

FOOTHILL LIONS CLUB

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Meet @ 7PM on the 1st & 3rd Thurs of Every Month

@ Foothill Lions Community Center

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District 4-C1, So Butte Region, North Zone

HAPPY NEW YEAR

I wish you a year of ordinary miracles:

- ~ A fresh pot of coffee you didn't make yourself...
 - ~An unexpected phone call from an old friend ...
 - ~The fastest line at the bank & grocery store...
 - ~A good sing-along song on the radio...
 - ~**Your keys found right where you left them...**
 - ~Remembering what you went from one room to another for...
 - ~Green stoplights while driving thru Marysville...
- (that would be a miracle)



I pray you all have a safe, fulfilling, and blessed New Year and may all of us still be together at this time next year...

General Meeting Minutes (December 3, 2009)

Meeting called to order by Lion President Debbie Burlingame at 7:05 pm, flag salute led by Lion Dave Thomas, song led by Lion Susie Trundy and prayer by Lion Gertie Moore. We had 31 Lion members and 9 guests present.

Dinner served, thank you to the Lioness for a wonderful meal. Introduction of Cabinet Officers and District Governor. District Governor Becki Stange gave a speech on "Move to Grow".

Lion President Debbie Burlingame presented the Governor with a \$100.00 check and a beautiful plant.

Governor Becki presented a Key Member Award from Lions International to Lions Dee Scott and Susie Trundy for sponsoring two new members.

We watched a slide show on the Foothill Lions projects and fundraisers, put together by Lion Jean Akers. Governor Becki inducted a new member for the Yuba Feather Lions club. Lioness Joyce Whimple presented Governor Becki with a \$100.00 check.

50/50 - \$40.00 – CCI - \$4.00

MSP to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Lion Debbie Sparks

General Meeting Minutes (December 17, 2009)

Meeting called to order by Lion President Debbie Burlingame at 7:10 pm, flag salute led by Lion Hal Stocker, song led by Lion Joni Patterson and prayer by Lion Gertie Moore.

We had 29 Lion members and 19 guests present. Dinner served, thank you to everyone for a wonderful potluck meal.

Our club was awarded a banner patch from Lions International for Membership Excellence, year round growth for 2008/09.

Lion Mike Fortwengler representing the American Cancer Society was our guest speaker for Love Lights a Tree. He handed out brochures, answered questions and announced the need for drivers in this area. Drivers would take the cancer patients to their chemo and/or doctor visits. If anyone is interested call Lion Mike at 749-8109.

Candle Lighting Ceremony for cancer survivors and loved ones lost to cancer.

Santa Claus arrives and everyone exchanged Christmas presents.

CCI - \$8.00 MSP to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Lion Debbie Sparks

Foothill Lions Club Invoice

Print Name _____

Mail To: Foothill Lions Club
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Date _____ Check # _____ Amount _____

Enclosed payment for Jan 2010 to Jun 2010 \$ 30.00

If you have added any dues that are in arrears \$

Please enter the amount and for what period \$

Or you can give the payment to Lion Secretary Debbie Sparks at one of our General meetings. Any questions call Lion Debbie Sparks at 743-9311

**NO BOARD MEETING HELD IN DECEMBER DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS
MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS WE WERE SHORT ON MEETING MINUTES AND IN THEIR
PLACE I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT ENJOY THIS TRUE STORY**

AM I A FIREMAN YET?

In Phoenix, Az, a 26 year-old mother stared down at her 6 year-old son, who was dying of terminal leukemia. Although her heart was filled with sadness, she also had a strong feeling of determination. Like any parent, she wanted her son to grow up and fulfill all his dreams. Now, that was no longer possible... The leukemia would see to that. But she still wanted her son's dream to come true.

She took her son's hand and asked, "Billy, did you ever think about what you wanted to be once you grew up? Did you ever dream of what you would do with your life?" Mommy, "I always wanted to be a fireman." Mom smiled back and said, "Let's see if we can make your wish come true."

Later that day she went to her local fire Department, where she met Fireman Bob, with a heart as big as Phoenix. She explained her son's final wish and asked if it might be possible to give her 6 year-old son a ride around the block on a fire engine. Fireman Bob said, "We can do better than that. If you'll have your son ready at 7 o'clock Wednesday morning, we'll make him an honorary Fireman for the whole day. He can come down to the fire station, eat with us, go out on the fire calls, the whole nine yards! And we'll even get a real fire uniform for him, with a real fire hat with the emblem of the Phoenix Fire Depart on it, a yellow slicker like we wear and rubber boots."

Three days later Fireman Bob picked up Billy, dressed him in his uniform and escorted him from his hospital bed to the waiting hook and ladder truck. Billy got to sit on the back of the truck and help steer it back to the fire station. He was in heaven. There were three fire calls that day and Billy got to go out on all three calls. He rode in the fire engine, the Paramedic's van, and even the fire chief's car.

Having his dream come true, Billy was so deeply touched, that he lived three months longer than any doctor thought possible. One night all of his vital signs began to drop dramatically and the head nurse began to call the family members to the hospital. Then she remembered the day Billy had spent as a Fireman, so she called the Fire Chief and asked if it would be possible to send a fireman in uniform to the hospital to be with Billy as he made his transition.

The chief replied, "We can do better than that. But, when we arrive with sirens screaming and lights flashing, please announce that there is not a fire, it's just the Department coming to see one of its finest members one more time. About 5 minutes later a hook and ladder truck arrived at the hospital and extended its ladder up to Billy's third floor open window — 16 fire-fighters climbed up the ladder into Billy's room. They all hugged him and told him how much they LOVED him.

With his dying breath, Billy looked up at the fire chief and said, "Chief am I really a fireman now?" "Billy, you are, and God is holding your hand," the chief said.

With those words, Billy smiled and said, "I know, He's been holding my hand all day, and the angels have been singing." He closed his eyes one last time.

Love to all and Thankful for our Blessings....

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

VERY BUSY, ACTIVE CLUB IN DECEMBER:

WE STARTED OFF WITH A VERY NICE VISIT FROM OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR, BECKI STANGE, SHE TALKED ABOUT HER GOALS AND HER THEME FOR THE YEAR IS: “MOVE TO GROW”.



WE HAD A GREAT PRESENTATION FROM CHARLES McCAUL, INSTRUCTOR FOR THE THREE RIVERS AMERICAN RED CROSS. OUR CLUB IS A DISASTER CENTER IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, AND HE INFORMED US HOW TO HANDLE THE REGISTRATION AND ALL PROCEDURES, LEAVING US WITH A FULL EMERGENCY KIT.

STARTED GETTING OUR “SCRAP BOOK IN ORDER” FOR CONVENTION, WANT TO WIN THAT 1st PLACE THIS YEAR.

WONDERFUL BIRTHDAY DINNER HELD ON A RAINY SATURDAY, FRIED CHICKEN, MASHED TATERS, ETC, USUALLY OUR DEC BABIES MISS OUT BECAUSE OF THE HOLIDAYS, BUT NOT THIS YEAR. LOOKS LIKE LION JEAN MARIE HAS A NEW “HELPER” IN THE KITCHEN, THANKS HANNAH.



SPRING VALLEY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY. THE KIDS WERE SO CUTE, WELL BEHAVED, AND THANKFUL, AND SANTA WAS VERY GENEROUS. A special thank you to the following Lions for purchasing a Christmas gift for a Spring Valley School student: Marilyn Alverson, Sherry Burshik, John Downs, Paul & Roberta Halcomb, Berl & Jean Akers, Jeff & Susie Trundy, Diana Wheeler, Joan Anderson, and Debi Sherry

LOVE LIGHTS A TREE SERVICE WAS A MEMORBLE TIME FOR OUR PAST LOVED ONES AND SURVIVORS OF CANCER AND VERY NICELY PRESENTED.



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December Activities Continued

OUR **CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGE (AND PJ PARTY)** WAS SOOOO MUCH FUN. JUST LOVE THAT SANTA CLAUS, DID SOMEONE HAVE A LITTLE TOO MUCH EGGNOG???



LIONS/LEOS FOOD AND TOY DRIVE WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL, WE FURNISHED FOOD BASKETS, TOYS AND GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR (4) NEEDY FAMILIES, HOW COOL IS THAT????????????????? WAY COOL.... THANK YOU ALL THAT DONATED.

DUE TO THE GENEROSITY OF OUR CLUB MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS WE COLLECTED **56** COATS FOR OUR **COAT GIVE-A-WAY**, WHAT AWESOME PEOPLE WE HAVE IN OUR COMMUNITY. THE REMAINING **25** COATS WERE GIVEN TO “**HANDS OF HOPE**” TO BE DISTRIBUTED WHERE NEEDED.

TACO NIGHTS BROUGHT IN **\$338.50** FOR **LION PAUL’S GOVERNOR FUND**, GOOD JOB **LIONS DEBBIE AND JANET**, AND THANKS TO ALL YOU LIONS THAT EAT THESE WONDERFUL TACOS. **YHEA!!!!** WE THOUGHT IT WAS OVER WHEN FOOTBALL WAS OVER, BUT **LION LINDA** TALKED **LION DEBBIE** INTO CONTINUING. **YUMMIES.....**

LION JONI NETTED A PROFIT OF **\$288.30** FROM HER **SEE’S CANDY SALES**, THAT IS THE BEST CHOCOLATE, THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR PURCHASES—PROFITS ALSO WENT TO **LION PAUL’S GOVERNOR FUND**, WE’LL GET HIM TO AUSTRALIA YET.

FUN KARAOKE NITE, LOTS AND LOTS OF GOOD, FUN SINGERS...
LOOK OUT AMERICAN IDOL, HERE WE COME :-)

LOOK FOR THE **NEW YEAR’S EVE DINNER/DANCE** INFO IN OUR NEXT EDITION....

MEET YOUR FELLOW LION—LION JOHN DOWNS: I was hatched in Fresno, Ca in 1932 living there until 1962. Worked mowing lawns, cracking walnuts and almonds for 35cents/hr. Jr and Sr years worked as a soda jerk, pumped gas, and various odd jobs. Graduated in 1951 from Fresno Hi then on to Fresno State for two years. Worked for Swift Baby food division, DN-E Walter, a wholesale Carpet company traveling the San Joaquin Valley. Got married, had two boys, Greg and Mike. Went into business for myself owning a dog kennel for five year, with a Bloodhound tracking service for the National Parks. Found several lost kids, mostly good experiences but one sad one in Yosemite, we lost a 6 yr old little girl I could have saved. Mortgaged everything and moved to Santa Cruz and opened my own carpet store in 1962, Red Carpet Interiors, my livelihood until retiring and moving to Browns Valley in 2002.



I have lived a very interesting life, doing gobs of things a normal person has never thought of doing or had the opportunity. Clint, Hitchcock, Ernie Ford, the Andretti's, Dick Smothers, Kevin Costner, Jay Leno, are just a few of the people I have worked with. My wild animal experiences began as a volunteer around March of 1993, just before the Lion King came out. Joseph, the lion, was the model for Simba. The next couple years were very exciting working on all kinds of TV shows, TV commercials, and working with the National Geographic. Was assistant to the director for the Miss California pageant for 8 yrs. Also, worked with Kolar the Exxon Tiger, doing fun photo shoots with him and his sister Kalle. Raised Cowboy and his brother Roper from 10 weeks old until they started destroying my house at 9



months, but what a once in a life time experience. A crowd pleaser was gathering trash along the roadways in the compound with Keeley the Elephant, she would pick up the litter with her trunk and drop it in the bags. I was one lucky guy, had over 120 different animals and birds to work and play with, 10 big cats, monkeys, gators, porcupines, hedge hogs, snakes, reindeer, zebras, giraffe, and Clyde the camel.

I joined the Capitola Lions in 1963 and held all offices from Director to President. My 2nd year in the club I was elected Chairman of the Capitola Begonia queen contest, with total profits of \$5,420 going to Lion's Sight Foundation. That was the start of my fund raising efforts. We raised as much as \$45,000 in one evening for the art league, spent 6 yrs on the Mark Mouny fund raiser for schools taking in \$80,000 in one day, along with John Newlin and the Cabrillo Lions Club. I also served as District Bulletin Editor and judge for the district convention. I have received many rewards through all the years but the most rewarding was the EAR OF THE LION. I could write pages, but Lion Susie told me I had to stop somewhere.



The main thing I regret in life is having to slow down because of age and health, so enjoy every day, you never know when the big five will get you.

Submitted by Lion John Downs

January Birthdays

Henry Delamere
 Paul Halcomb
 Shirley Henrikson
 Shari McKim
 Jason Mowery
 Bill Rocher
 Lee Zamlich

Birthday dinner is
 Fri, Jan 15th—7:00 PM
 "Chili" by Lion Jeff's
 understudy, let's hope
 she can carry it off !!



NEWS FROM THE PREZ:

2009 was a busy year for us all! **Foothill Lions** were on the go continually serving those in need! And in the words of **DG Becki...** "**We serve because we care**". I know that to be true for all of our members as well. We have had wonderful & successful events, with many more to come. And, the 2010 Convention will be here before you know it. Stay safe and warm and I hope you were all able to enjoy time off with your families during the holidays.



President Burlingame

SUNSHINE REPORT

LION DIANA WHEELER is your **Sunshine Reporter**—Please get all your input to her - **741-1502**

I've heard a rumor that we have a "**One-eyed Jack**" member whose face met up with a bag of frozen (solid) ice. Hopefully his pretty face will be back to normal soon and he'll come out and play.

Best Wishes out to **Lion John Downs**, he has been feeling pretty poorly lately and having some medical issues, get better soon Lion John.

We need to try to keep **Lions Dee and June** upright, they've both taken tumbles recently, but thank goodness nothing was broken, hope your bruises go away soon.

Lion Peggy Myers has been sick on top of trying to recover from her stroke, darn it hope you kick that 'ole bug soon.

Was that Lion Colleen?? Yes it was, welcome back, looking great !!!

Lions Linda & Debbie B. de-

delivered the remaining backpacks (15 in all) filled with school supplies to Challenge Elementary



school just in time for Christmas. The **Foothill Alpha LEOS** did a fabulous job with that project and the office staff was very happy to receive them. They will be distributed to children who attend their school. **KUDOS** to the **LEOS!!** We do do good things.

Submitted by Lion Debbie B.

BAR NOTE: Your favorite cold weather drinks will be available at the bar for the winter! Hot toddies, Irish Coffee, Tom & Jerry, Hot Buttered Rum, and anything else you want to invent. Prices will run from \$2.50 to \$4, depending on what you want in your libation! Belly up! LION HANK

Today's Message of the Day is:

We will not be remembered by our words, but by our kind deeds. Life is not measured by the breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath.



Good job pretty lady, **Lion Roberta** won the **50-50** money (\$41) at our 1st Dec General Meeting, trying to impress the Governor??

We didn't have a **50-50** drawing at our Dec 17th meeting due to **SANTA CLAUS** coming to town and our **Christmas Party**.

AMBLYOPIC TESTING: The **Marysville Joint Unified School District** is going to have the **Foothill Loma Rica Lions Club** screen all of their pre-school and kindergarten age children. We will start going to the schools and doing the **free screening** in the last two weeks of January. This will be an ongoing project and I am looking for a pool of volunteers that may be available for some of the screenings. I do not want to have the same people always doing the screenings. I would like to rotate help around and be able to call backups if needed. Please let me know if you are interested in helping with this. We will schedule a quick training in early January for those interested. Call **Lion Chris Beermann** at **740-3753** or contact **Lion Debbie Burlingame** and she can forward the information. **Submitted by Lion Chris Beermann**

FROM THE EDITOR:



We've had some very "successful" times with "good" friends this past year, I wish you and yours, and our Club, a very prosperous 2010, **play those lotto #'s**. I remember when I thought the 2000's were centuries away and "I'd never see them", and now here we are 10 years into them and thank God I have (seen them).

My six-word advice for the month is:

When cookies are passed, take one.

By Lorraine Gibson

Send all letters, questions, or thoughts to strundy@syix.com, PO Box 8147, Marysville, or call 742-3041

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LION SUSIE TRUNDY, Editor

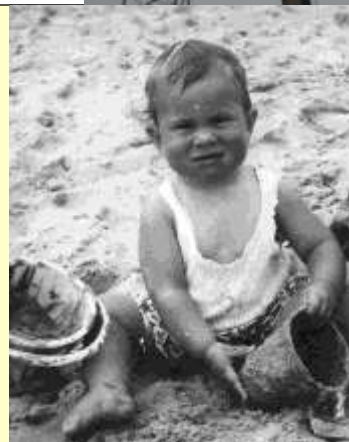
It's finally here, our **CELL TOWER**. It's probably not the most beautiful landmark in Loma Rica, but let's hope it the most functional and after a few drive-bys you won't even know it's there, might even cancel your land line. I do think it needs a beacon on top tho'.



NOBODY guessed Last Month's Baby Pictures, so I'm giving you another chance. Look real close, I'm sure you can do it.

They are totally adorable.

Don't you just love 'em?



LAUGH LINE—A 5th grader asked her mother the age-old question, How did I get here? Her mother told her, God sent you. Did God send you, too? asked the child. Yes dear, the mother replied. What about Grandma and Grandpa? the child persisted.. He sent them also, the mother said. Did he send their parents, too? asked the child. Yes, Dear, said the mother patiently. So you're telling me that there has been NO sex in this

January 2010

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3	4 Scrapbook Mtg 6 PM Mike F	5 Lioness Mtg 7 PM Joni	6  Marilyn	7 Lions Gen Mtg 7 PM Susie	8 Mike/Linda	9
10	11 Taco Nite Korin	12 Leos Mtg 4:30 PM Jean-Marie	13 Toby	14 Chris	15 Hank	16 Dist Cabinet Mtg @ Foothill Lions Club
17 Lioness Breakfast 8-10:30 AM	18 Scrapbook Mtg 6 PM Mike F	19 Lioness Mtg 7 PM Joni	20  Marilyn	21 Lions Gen Mtg 7 PM Susie	22 BD Dinner Jeff's "Chili" 7 PM Mike/Linda	23
24	25 Taco Nite Korin	26 Jean-Marie	27 Toby	28 Lions Board Mtg 6:00 PM Chris	29 Hank	30
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WORDS OF WISDOM: A diamond is the hardest natural substance on earth, but if it is placed in an oven and the temperature is raised to about 763 degrees Celsius (1405 degrees Fahrenheit), it will simply vanish, without even ash remaining. Only a little carbon dioxide will have been released.
Did you know that??





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WELCOME NEW LIONS
2009/2010

Pete Contreras
Carlos QuiHuis
Cindi Fitzgerald

Need some new
blood, let's recruit



WED YOGA HAS
BEEN CHANGED TO
MON & THURS @ 9
AM—IT'S STILL FREE



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UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- Jan 1:** New Year's Day
- Jan 15:** Lions B-Day Dinner, Jeff's Chili, 7
- Jan 16:** District Cabinet Meeting
- Feb 7:** Super Bowl Sunday, way much fun
- Feb 13:** Valentine's Crab Feed
- Feb 14:** Valentine's Day (remember your sweetie)

Exact Times to Follow

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