

Tucson Breakfast  
Lion's Club  
1/11/2023  
Wednesday 7AM



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**Our mission:** To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote International understanding through Lions Clubs.

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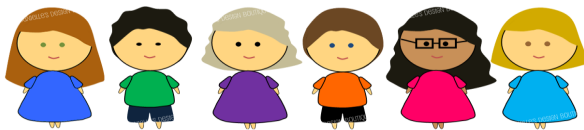
**\*Tid Bits:** **Lion Steve** is going to set up field trips to GAP Ministries and the U of A Ophthalmology Lab for those who haven't been there or for those that would like to visit again. Stay turned for more details.  
**Lion Su-Lin** reminded us that Jan 21st is John Melvin Day and talked a bit about the 100 year history of Lions in Arizona.

**Lion Dom** took a few minutes to speak about the Secret Greeter and how that position has evolved through the years. That person, once, was the door Greeter to all the attendees; then it became a Secret Greeter that now waits for everyone to greet him.

*Did you greet everyone in the room when you arrived today?*

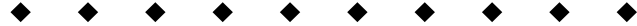
Order in the Den:

Lion Dom also explained how the front table should be seated.



Treasurer—Secretary—President—Speaker—LOM

**\*C. Kirby Smith Camp:** Lion Bernie is still signing up host families to help with the Foreign students come during the summer to experience Arizona and need a place to stay. Can you help?



**Hearts & Flowers:** Anne Shiff is doing good and in charge of the household. Lion Mark R. is seeing a dermatologist about a spot on his hand and will need surgery. Lion Mort is still in rehab but is stable. We are sending prayers and thought to all our Lions.

**Happy:** For our guest speakers with us today; Lion Bernie was happy to announce and invitation for him & Bella to visit a camp for the Burn Foundation to provide therapy for the campers; Good Attendance; Vision Screening is resuming. Lion Ray-Ray gave some car news. Lion Tom is having a difficult time coming to terms with an upcoming 2-week eye-care mission to the Caribbeans for 2-weeks trip. Let's all keep him in our thoughts and prayers. LOL! Lion Bob was excited as usual about his basketball chatter. We are happy to welcome back Lions Tom & Tamara



**Sad:** Larren had a friend pass away. We are hopeful for the Ukraine people.



**January Birthdays: Lion Bev R. & LionBarbara Thomas**



Lion Greg won the Privilege Badge with a healthy donation of \$25. He is the only one allowed to speak about personal business or Lionism without penalty. *Lion Greg you may have the floor!*



## Announcements

- **Pick up your copy of the Lion's Code of Ethics from Lion Larren**
- **We received a Thank You letter from the VA eye clinic for sponsoring a BBQ for Veteran's Day**
- **Vail Pride Day—Lion Ray-Ray this is a PR event to promote the Lions Club and hand out sunglasses. Signups have started.**
- **Convention applications need to be turned in before Feb. 12 to have your registration paid for by TBLC**
- **Festival of Books need volunteers to signup to work the booth. The date are March 4 & 5.**
- **The 4th Ave Street Fair is March 24-26. Talk to Enid for volunteer opportunities**

Rincon Valley Athletics Inc.  
Youth Basketball  
[www.rinconvalleyathletics.org](http://www.rinconvalleyathletics.org)

We had the privilege of having this Mother-Daughter team come speak to us last week. They are a 501c(3) non-profit organization funded by donations & personal funds.

Their focus is to offer low cost athletic co-ed training. Currently, they are coaching basketball but have plans to offer more in the future as more facilities become available. This program focuses more on skill development rather than team competition. They are helping to make a way for female athletes to be equally compensated as their male counterparts.

Classes are located at Leman Academy.

This program offers:  
Good sportsmanship  
Quality, safe instructors  
Confidence  
Healthy competition  
Community networking



Lion Bernie introduced Leah Freidenberg with Gabriel's Angels founded in 2000 in Phoenix. The first pet was named Gabriel. We don't always see the values we need in our society today. Representatives visit families with Animal Assisted Activities to improve 7 key social behaviors. They visit families with infants to 18 years of age across the state of Arizona. AZ ranks 5<sup>th</sup> in children involved in abuse.

Programs offered:

- Animals, Books, & Children, ABC program, where pet therapy will come into the schools for up to an hour to let the children read to the dogs.
- Individual Intervention programs with a therapist to teach emotions.
- Pet therapy helped with a recent suicide situation for the students in the school.

The organization is struggling with keeping members to be connectors in the community, they need therapy teams and hosts for events

IMPACT: 28 pet therapy teams serving in 38 facilities

Thursday, Jan 26, will offer lunch at the U of A to recruit and talk about the services they are in need of. Lion Bernie was the speaker last year and shared with us last week what he shared about his dogs, Sophia, and Bella. They are certified as therapy dogs and participated in Pause for Reading program at a local elementary school. They work with at-risk kids that have no fathers at home. The group of 6 boys became "The Musketeers" they learned social behaviors with the help of Sophia, Bella and Bernie. The results are apparent and proven by the demeanor of the children that changes from the time the dog walks into the room to the time the dogs leave the room.

Broadway Animal Hospital will give a 10% discount to members of Gabriel's Angels and will post flyers in the clinic for their organization. TBLC presented the speaker with a Certificate of Appreciation.



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**ALERT: Over 25 volunteers  
donated their time in January  
to the gift of sight.**

*Thank you*





# Melvin Jones Memorial Cleanup Day



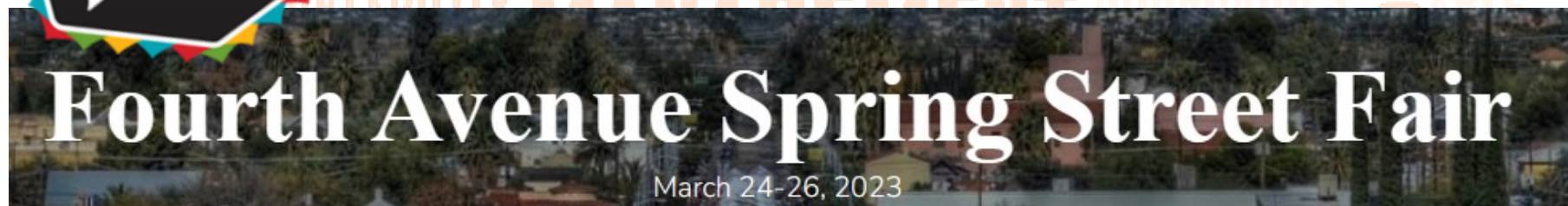
*Thanks Steve for volunteering with the Girls Scouts helping to get the cookies on the streets of Tucson!*







Join us the weekend of  
**March 4-5, 2023**



President: Lion Steve asked,  
“WHY ARE WE LIONS?”

Lion Pete is our senior Lion and has been a lion for 59 years. His Dad was a Lion and was sponsored by Larry Brown and started with selling Christmas Trees. People are generous but don't want to volunteer hours. There has been a shift with support in that corporations don't participate anymore. We need to find out why and get them involved.



Privilege badge: Lion Greg asked,  
“WHY DID YOU BECOME A LION?”  
Lion Judy came to speak with Karen Kuciver with Women Warriors and became a Lion after that.  
Lion Sandy was retiring and needed a place to serve and loved what she found out about Lions when she came to speak.  
How did Lion Greg become a Lion?  
He worked with Lion Mark at ALERT and enjoyed the opportunity. Recruit, Recruit, Recruit