addicts in Treatment, programs for the elderly, veterans and single mothers. The Marjaree Mason Center for Domestic Violence refers 2 - 4 weekly.

Meathead Movers has a contract to move the larger items and they deliver all over town. The rhythm of each week goes like this, Monday is staging - all referrals get specifications on what they actually need. Thursdays and Fridays are delivery days and Saturdays are pick up days of new donations.

She stated the children are particularly excited to actually have a bed of their own. The frames can be used but by law the mattresses have to be new. All donations come from the community. The Warehouse is opened on Mondays for drop off of donations. All clients also get a welcome basket.

Community groups donate in wonderful and unique ways. For example, the Jewish community collected 150 lamps to distribute for Hanukkah. They always need can openers and pillows. Eye Q Vision Center held an employee drive and collected \$12,000. The Knights of Columbus sends volunteers to help with the heavy lifting.

Another suggestion for donations is some people put together a monthly laundry basket of needed household products. Also they are one of the organizations you can select on Amazon to receive matching donations. They will be holding a work party in a couple of weeks (possibly April 17) and members asked Debbie to let us know so we could volunteer.



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**FEATURING:**  
**BROADWAY TUNES**  
**Movie Songs and Ballads**  
**SING ALONGS**  
**AND REQUESTS**

**Cards and Phone Calls Still Needed**

Cards and phone calls are still needed to bolster the spirits of two of our beloved Lions, Tom Good and Sue Davis. Tom is undergoing a round of cancer treatment and would appreciate your prayers and cards or phone calls or both. His address is 5654 N. Ila, Fresno, CA 93711 and his phone number is 559-439-2808. Supporting one another is the highest service and best gift of love we can give.

Sue is still bedridden from an injury about a year ago. Her number is 559-905-1125 or if you want to go by and see her in person, call her daughter, Kelly at 559-285-4862 to arrange a time. Sue misses us terribly and would love a visit, however short!



**Kaden Ferretti**  
 559-917-3418



**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

6 ..... JoNell Price  
 7.....Brenda Neer  
 12 .....Lion Dana Biggs  
 21.....Lidia McCollister

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

3 ..... Jarod Smith  
 31.....Lion Ralph Handly  
 31 .....Lion Bill Biggs

**MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

30 ..... Lion Bernie & Sandy Sankey  
 30..... Lion Liz & Jarod Smith

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

4 ..... Sandy Sankey  
 18.....Lion Kaden Ferretti  
 21 ..... Lion Cesar Alvarez  
 21.....Lion Allen Layne

**COMING EVENTS**

**APRIL**

- 3: LOD:** Bernie Sankey;  
**Prg:** Pietrangelo Vallis
- 7: Easter Basket Giveaway**  
 for Homeless Service Project
- 10: Board Meeting,** 11:00;  
 YF Cafe, before mtg.
- 10: LOD:** Subby Salanito;  
**Prg:** TBA
- 17: LOD:** Patricia Granillo;  
**Prg:** TBA
- 24: LOD:** Bob McCollister;  
**Prg:** TBA

**MAY**

- 1: LOD:** Vanessa Naba;  
**Prg:** TBA
- 1-2: Tahoe Joe's Fundraiser**
- 5-7: District 4-A2 Convention,**  
 Visalia
- 6: Hinds Hospice Angel**  
**Babies, Pancake Breakfast**
- 8: Board Meeting,** 11:15;  
 Prior to Meeting, YF Cafe
- 8: LOD:** Ralph Handly;  
**Prg:** TBA
- 15: LOD:** Bob Boehringer;  
**Prg:** TBA
- 22: LOD:** Larry Holody;  
**Prg:** TBA
- 29: DARK Memorial Day**



**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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# April 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 LOD: Bernie Sankey; Prg: Pietrangelo Vallis	4	5  Passover Begins	6  National Burrito Day	7 Easter Basket Giveaway to Homeless Service Project	8
9  Easter	10 Board Meeting: 11:00am, pre-meeting LOD: Subby Salanitro; Prg: TBA	11	12  National Licorice Day	13	14	15  National Tax Day
16	17 LOD: Patricia Granillo; Prg: TBA	18	19  National Banana Day	20  Volunteer Recognition Day	21	22  Earth Day
23	24 LOD: Bob McCollister; Prg: TBA	25	26	27	28  National Arbor Day	29
30  MEMORIAL DAY	DARK Memorial Day					



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# North Fresno Lions Dinner Fundraiser

from

  
**Tahoe Joe's**<sup>®</sup>  
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## Monday, May 1st Tuesday, May 2nd

### **\$25 per Ticket**

**Complete Meal for One**

**Your Choice of:**

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Wood Grilled Chicken

**Also includes:**

Mountain Mashers

Blue Lake Green Beans

Your Choice of Soup or Salad

### **Details:**

Call Tahoe Joe's

at (559) 299-9740 to order on

Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> or

Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>

Order Pick-Up & Dine-In Available

from 11am through 9pm

Please refer to ticket for additional  
ordering information.

## **All Proceeds go to North Fresno Lions Charitable Organizations**

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