

Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Growler and other
Lions Activities
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MAY/JUNE 2021 ISSUE

A Special thank you to our outgoing Club Officers for Fiscal 2021 ending their terms on June 30, 2021 You are all aware of our Club election results from April. Tina Morris is our new Club President Elect and we want to thank Club President Bobbie McDonald for leading us through a difficult period with the impacts of the coronavirus. We are pleased to announce that Bobbie will become our Club Treasurer replacing Priscilla Robertson who will continue on next year as a Club Board member. We really appreciate Priscilla's efforts to computerize our financial process and bring it up to date. She with the help of John Hickson made a great team this year.

Club Community Giving Budget Actions At the Club meeting on Monday, May 10th via ZOOM the Club Board will be reviewing our end of the year closing coming up on June 30th. We still have some items remaining that have not been used or have been affected by COVID-19. These will be discussed and the Board will likely take action to closeout this year's Community Giving. We know our Sunday Farmers Market income has been affected with increased expense for COVID safety measures and the coronavirus has affected shopping habits. All Club members are welcome to join in at our 11:00 am ZOOM meeting and provide comments. Our projected Farmers Market income for Fiscal 2021 is currently estimated at about \$48,500.00. Club President Bobbie is hoping to try an "in person" Club Board meeting outside for June 14th in a Club member's back yard. We will let you know the ZOOM or Club members "in person" backyard in advance of this meeting.

COVID-19 Coronavirus Lions Certificates of Appreciation On Sunday April 11th, Club President Bobbie McDonald presented Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Club "Lions Certificates of Appreciation" to over 50 Farmers/Vendors, Lions Club members, Friends of the Lions and two Student Teams Letsinger and Wrenn who pickup and sort the farmers donated produce that is provided to local needy non-profits to help feed those in need. The Students get Community Service credits from their schools for helping us at the Sunday Farmers Market.

The Lions Certificates were awarded for their efforts to keep our Sunday Farmers Market operating under COVID-19 safety measures beginning in mid March 2020 as an "Essential Business" by the City of Menlo Park, San Mateo County Health Department and the State of California. During this period our gross income from booth fees was

about the same as the current Fiscal Year and donated produce was 45,700 pounds to those in need

We still operate under COVID-19 ORDERS with hand sanitizer stations, yellow caution tape around an expanded area to separate our farmers/vendors for safety of shoppers, monitors checking for compliance of face masks coming in and out of the Market at one entrance. Our income appears to be similar to last Fiscal Year based on current projections up to June 30 2021. With the increased efforts to vaccinate against the coronavirus and we are an outside activity we hope for better times for our next Fiscal Year beginning July 1st and maybe more relaxed COVID ORDERS.

Peninsula Council Lions Meeting April 26th Our Club had four Club members attend the ZOOM meeting including Bobbie McDonald, Tina Morris, John Hickson and Jim Bigelow. During the Club President's report Bobbie announced that Tina Morris was our Club President Elect for next year and reviewed the recognition provided by our Club to our Farmers/Vendors, Lions members, friends of the Lions and our Student Pickup Teams for donated produce. She also thanked Michael Coffaro, San Carlos Lions, Kevin Guess and Kevin Vannest from Peninsula Veterans Lions for their help with our Farmers Market. We also heard reports of Clubs beginning to tryout "in person" meetings with social distancing where most members have been vaccinated. The Club reports were hopeful of more activities this summer.

ICARE Committee Report While vision screening is on hold and Committee Chair Mary Ellen Horwath is continuing to watch the changing conditions in the Children's Centers and Schools the Committee will hold a meeting soon to update the Committee. The Club really appreciates the ICARE members who are helping out at our Sunday Farmers Market. They are Bobbie McDonald, Jean Bushee, Tina Morris, Ruthie Wilkins, Karla Taylor and Priscilla Robertson.

District 4-C4 Student Speaker Contest On Saturday, May 1st District 4-C4 will hold an "in person" Student Speaker Contest to determine which of three Student Speakers will receive \$4,500.00 in scholarship funds and will move on to compete in the Lions Area 2 Contest in hopes of winning an additional \$6,500.00 in scholarship funds. This years topic "Distance and Online Learning: Pros and Cons" is very appropriate with the impacts of COVID-19. Michael Coffaro is the District Co-Chair with Adlai Jew. The Lions MD4 Student Speakers Contest for \$10,000.00 will be held at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, Nevada at the California Lions Convention during the May 21st and 22nd .

District 4-C4 Officer Elections and Constitution Amendments Due to COVID-19. The election at the District 4-C4 will be held by a "Mail in Ballot" process. Our Club has four delegates, Bobbie McDonald, Tina Morris, John Hickson and Jim Bigelow. The candidates for District Officers are Dr. Jun Valera Jr. for District Governor, John Hui, First Vice District Governor and Kevin Guess, Second Vice District Governor. There are seven Amendments to our District 4-C4 Constitution to bring update to date needed

changes. The mail in deadline for ballots is May 7th. Normally these would be voted upon at the District Convention where it is an “in person” convention in Redding, California. The District provided a forum on April 24th to hear from the candidates and about the Amendments via ZOOM and our Club was represented at that forum.

MD4 Lions Convention, Reno, Nevada on May 21st & 22nd The California Lions statewide will hold their Annual Convention at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno on Friday and Saturday and it will be an “in person” convention with COVID safety measures and temperature checks. Jim Bigelow, as a Voting Delegate, will represent our Club. If you are interested in attending go to the Lions Multiple District Four website and it has all the Convention information.

Prepared by Jim Bigelow, Club Secretary

Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Important Dates **To Remember**

NOTE: Sunday Farmers Market Hours are 9 am – 1 pm

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| May 1st
(Saturday) | 12 noon | District 4-C4 Student Speakers Contest “Distance and Online Learning: Pros and Cons”, Burlingame Lions Club Hall, 990 Burlingame Avenue, Burlingame. This is an “in person” Contest with limited seating |
| May 2nd
(Sunday) | 12:45 pm | Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy operating under Local Emergency as an “Essential Business under COVID-19 ORDERS. |
| May 9th
(Sunday) | 12:45 am | Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy operating under Local Emergency as an “Essential Business” under COVID-19 ORDERS. |
| May 10th
(Monday) | 11:00 am | Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Club Board meeting via ZOOM. All Club members are welcome to attend. |

- May 16th (Sunday) 12:45 pm** Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy operating under Local Emergency as an “Essential Business” under COVID-19 ORDERS.
- May 21st & 22nd (Friday & Saturday)** Multiple District Four Convention at the Grand Sierra Resort, Reno, Nevada. This is an in person convention with COVID-19 safety measures.
- May 23rd (Sunday) 12:45 pm** Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy operating under Local Emergency as an “Essential Business” under COVID-19 ORDERS.
- May 30th (Sunday) 12:45 pm** Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy operating under Local Emergency as an “Essential Business” under COVID-19 ORDERS.
- Jun. 6th (Sunday) 12:45 pm** Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy operating under Local Emergency as an “Essential Business” under COVID-19 ORDERS.
- Jun. 13th (Sunday) 12:45 pm** Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy operating under Local Emergency as an “Essential Business” under COVID-19 ORDERS
- Jun. 14th (Monday) 11:00 am** Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Club Board meeting via ZOOM or may be an outside meeting in a back yard of a Club member.
- Jun. 20th (Sunday) 12:45 pm** Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy operating under Local Emergency as an “Essential Business” under COVID-19 ORDERS.

- Jun. 27th (Sunday) 12:45 pm Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy operating under Local Emergency as an “Essential Business” under COVID-19 ORDERS**
- Jul. 4th (Sunday) 12:45 pm Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy operating under Local Emergency as an “Essential Business” under COVID-19 ORDERS**
- Jul. 11th (Sunday) 12:45 pm Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy operating under Local Emergency as an “Essential Business” under COVID-19 ORDERS**
- Jul. 12th (Monday) 11:00 am Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Club Board meeting CANCELLED FOR JULY**
- Jul 18th (Sunday) 12:45 pm Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy operating under Local Emergency as an “Essential Business” under COVID-19 ORDERS**
- July 25th (Sunday) 12:45 pm Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy operating under Local Emergency as an “Essential Business” under COVID-19 ORDERS**

Lions Objectives

To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.

To promote the principle of good government and good citizenship.

To promote an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and mural welfare of the community.

To provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however that partisan politics and secretarian religion shall not be debated by club members.

To encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.

Lions Code of Ethics

To show my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for qualify of service.

To seek success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.

To remember that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.

To hold friendship as an end and not as a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one another, but that true friend demands nothing but accepts service in the sprit in which it is given.

Always to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen in my nation, my state, and my community, as to give them my unswerving loyalty in work, act and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.

To aid others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak and my substance to the needy.

To be careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.