

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

I'm Lion Gerry Farrell, your 2015-2016 President.

This was not to be my year as President but after the tragic and untimely death of President elect, Lion Gary Simkins, my time has come. I would like at this time to dedicate this next year to him.

My plan for this club is to just help keep the outstanding work of this club going. This club could probably work quite well without me but I'm going to give what I can to the club over the next year.

Who I'm I?? (Hopefully, a long story, short.)

Upon graduation from high school in 1961, I started my life by joining the U.S Navy. After marrying a Navy guy and being discharged from the Navy, I started a civilian career with the Department of Defense as a personnel clerk at Pensacola, Fla. After the birth of our one and only child, Debbie, "we" got transferred to NAS Rota, Spain for 4 years. My civilian career continued there at the Naval Communication's Station. After my ex-husband discharged from the Navy we spent 1 ½ years in Colorado. Finally, in 1972, he got smart and enlisted into the U.S Air Force and was stationed at Travis AFB, CA. It sure made me happy because it brought me back home to California and close to my family. I was born in Yreka, CA and raised in Porterville, CA.

I continued my civil service job at Travis and then enlisted into the U.S. Air Force Reserves in 1977. When "we" got transferred to Nellis AFB, NV in 1980, I continued my Reserve commitment at Travis via a C141 airplane trip each month until my "EX's" retirement in 1984. Upon building our retirement home here on Neptune Lane, I started working at Beale AFB and continued my Reserves at Travis. After our divorce, I sold our home and transferred my civilian career back to Travis in 1989. I retired from my civil service commitment as an Air Reserve Technician (ART) at the 349th Mission Support Squadron in 1998. I continued my Reserve commitment of 25 years with the 349th Mission Support Squadron until my mandatory retirement in 2002 at age 60.

During my time on Neptune Lane, I met Lion Ralph Farrell. He and his wife, Annie, lived across the road from me in the 80's. Annie was my support system during my divorce. After her death in 2000, Ralph showed interest in me and I got smart and married him in 2003.

As a charter member of the Yuba Feather Lions, Ralph got me into the Lions through his involvement in 2003. We have been involved with the Loma Rica Foothill Lions since 2012.

