



NORTH FRESNO LIONS CLUB

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Monthly Newsletter

Lions Brainstorm Ideas for Fundraisers on Jan. 23

The North Fresno Lions Club brainstormed ideas for fundraisers on January 23. Most were fundraisers we have done in the past, but we got some great new ideas also!

We prioritized which could be done in the next few months and got volunteers to follow up on the ideas:

Tahoe Joe's Dinners - Ralph volunteered to get information

Deliver Holiday Flowers (Valentine's, Mother's Day, Easter, etc.) for local florist (D & L) - Marilyn volunteered to get information

Texas Hold' em Tourney in April - Marilyn volunteered to get information

Second Space Theater or Roger Rocha's, Book the House - Larry volunteered to get information

Sales/Raffle in connection with Fresno First Bank (possible tailgate) - Phil Price and Ken Aminian volunteered to get information

Other ideas for fundraisers which the group wanted to take more time to flesh out were:

Garage sale or Art sale

We prepare dinner (tri-tip) or breakfast with our grill

Beerock sales

Wine tasting (at FSU or other winery) or Booze bus to wineries

Ice cream social

Mother's Day Plant Sale - through Belmont Nursery

Raffles

Beer Booth at Fair/Big Hat Days/or similar opportunity

Casino Night

Golf Tournament

Entertainment Books or Script

Fun Run

Progressive Dinner at several restaurants or at several nearby houses, trolleying between courses

Auctions

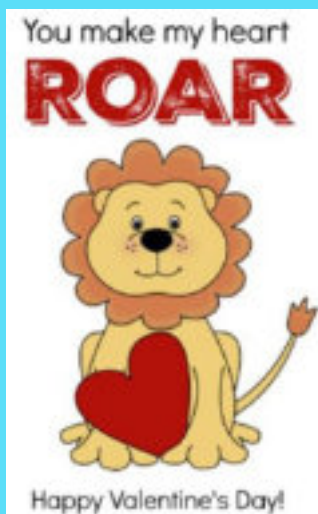
NFL President

Lion Keith Ginsburg



Happy Valentine's Day

from the President of the NFL.
This month we are working on many projects to raise money for our many non-profit organizations.





Lions News

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!

February 27 NFL to Visit Sue Davis at her Home

On February 27, Lions will go to Sue Davis's home at 4844 E. Cornell, Fresno, CA 93703. Sue has been rehabilitating at home and has not been able to attend a Lions meeting for many months, so we will bring the meeting to her! Marilyn will bring sandwiches and water and we will meet at Sue's. Sue's daughter, Kelly would like a head count to set up chairs, etc. so please RSVP before the 27th to Marilyn, 559-709-8015. Oh, and bring your best jokes. There may just be a contest and a prize for the best joke!

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.

January 16 Gloria Gomez-Alvarez from Parlier Lions

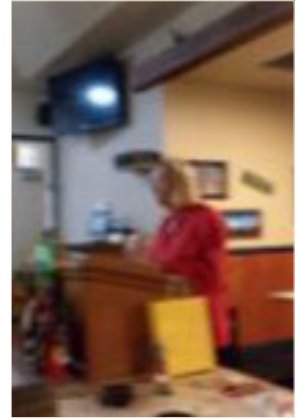
The Parlier Lions Club was chartered in 1951 and finally in 1987 women were allowed into Lions. Lion Gloria was the first woman to join Parlier Lions in 1999, sponsored by Frank Andretti. She worked for the Parlier Unified School District for her career. She talked about going on Operation Friendship Trips with Lions to Ensenada, Mexico. When District Lions first established the Operation Friendship, they helped build schools and outfit them. She remembers taking a truckload of schoolbooks to Ensenada. They also had medical and vision professionals doing medical exams and vision screenings and fittings for glasses. She loved the service of Lionism and enjoyed the camaraderie and fellowship of being a part of the largest service organization in the world. She is very proud to be a woman and to serve.



Patricia Granillo, Keith Ginsburg, Vanessa Naba, and Kaden Ferretti all attended the 3rd District Meeting and that is where they met Lion Gloria. She is active in District meetings and projects as well as her own club. Attending the District meeting was very empowering and inspiring for fairly new members, Patricia, Keith, and Vanessa. Kaden is a region chair and very active in the District.

Jan. 30: Lion Marilyn Explains Chinese New Year

On January 30, 2023, Lion of the Day Marilyn Watts discussed the Chinese New Year celebration which runs from January 22 through February 5, fifteen days total. Associated with this celebration is the Chinese zodiac which gives each year an animal sign. This year 2023 is associated with the year of the Water Rabbit. The Chinese New Year always takes place on the first day following the first new moon. The celebration lasts over two weeks in China where families get together to celebrate with a variety of events like lion dances and wearing traditional dress. Gifts are wrapped in red packaging; red clothes and red décor are seen all over. Adults will give children small red envelopes of money as well, and these bestow good luck upon the recipient. Families have dinner and reminisce over the year that has passed before launching fireworks at midnight.



The Chinese Zodiac is represented by 12 animals, in order being RAT, OX, TIGER, RABBIT, DRAGON, SNAKE, HORSE, GOAT, MONKEY, ROOSTER, DOG, AND PIG. This zodiac cycle of 12 years repeats and each animal has its own attributes. Chinese people believe that a person's horoscope, personality, and love compatibility are closely associated with his/her zodiac sign determined by his/her birth year. Marilyn then asked each of us present to determine which "animal" we are, noting attributes of the animal associated with our year of birth. Many Dragons, Roosters, Tigers, and Oxen were present. The Dragon is considered the luckiest sign in the zodiac.

Marilyn then discussed how rural China compares to the larger cities. Many food markets with animals, plants, and vegetables are in the mostly agricultural rural, whereas the larger cities provide other work. The discussion then centered on her trip to China in 1996 and 1997 to adopt two Chinese infants through an agency. The process she states was lengthy, but well worth it, and her two children are now lovely young ladies in their twenties.

Marilyn states going to China was eye opening and that China is a vast country with many ethnic groups and languages. The political structure is ideologically different than that of the United States and liberties are restricted according to the mandates of the Chinese Communist Party which does not place individual liberty as an ideal. The one child mandate caused many infants to be needlessly left to die and or placed in orphanages. This is especially true for female infants. This has resulted in decrease in population of China.

Marilyn also displayed photo albums and golden filigree jar, Cinnabar-lacquered carved jar, and jewelry gaming pieces indicative of Chinese arts. Thank you, Lion Marilyn, for this interesting presentation.



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FEB ANNIVERSARIES

5 Lion Angela & Richard Espinoza

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

8 Lion Mike Neer
 9..... Lion Patricia Granillo
 9 Lion Kassandre Clayton
 22..... Lion Keith Ginsburg
 29..... Lion Happy Van Caster

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

9 .. Lion Kassandre Clayton & Willie Johnson
 15..... Lion Sally & Dee Lewis
 15..... Lion Bob & Lidia McCollister

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 6: LOD:** Larry Holody;
Prg: Student Speakers Contest
- 13: Board Meeting,** 11:00;
YF Cafe, before mtg.
- 13: LOD:** Tony Kedzior;
Prg. TBA
- 20: Dark for the Holidays**
- 27: Visit to Lion Sue Davis**
at her home, 4844 E.
Cornell Ave

MARCH

- 6: LOD:** Vanessa Naba;
Prg: TBA
- 13: Board Meeting,** 11:15;
Prior to Meeting, YF Cafe
- 13: LOD:** Kaden Ferretti;
Prg: TBA
- 20: LOD:** Mary De La Torre;
Prg: TBA
- 27: LOD:** Ken Aminian;
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 style="font-family: cursive;">February 2023</h1> 						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3  National Carrot Cake Day	4
5	6 LOD: Larry Holody; Prg: Student Speakers Contest	7	8  National Kite Flying Day	9	10	11
12	13 Board Meeting: 11:00am, pre-meeting LOD: Tony Kedzior; Prg: TBA	14  Valentine's Day	15	16  National Almond Day	17	18
19	20 Presidents Day No Meeting	21	22  Ash Wednesday	23	24	25
26	27 Visit Lion Sue Davis at her home	28				



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