

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

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**Club President Tina Morris
HAPPY JULY 4th HOLIDAY!
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Welcome to our new Club Officers for Fiscal 2022 July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022) We want to welcome our new Club President Tina Morris and her Club Officers who will lead our Club for our new Lions Year just beginning. We also want to thank our Immediate Past Club President Bobbie McDonald and her Club Officers for a great year of accomplishment and meeting the challenges of COVID-19 coronavirus for Fiscal 2021. At our June 14th “in person” Club Board meeting, a first since the beginning of the coronavirus, we had an outside meeting hosted by Pricilla Robertson at her home and at that Board meeting after discussing the Fiscal 2022 Community Giving Budget it was approved by the Club Board. Also we will not have a Club Board meeting in July.

OUR CLUB HAS BEGUN THE 30th YEAR OF OUR SUNDAY FARMERS MARKET WITH COMPLETION ON JUNE 5, 2022 Going back in our Club records the first Sunday of our Downtown Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Club Sunday Farmers Market was on June 7, 1992. Two of the several Founding women who came to the Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Club with the idea to have a Sunday Farmers Market in Downtown Menlo Park requested the Lions to be a sponsor. The two still working as Lions Club members are Margaret Carney and Nancy Couperus. The City of Menlo Park at the time wanted a local non-profit to sponsor this new Downtown activity for the community. We salute and recognize both of these Club Lions members who are still active in our Lions Sunday Farmers Market.

For our Lions Club this Sunday Farmers Market has become our “Signature Project” for Lions Clubs International both for the Lions fundraising for our community giving/support of Lions assistance to the needy and for our Farmers donating fruits and vegetables each Sunday to help non-profits help feed the needy. To date since 1992 we have conducted about 1,500 Sunday Farmers Markets in Downtown Menlo Park in “rain or shine” conditions. The City of Menlo Park has allowed our Club to hold these Sunday Farmers Markets on a City owned Parking Plaza. Our Club Sunday Farmers Market Manager Lori Hennings is responsible for the selection of Farmers/Vendors so the community has an outstanding choice of produce to select from year round. Our Sunday Farmers Market is considered one of the finest in the State of California.

What has been accomplished in the first 29 years of this Lions Club sponsored Sunday Farmers Market? Through June 2021 our community giving is just over \$942,000 and the produce donated by our Farmers through our Lions Club to help feed the needy through local non-profits is just over 1,000,000 pounds. We have made it through the worst of the challenges of COVID-19 coronavirus and have been able to continue to serve our community. During this last Fiscal Year ending June 30th our gross income from our Sunday Farmers Market was \$49,551 and our donated produce received was 46,550 pounds down a little due to COVID-19. The Sunday Market is coming back and we are seeing over 2,000 shoppers per Sunday as the growing season increases in the coming months.

Our Lions Club members volunteer hours, Friends of the Lions and our local students/parents from schools coming each Sunday to help pickup donated produce and other tasks from beginning to end each Sunday are key to our success. The students receive “Community Service” credits from their schools for helping us each Sunday. The San Carlos Lions Club and Peninsula Veterans Lions Club also have members volunteering time to support this activity. We also really appreciate our 40 some Farmers/vendors who are at every Sunday Market or are there with their seasonal crops. Last but not least the City of Menlo Park for allowing us to use the public Parking Plaza each Sunday. This “Signature Activity” of Lions Clubs International is in the true motto “We Serve”! Thanks to all who make this happen every Sunday.

ICARE Tina Morris has been working with the manufacturer of our Club’s two SPOT Vision Screening machines to have them serviced. One is expected to cost about \$400.00 and the other is still under warranty. Immediate Past Club President Bobbie McDonald has reported that the Dr. Eleanor Britter at the Peninsula Special Interest Lions Club will provide our Club ICARE Committee with PPE as needed when our Club again is back to SPOT Vision Screening. ICARE Committee Chair Mary Ellen Horwath continues to be monitoring our Club’s opportunities to get back to vision screening of young children with the changing COVID-19 changes of June 15, 2021. Club ICARE recently had an update meeting for the ICARE Committee members.

Lions Clubs International Foundation Melvin Jones Fellow Awards At the recent Club Board meeting in June, Club President Bobbie McDonald provided LCI Melvin Jones Fellow awards to Club members Jean Bushee and Karla Taylor for their exceptional service to our Club both as ICARE and assisting at the Sunday Farmers Market. These awards have a very nice plaque and Melvin Jones Fellow pin to wear. Bobbie also surprised Club member Jim Bigelow with his plaque and pin that got lost when a prior Melvin Jones Fellow awards were presented at our Club back in 2019.

Eyeglasses are again being requested Our Club is again receiving requests for glasses for children and seniors. Karla Taylor from the Club ICARE Committee has been working with local Agencies including San Mateo County Health Department in East Palo Alto on

these requests. With COVID-19 issues lowering we may be getting more requests again for sight assistance.

District 4-C4 Installation of District Governor Augusto “Dr. Jun” Valera MD. DG “Dr. Jun” and his Cabinet will be installed by 2nd VP Lions Clubs International Brian Sheehan on Saturday, August 21st at 5:00 pm at the San Francisco Marriot Hotel Airport Waterfront, 1800 Old Bayshore Highway in Burlingame. Reservations are required and prepayment of \$100.00 per person with Salmon or Prime Rib as entrée choices. Send check payable to District 4-C4, P.O. Box 25301, San Mateo, CA 94402. Our Club wishes DG Dr. Jun and his Cabinet the best for Fiscal 2022!

Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Clubs receives two District 4-C4 Awards Immediate Past Club President Bobbie McDonald reported that our Club received two District Awards for a Club from with 25 – 49 members. The first one is “Top Club” and the other is “Bi-Monthly Club Bulletin” Contest. We are honored to be selected for these two Fiscal 2021 District 4-C4 Awards.

MD-4 California Lions Awards our Club a Certificate of Appreciation Immediate Past Club President Bobbie McDonald received a statewide MD-4 Certificate of Appreciation from California Lions Hunger Project related to helping feed needy through our Lions sponsored Sunday Farmers Market in Downtown Menlo Park.

A Final Closing Recognition to three Club Lions members who passed this last Fiscal 2021 Year The three who passed are Lions Earl Fulk, John Fenstermaker and Carl Jaeger and their collective years of Lions membership exceeds 100 years. All three of these Lions were fixtures at our Sunday Farmers Market in Downtown Menlo Park. Earl was the longest serving of the three at the Sunday Farmers Market (grew up on a Iowa farm run by his father) and he provided relief to Farmers so they could have a break and helped out wherever needed on Sundays. John Fenstermaker helped for many, many years in picking up donated produce at the Market closing and his silver cart is still in use today at the end of each Sunday. Carl helped also for many years and particularly during the initial COVID-19 coronavirus period when we had staffing challenges.

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

Jul. 4th (Sunday) 12:45 pm Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy operating under modified COVID-19 coronavirus ORDERS as of June 15, 2021.

Today is the July 4th Holiday!

Jul. 11th (Sunday) 12:45 am Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy operating under modified COVID-19 coronavirus ORDERS as of June 15, 2021

Jul. 12th (Monday) 11:00 am Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Club Board meeting **CANCELLED** as Club Budget was adopted for Fiscal 2022 in June.

Jul. 18th (Sunday) 12:45 pm Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy operating under modified COVID-19 coronavirus ORDERS as of June 15, 2021

Jul. 25th (Sunday) 12:45 pm Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy operating under modified COVID-19 coronavirus ORDERS as of June 15, 2021

Aug. 1st (Sunday) 12:45 pm Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy operating under modified COVID-19 coronavirus ORDERS as of June 15, 2021

Aug. 8th (Sunday) 12:45 pm Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy operating under modified COVID-19 coronavirus ORDERS as of June 15, 2021

Aug. 9th (Monday) 11:30 am Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Club Board meeting location/format to be provided at a later date.

- Aug. 15th 12:45 pm Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy operating under modified COVID-19 coronavirus ORDERS as of June 15, 2021**
- Aug. 21st 5:00 pm District 4-C4 Cabinet Officer and Installation of DG Augusto “Dr. Jun” Valera MD at the San Francisco Marriot Hotel Airport Waterfront, 1800 Old Bayshore Highway in Burlingame**
- Aug. 22nd 12:45 pm Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy operating under modified COVID-19 coronavirus ORDERS as of June 15, 2021**
- Aug. 29th 12:45 pm Menlo Park Live Oak Lions Farmers Market pickup of farmers donated produce for the needy operating under modified COVID-19 coronavirus ORDERS as of June 15, 2021**

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.