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President's Message

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO EVERYONE! I hope you had a wonderful Christmas season with family or friends and are looking forward to a Happy New Year. We got a nice thank you letter from the Redwood Empire Food Bank for our donation to them to help fire victims.

We've gotten other thank you notes from many of the organizations that we support from year-end contributions. This year we were able to donate over \$14,000 to 25 organizations locally such as Ceres Project and internationally to LCIF. Those thank you notes confirm that our efforts as Lions are reaching many people as we fulfill our motto: WE SERVE!

We're heading into a new year with expectations for continued service to our community. The Club's Lend A Hand Day proposal with Cittaslow Sebastopol and other Non Profit Organizations is getting closer to fruition. And our Excite Instruction project moves into exploring archeology next month.

Into the New Year - WE SERVE!

Stan Ramondo, President

KUDOS, KUDOS:

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

To **Jerry Coleman, Beth Canardo and Don Canardo** who worked with six other volunteers plus a Lion from Windsor to pack 426 food boxes with 7800 pounds of food at the Redwood Empire Food Bank.



To **all the Lions** who helped at the Lions Regional Christmas Dinner in Santa Rosa this year.

To **all the Lion Chefs** who provided wonderful meals at our meetings throughout the past year. NOTE: We are looking for a Lion Chef for our January 10th and February 28th meetings. Let Lion Secretary Mike Mortensson if you can don your Chef's hat!

PLANNING AHEAD:

January 10, 2018 **Board meeting at 6:15PM**. Social at 6:45PM. Regular meeting at 7PM. Program is a West County School Nurses report by Cynthia Formaker et al. Lion Chef is pending!

January 10 – Rachel Zierdt of Excite Instruction presents Archeological Dig at Forestville School. Repeats on February 20. You're invited to watch. Details from Lion Mike Mortensson at 707-887-2759.

January 24 – Planning meeting at 6:15P. Regular meeting at 7PM. Program is all Lions helping to sort eyeglasses – there are at least 15 boxes to sort! Lion Chef is Joel Vogen at 707-481-1497.

February 14 - MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Student Speaker Contest is February 14th!!! Topic is **“Integrity and Civility Play What Role in Today's Society?”** Contest Chair Lion Don Canardo starts the event at 6PM with dinner prepared by Lion Chef Stan Ramondo (246-8951) to follow.

February 28 – Planning meeting at 6:15P. Regular meeting at 7PM. Program is Eyesight Correction Aid Programs by John Jones. Lion Chef is pending!

Happy Reading – just a one pager this month. The Editor