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Lions' Tale



Gravenstein Lions -- 7PM on 2nd & 4th Wed., Masonic Lodge, Sebastopol -- SEPTEMBER 2017

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President's Message

It has been a busy summer - Fireworks Booth - Official Visit by DG Les Mize - Redwood Empire Food Bank project - Canine Companions Graduation lunch and the start of the Chain Gang on September 8th. As we head into fall, we have more Chain Gang events, Vision Testing at the Sebastopol Fire Department Pancake Breakfast, selection of a Club project for next spring's Lend-A-Hand Day - and much more as WE SERVE!

But it was sad to hear that Lion Joanne Blos lost her long battle with cancer on September 16th. Joanne joined the Gravenstein Lions years ago and was fantastic member involved in everything! She stayed a Lion after moving to Arkansas to be closer to family. Joanne will be sorely missed

Stan Ramondo, President

KUDOS, KUDOS:

To everyone who helps keep our club active. Keep up the good work!!

To **Don Canardo, Joel Vogen, Doug Woods, Bryan Buchanan & Michael Carnacchi** who kicked off the Gravenstein Lions Chain Gang at Analy High School home football game on Sept. 8th. The Chain Gang was in action again on Sept. 22 and has 3 more games to run up and down the sidelines!



To **all the Lions** who agreed to have the Club help at the December 9th Yuletide Dinner in Windsor as a fundraiser for the MD-4 Student Speaker Foundation. More details to come!

To **Jerry Coleman & Don Canardo** who are working on a new Club Visitation schedule.

PLANNING AHEAD:

September 27 - **Special meeting at Goatlandia Farm Animal Sanctuary. Deborah Blum, founder, will provide dinner and a tour starting at 6:30PM.** Contact Mike Mortensson for details.

October 8 - Lions conduct Vision Testing (9-11A) at the Sebastopol Fire Department's Pancake Breakfast (7A-12Noon) at the Fire Station at 7425 Bodega Avenue in Sebastopol. Breakfast is FREE as is the Vision Screening!

October 11 - **Board meeting at 6:15PM.** Social at 6:45PM. Regular meeting at 7PM. Program is Eye Correction Aid Program by John Jones. Lion Chef is Martha Porter at 707-799-0932.

October 14 - **Celebration of the life of Joanne Blos, former Gravenstein Lion** at Cardinal Newman High School Gymnasium, Santa Rosa, at 11AM. Lions vests welcomed.

October 25 - **Planning meeting at 6:15PM.** Social at 6:45PM. Regular meeting at 7PM. Program is Habitat Corridor Project by April Owens. Lion Chef is Jerry Coleman at 707-861-9444.

CLUB GOALS

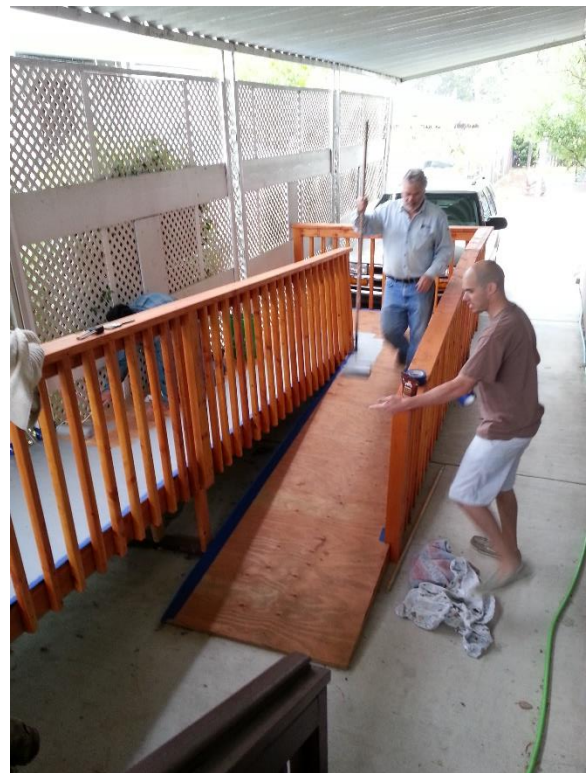
1. Increase club publicity and recognition
2. Participate in Lions District 4C-2 activities
3. Continue club projects/activities
4. Increase hands-on projects

CLUB PICTURES

THIS IS A CHAIN GANG from 2016.
Watch for new pictures of the 2017 Chain
Gang next month.



CAN YOU NAME THESE PROJECTS?



HINT: Relay for Life, CCI lunch, Chamber Mixer, Access help to local person in need.... That's what LIONS DO. Show these pix to potential Lions – ask them to Lend-A-Hand!

WATCH NEXT MONTH FOR PHOTOS OF THE CLUB'S VISIT TO GOATLANDIA FARM ANIMAL SANCTUARY to visit with Max the visually impaired lamb!