



NORTH FRESNO LIONS CLUB

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1917 **105 Years** 2022

January 6, 2023

Monthly Newsletter

Dec. 1 & 10: Lions Ring Bell for Salvation Army

North Fresno Lions, guided by Subby Salanitro and Keith Ginsburg, filled 4 shifts at either end of JC Penney's in Fashion Fair on 2 days (approximately 32 hours of service). Lions reported very good donations and participation from shoppers (Ralph reported at least \$80 raised in one of his shifts). Marilyn had a lot of children stop and ring the bells for her. Both Ginger (Bob McCollister's therapy dog) and Keith's dog, Heidi,

attracted shoppers to stop and chat and donate. Thanks to all who worked shifts and donated their time for the Salvation Army!

History of the Salvation Army

William Booth, a minister in England, and his wife, Catherine, abandoned the traditional church pulpit in favor of taking the gospel of Jesus Christ directly to the people. He walked the streets of London, preaching to the poor, homeless, hungry, and destitute.

They began their unconventional ministry in 1865 and within 10 years the "Christian Mission" had over 1000 volunteers and evangelists. They were successful and converted over 250,000 thieves, prostitutes, gamblers, and drunkards to Christianity while serving their physical needs.

In 1878, Booth changed the name to the Salvation Army where it operates in over 100 countries worldwide today. Booth died in 1912 but his army of volunteers and wife Catherine and children carried on the mission.

Catherine Booth had no rights as a woman in that day and age nor ability to become a minister in any church, but was a passionate advocate for people in need. She believed that loving God meant loving people through action and her legacy of love, sacrifice, and service continues to shape the Salvation Army today.

Salvation Army also has a mission of disaster relief much like Lions International Foundation LCIF. They estimate that they help 800,000 individuals through earthquakes, tornados, wildfires, droughts, and floods every year.

Like LCIF, they have the highest rating from Charity Navigator and other rating services, as most of the money raised goes to helping others not salaries and administration.

Every year North Fresno Lions is proud to assist the Salvation Army with their bell-ringing fundraiser.

NFL President

Lion Keith Ginsburg



Fellow North Fresno Lions Club members,

For many years the North Fresno Lions Club has volunteered to ring the bell for the Salvation Army at a local location. This year we rang the bell and collected the money at J.C. Penney's in Fashion Fair.

I would like to thank those Lions members who volunteered. Here is a list of the Lions who volunteered. Bob McCollister with his Dog Ginger, Tony Kedzior, Aura Partridge, Marilyn Watts, Bill & Dana Biggs, Patricia Granillo, Subby Salanitro, Ralph Handly, Bernie Sankey, Larry Holody, and me with my dog Heidi. Both dogs we took did wonderful with the kids who wanted to pet them, so that brought them over to pet the dogs and put money in the bucket.

We will be dark for next two Mondays, so have a very nice Christmas and New Years and we will get together again on Monday January 9, 2023.

Lion Keith





Lions News

Another Successful Poinsettia Sale

Co-chairs, Ralph Handy and Marilyn Watts reported another very successful poinsettia sale. The plants from Belmont Nursery were extraordinary and healthy. Eighteen Lions participated in selling 265 plants, with an additional \$400 raised in sponsorships. Thank yous to Bernie, Bo, Dana and Bill, Tony and Aura, Keith and Patricia, Mary, Ralph, Tom, Larry, Marilyn, Bob McCollister, Bob Thomas, Kassandre, Vanessa, and Phil. Ralph is estimating we will net over \$3,200 on the fundraiser, thanks in part to a small price increase (thank you, Bill Biggs, for the suggestion) and increasing sales from 200 to 265 plants. Great job, everyone!

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.



Dec. 19: Latest News from Medical Ministries International MMI



Lion Ralph updated us on MMI's efforts and latest shipments. The most recent shipment was to Armenia. The Central Valley has many ties to Armenia through the many immigrants settling here. The latest shipment to Armenia was medical supplies and birthing tables to aid in safe delivery of infants. They sent eight 40' containers. They have completely supplied a surgery center and a new birthing center to a country that delivers 40 babies a day.

MMI received many significant donations from Armenian Americans in the Central Valley to fund the improvements. They completed a three week medical ministry trip with 30 members to provide medical care and get the new facilities set up. The group toured the Genocide Memorial in Yerevan.

Next shipment will be to Mongolia to the government-run health care services followed by another to Armenia, then to the Congo and Uganda. They are also planning to send supplies and manual beds to Ukraine as they are experiencing so many outages due to Russian bombing of hospitals and infrastructure.

Ralph is taking over as President of the Board and is very pleased with their fundraising and solvency during the pandemic. They have not had to touch their reserves and have been able to send many shipments of supplies to those in need around the world.

One goal they have is to consolidate their storage and facilities from 3 spread out buildings to one larger building to accommodate all their operations.

More Bell Ringers



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JAN ANNIVERSARIES

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

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

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

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:** LOD: Vanessa Naba;
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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January 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  New Year's Day	2 Dark for the Holidays	3	4	5	6  Epiphany	7
8	9 Board Meeting: 11:00am, pre-meeting LOD: Hank Ramirez; Prg: TBA	10	11	12	13 3 rd District Meeting	14
15  National Hat Day	16 LOD: Cesar Alvarez; Prg: TBA	17	18	19  National Popcorn Day	20	21
22  Chinese New Year	23 LOD: Bob Boehringer; Prg: TBA	24  National Compliment Day	25	26	27	28
29	30 LOD: Marilyn Watts; Prg: TBA	31				



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