

**Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Growler and other  
Lions Activities**

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**BEST WISHES TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY  
FOR THE HOLIDAYS AND NEW YEAR 2021!**

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**District Governor Fanny Chu Official Club Visitation, October 11<sup>th</sup> Our Club was honored to have DG Fanny and a number of key District 4-C4 Cabinet Officers visit our Club's Sunday Farmers Market in downtown Menlo Park. While DG Fanny has been conducting Official Club visitations in a virtual or ZOOM we were fortunate that our Sunday Farmers Market is open to the public and is considered an "Essential Business" under the COVID-19 Orders of the City of Menlo Park, County of San Mateo and State of California.**

**A tour was provided with social distancing, masks and controlled entrance to our Sunday Farmers Market with hand sanitizer stations required. District Officials were presented with the operational aspects of our Market Operations since 1992 and how we use this activity every Sunday rain or shine as our major fundraiser for Club community giving and support for our Lions community services. Lion Jitze Couperus of our Club put together a visual presentation of the visitation that we plan to provide to Lions Clubs International. Our visitors were able to see the pickup of donated produce from our Farmer vendors that our Club provides to local non-profits who help feed those in need.**

**Our Club President Bobbie McDonald and a number of Club Board members participated in the visitation. We are now in our 29<sup>th</sup> year and our Lion Lori Hennings is our Market Manager from the beginning and we still have two of the founding ladies Lions Nancy Couperus and Margaret Carney who are both currently serving on our Club Board and are active still in the Sunday Market. The weather was a beautiful sunny day and it takes a lot of effort to**

staff and operate this every Sunday of the year. This is a multi Lions Club supported activity by San Carlos and Peninsula Veterans Lions Clubs. It was a pleasure for our Club to host our District Officials and each one was provided a gift box of samples of produce from the Sunday Market to take with them.

**On Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> Club Board Meeting via ZOOM at 11 am** Club Board President Bobbie McDonald has called for our Club Board to meet and all Club members are welcome to attend our ZOOM meeting that begins at 11:00 am and is being hosted by Club 1<sup>st</sup> VP Tina Morris. The Board will make a number of decisions on several topics and you have been provided an agenda and the minutes of our October Club Board meeting. Due to impacts of COVID-19 our Club Board has or is about to make some cuts as some of our activities are closed that we support or in limited operations. Club President Bobbie has indicated there will not be a December Club Board ZOOM meeting due to the holidays and our next Club Board meeting will be a ZOOM Club Board meeting on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 11:00 am.

**Club Community Giving through December 2020 for Fiscal 2021** Our Sunday Farmers Market is our “Signature Project” for fundraising and from July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 our major community giving occurs with most of the Club checks going out in December of about \$22,000.00. At present our Board approved Community giving budget is \$34,475.00 for Fiscal 2021. For the first four months of the Fiscal year the Sunday Farmers Market has taken in \$17,376.00 and our Farmers have donated 22,700 pounds of produce for the needy through our Lions Club. So we are off to a good start particularly with how we are affected by the COVID-19 corona virus.

**Upcoming Club Activities needing support** Each year our Club donates toys, games and recreational items we provide to the Menlo Park Fire Protection District to be given to needy children and youth in December in the Bell Haven Community of Menlo Park and East Palo Alto. Club President Bobbie McDonald has shopped for this years Club items going to the Fire District but she will need a couple of Lions members to pose with the items being donated by our Club when the Fire personnel come by to pick them up. We usually get a picture so we can let the public know we are helping out.

The 49ers Academy in East Palo Alto has students that may need help for eye exams and glasses from our Lions Club and we work with LensCrafters at

**Menlo Station to arrange for the eye exams if needed and the glasses. Some ICARE Committee members like to help out with this activity.**

**We have the Annual Club Student Speaker Contest coming up in March 2021 and we need Club members who would like to contact local high schools and provide materials on the contest topic “Distance and Online Learning: pros and cons”. Students can advance from our Club Contest to upper levels with increasing financial rewards and they can win \$4,000 in scholarship funds at the District 4-C4 Contest and more scholarship money at higher level contests. The students can improve their speaking skills and our Club has held this activity for many, many years. If you are interested please contact Club Secretary Jim Bigelow 775-870-9985. We are looking for two Co-Chairs to help with this activity.**

**Need for a new Club Treasurer Priscilla Robertson our current Club Treasurer who has done a great job for our Club needs to step down from this job at the end of the Fiscal year June 2021. If you know of someone it is a great job to help our Club and it is all set up on a computer system and what we do is pretty simple to learn. Please have them contact Club President Bobbie McDonald at 650-326-4766 or Club Past President John Hickson 650-367-9499. This Club job is supporting the heart of what we do with the Farmers Market and Community giving.**

**Other updates Due to COVID-19 there will not be a Multi-Club Holiday Gala at the Hilton Garden Inn at San Mateo this year. But there is still an effort to collect can goods and toys to help the needy. Region 5 Chair Michael Coffaro will be down by the Big Oak Tree at our Sunday Farmers Market on November 29<sup>th</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup> and he will accept donations of canned goods and toys for the needy that we would normally support the needy through the Multi-Club Holiday dinner. So any Club members that would like to donate items he will be there to accept them.**

**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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| <b>Nov. 1<sup>st</sup><br/>(Sunday)</b>   | <b>12:45 pm</b> | <b>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 order</b>     |
| <b>Nov. 7<sup>th</sup><br/>(Saturday)</b> | <b>8:30 am</b>  | <b>Second District 4-C4 Cabinet meeting virtually connected. Meet and greet 8:30 am and District Business meeting begins at 9:00 am. RSVP to District 4-C4 to join the meeting</b> |
| <b>Nov. 8<sup>th</sup><br/>(Sunday)</b>   | <b>12:45 am</b> | <b>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 order</b>    |
| <b>Nov. 9<sup>th</sup><br/>(Monday)</b>   | <b>11:00 pm</b> | <b>Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Club Board meeting via ZOOM. All Club members are welcome to attend.</b>  |
| <b>Nov. 15<sup>th</sup><br/>(Sunday)</b>  | <b>12:45 pm</b> | <b>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 order</b>    |
| <b>Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup><br/>(Sunday)</b>  | <b>12:45 pm</b> | <b>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 order</b>    |
| <b>Nov. 29<sup>th</sup><br/>(Sunday)</b>  | <b>12:45 pm</b> | <b>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 order</b>    |
| <b>Dec. 6<sup>th</sup><br/>(Sunday)</b>   | <b>12:45 pm</b> | <b>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 order</b>    |
| <b>Dec. 13<sup>th</sup></b>               | <b>12:45 pm</b> | <b>Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market</b>  |

- (Sunday) pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy operating under Local Emergency as an “Essential Business” under COVID-19 order**
- Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am (Monday) No Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Club ZOOM Board meeting due to the Christmas Holidays! Next Board meeting via ZOOM is scheduled for Monday, January 11, 2021.**
- Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> 12:45 pm (Sunday) 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 order**
- Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> 12:45 pm (Sunday) 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 order**
- Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> 12:45 pm (Sunday) 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 order**

### **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 quality 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 spirit 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.**