WINGER AND WARD BECOME MELVIN JONES FELLOWS

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Long lists of devoted community services identified 2 winners

The strength of a community club can be devotion to Lionism has not slowed with measured by its numbers of members with the 'can do and will do' approach to club business.

Loomis Lions Tom Ward (left) and John Winger are rarely absent when the Lions club elects to undertake its projects. Both are known for their involvements in White Cane Day, (See John wearing the inflated white cane display), the two annual crab feeds, eyeglass collection, new member recruiting, as well as their holding of various club offices.

Their numerous community service involvements began shortly after they became Lions members - and their

the years that followed.

Lion John became a member of the local club in 1993. He has served many times on the club's board of directors, is known for his jokes, and seconds for the club chaplain in the chaplain's absence.

Lion Tom joined the club in 2003. He is among the three or four top new member recruiters in the club.

These two new 'Fellows' will be recognized as part of the program to install the club's new officers. Their awards join the five other 'Fellows' recognized since 1953.





Go to Page 5 for more information on the Melvin Jones Fellow award.

PRESIDENT RESORTS TO BRIBES TO ACQUIRE GUESTS AT MEET

Henry determined to recruit club's 50th member

Loomis Lions are not above using bribery to get their way. Proof of this was Club President Henry' Schneider's request that members bring guests to the last meeting of the month on 18 March.

He looked around the meeting room and stated he would bring a special gift to be drawn from among those members bringing guests. He heard "Oohs" and 'Awes" and he could see that bribery was still a workable concept.

'This isn't one of your toilet plunger gifts, is it Henry? The plunger you got at last year's Christmas party?" A member sounded doubtful and he didn't want another plunger to add to his personal

Alas, Henry was left holding the brown paper bag with the bottle of fine wine from his cellar. For the first time in many meetings no one brought a guest the board of directors. to a club meeting.

BOARD GETS BEHIND DANCE AND CANINE COMPANIONS

Two requests for assistance reached the Loomis Lions Club board of directors in time to be discussed and approved. The first was the Lions Project for Canine Companions for Independence. This project is located in Santa Rosa, California. It was formed as a non-profit organization in 1983. These dogs assist people with disabilities.

Canine Companions was approved to receive \$200 from the club treasury.

The second request came from Loomis citizen and event organizer Sheila Lee. She was responsible for what is known as the Red, White and Blue Dance fundraiser which ensured that books reached service members in overseas assignments. The dance was held at the Loomis Veteran's Memorial Hall on 14 March.

The Blue, White, and Blue dance seed money of \$300 was approved by

CRAB FEED SOLD OUT - FUNDS WILL SUPPORT NEEDY SERVICES

Lion Bud Nobili, one of the 3 managers of the bi-annual club crab feed in February, reported the club's earnings as \$9,400 - after event expenses.

The other two Lion managers include Gerry Nash and Bob Christiansen.

One hundred percent of the funds raised at the February function held at the Blue Goose Event Center in Loomis returns to the community in the form of high school scholarships, Boy Scout Troop 12 needs, eyeglasses for the vision impaired, exams for the hard-of-hearing. and assistance in many other areas.

A small portion of the donated cash is reserved for assistance at the International level and goes to such crisis as floods, famine, tsunamis, and earthquakes.

TWENTY-FOUR YEARS OF LIONISM IN RUSSIA

Community service efforts shared by clubs and LEOs in parts of nation

that Lionism is missing in the Russian Federation. This is because so little is known about them and seldom are they LEO clubs. While the LEOs have their heralded by Lions magazine or by the media for what Russian Lions are doing. Lions and Leos clubs have existed since 1990 and majority of them exist in Moscow.

There are 22 Lions Clubs in Russia as of this writing. Fourteen of them are in Moscow, 4 in St. Petersburg, and each in the cities of Beslan, Vladikavkaz, Kaliningrad, and Sochi, recent home of the International Winter Olympics.

Almost all Russian clubs are united in a single Russian District located in

Many Lions are of the mistaken belief Moscow. It is headed by a Governor elected for one year.

> Many Lions clubs have their own own interests and activities, they work closely with the adult Lions clubs.



District 4-c5 sets Lions convention for early May

Loomis Lions Freda and Jack Morris will attend the annual district gathering at San Ramon. They have been present at the last 6 conventions.

"We attend the training programs, lectures, awards, and cast votes for changes in bylaws." Lion Freda enjoys seeing fellow Lions she knows from the other

The convention center was selected over the bidding of several other hotels.

Embarcadero Lion Erv Gon is expected succeed Elk Grove Lion James 'Andy' Anderson as Governor for 2014-15.

TWO FROM LOOMIS ATTEND WOODLAND LIONS BANQUET

A banquet about books and corn beef and cabbage

Some Lions attend events outside their club areas because of the food and some because of the cause behind the event. For the program on 10 March in Woodland, it was for both food and cause.

Hosted by the Woodland Host Club, the club held their annual corn beef and cabbage dinner including potatoes, carrots, bread, ice cream, and an open wine and beer bar. The former church building was sold out at \$15 per person.

Funds raised from the dinner went to the purchase of 9 Kindle devices for 9 children reading the most books in a certain period. Three Woodland area grade schools participated in the Lions reading program.

More than 10 clubs attended from around District 4-c5.

Jack and Freda Morris represented the Loomis Lions Club and shared a dinner table with Past District Governor John Lynch and his wife, Gloria.

Attending from the District was 1st Vice District Governor Erv Gon. A number of past governors were in attendance also including Richard Wilmot, Cathy Garcia and Frank Dunn.

THE INTERVIEW

with bud nobili

Where the Hell is Linn, Kansas? These were the first words out of my mouth when Gary Doupnik told me where he was born and raised. His answer was, "Well, it's kind of a small town with a population of about 100 and if you blink while driving down the highway you'll miss the whole town." I did some checking and sure enough, he was accurate in his description. The town is adjacent to a major highway and covers less than ½ of a square mile. Gary tells me he knew everyone in town and it was a great place to grow up. He attended the local schools and was active in many sports. While only a small town there was always something to do. When bored, they cruised the town's 22 streets in their 1938 Fords or Chevys.

Gary graduated from Linn Rural High School in 1953 and enrolled in Kansas State College in Manhattan Kansas where he majored in Business Accounting. Gary had been a track star in High School and was a 3-year letterman in the high hurdles at Kansas State. He and his college pals were not much at cooking and often frequented a local restaurant for dinner. The food was ok but the main draw was a good-looking personable waitress by the name of Betty. She lived in nearby Manhattan and also attended Kansas State College. Betty attended classes early in the day and every once in a while she worked at the restaurant in the evening. Betty said Gary approached her one evening and apologized for not having funds for a tip; he would make it up to

her by taking her out on an exciting date. She accepted and the dates led to marriage in 1956. They graduated from Kansas State College the same year. Must have been a good

THIS LION WAS A COLLEGE TRACK STAR, ACCOUNTANT, AND BUSINESSMAN - BUILT MODULAR CLASSROOMS AND KNOWN FOR PHILANTHROPHY AND COMMUNITY SERVCE

> tip because their marriage is in its 58th year and they have 4 children, 9 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

> The boy from Kansas and his new wife moved to the Bay area in the early 1960s. They lived in Sunnyvale and Gary worked for a CPA firm in San Francisco. He later took a position with the Keith Cole Photography Company. This firm worked with schools, by producing yearbooks and graduation materials. The Redwood City Chamber of Commerce named him "Young Man of the Year" in 1968.

> His bad knees kept him from staying involved in any sports, so he took up Little League coaching. He was very successful, bringing home about 5 championships. When reminded of this, son Jt, said, "it's amazing what you can do

when you have great ball players that can carry the coach.

In 1976 Gary moved his family to Loomis. Daughter Sherri was in college and Gary and Betty bought a house and enrolled their 3 sons in Loomis Schools.

He borrowed some money and purchased a small modular home construction company. His manufacturing company eventually shifted from constructing homes to portable classrooms.

By the mid 80's and 90's Gary's company was manufacturing as many as 300 classrooms a year and delivering as many as 10 to 12 classrooms each day to school districts during summer months. Their operation employed about 150 people and, in his 30 years of business, Doupnik Manufacturing placed over 20,000

portable classrooms on school grounds throughout Northern California.



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MOST LIONS COMPREHEND HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE

But what about low blood pressure?

Association, (AHA) a really low blood pressure can be as catastrophic as experiencing one too high. The question is, what is too low and what should be done about it? Normal, or the level on the blood pressure testing device the AHA considers just right is a set of figures around the 130 over 70 range. The 130, or upper figure, is called systolic and measures the pressures in the arteries diastolic, measures pressure in the arteries between heart beats.

A low blood pressure reading is not considered worrisome by AHA unless the person tested is showing some easily seen symptoms. But what's low and what are these symptoms?

I recently made a quick visit to my General Practice doctor with a number of complaints I felt were related to my low blood pressure meter figure: 85 over 35. I didn't need medical education to know

According to the American Heart I had some problems and that blood pressure was related. Yes, there were symptoms and the doctor was concerned. During the day, and before going to the doctor, I was depressed, felt dizzy and almost fainted, needed water badly, and felt tired from head to toe. I had stopped most of my eating during the day and that affected my diabetes regimen.

My blood pressure was still bouncing around 85/35 when he removed two during heart beats. The lower number, medicines from my daily prescribed list as contributing to my drop in blood pressure. I was directed to increase my water intake and stay away from alcohol for the time being. I was warned not to jump to my feet from a prone position as I was inclined to do during the recent Super Bowl game. With each touchdown I was now to sit up, count to ten, and then stand up, and be still for ten seconds more. Sunday's game was a visual aid to remind me that low blood pressure is no laughing matter.

Birthdays

The month of March was a great time for Americans and America. Florida became state number 27 in 1845 and the Federal Congress passed the Conscription Act - missing free club lunches by 24 hours.

men could be called to arms in an emergency.

Three more hallmark moments included the adoption of the Star Spangled Banner national anthem in 1931, and the birthdays of two Loomis Lions, Jim Lee and Sue Dossa.

Both Lions were born on 3 March

Hindu/Buddhist 40 mile trek receives Lions Club Loving Care

Every month Lions magazine offers workable ideas for additional community services. One such piece appeared in the 'Lions on Location' section, p. 21, March, 2014. It was titled: Lions Ease Burdens of Pilgrims.



recently chartered Lions club, Kathmandu Samriddhi,, Nepal, located near the site of

one of the world's largest religious walks involving two religions, Hindu and Buddhist, witnessed the sufferings of many of the passing pilgrims.

Many of the 100,000 men, women, and children were foot weary and limping from their arduous barefoot 40-mile trek. Seventeen Samriddhi Lions members, wearing their vests and bearing rags, pans of water, and soothing ointments, set up a first aid station along the way.

According to Lion magazine, the Lions members worked continuously for eight hours washing and treating tired and injured feet.

The Lions teamed with members of the area's Red Cross office to ensure severely damaged feet received quick and proper care.

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Gary, widely recognized for his production of quality products throughout the State, received the "Small Business Person of the Year" award in 1988 by the San Francisco District Small Business Association. This organization represents 35 Northern California Counties and more than 1 million small businesses.

In the 90"s, Doupnik manufacturing was the largest sales tax producer for the city of Loomis and contributed even more tax money throughout the Loomis basin. Beyond taxes, he and his family remain active in community affairs and local charities. Gary and his daughter Sherri assisted one of his grandsons with a High School Senior Project that involved collecting food and distributing Christmas Baskets to needy families. This event became an annual community project serving more than 350 families each year. Doupnik Manufacturing's generosity, long known in the Loomis Basin, was further enhanced by their building of the Firehouse and Chamber facilities and donating them to the City of Loomis and a number of facilities donated to local school campuses.

When the Del Oro High School needed a weight room facility, nearby restrooms including special handicap additions, and a football scoreboard, Gary and his company stepped forward with these donations, as well. His 3 sons graduated from the high school.

In 1998 Gary turned the running of the business over to his family. The kids responded happy to give free time for their parents to enjoy retirement, watch the grapes grow and tend to the vineyard. Betty said he was a "good husband and father, but not much good around the house". She quickly ushered him outside to tinker with his tools. "God forbid if he should ever attempt to boil water or fry an egg", she said.

Gary has been a Loomis Lions Club member for nearly 7 years. During his tenure, he has been a role model for

the Lions "We Serve" motto, pitching in and helping where needs exist. In retirement, he continues his involvement in countless local and regional humanitarian projects. His fellow Lions Club members describe him as "selfless and giving".

I asked Gary if there were any interesting stories about his life that he could share and I was pleased to hear he was not a member of any outlaw biker club or a cross dresser. He did speak of one incident back in the 80"s where his crews were constructing a number of Modular Buildings which were all painted "Pink". "The buildings were being constructed for the "Mustang Ranch" a well-known brothel in Nevada". He got a lot of razzing from friends and wife Betty was embarrassed to have the pink buildings stored at their facility fearing "what the community would think". She talked him into renting space at a facility in neighboring Rocklin for storing the 50 pink portables until their delivery. What a sight it must have been when the caravan of trucks started rolling out of town carrying pink buildings. Rumor remains that more than 50% of Gary's employees volunteered to be on the delivery and installation team. However, several wives accompanied their truck driver husbands to make sure the work was limited to delivery and installation only.

After 35 years of operation, the Doupnik Manufacturing Company announced the closure of its manufacturing facility. They are still in business leasing and refurbishing modular classrooms and Gary and his family are active in community projects and affairs as in previous years.

Since leaving that small Kansas town, Gary Doupnik has certainly left his mark on each of the communities he lived in. If Linn Rural High School has a Wall of Fame that recognizes graduates who have had a positive impact on society, it should display a picture of Gary Doupnik, front and center.

COMPACT FLUORESCENT LAMPS: NOT THE SAFEST LIGHTING IN THE WORLD

Drop one in the dead of winter and see what happens

At this research in March, 2014, Loomis Lions members have probably burned out most of their 60 watt lamps shown to the right in the picture below. Some of us have gone to the several stores in search of replacements. None to be found. We are forced to go the government route and buy the little coiled bulbs called CFLs despite the fact we know they are dangerous for our kids and out pets.

Why dangerous to have them in every socket and in every home? They contain mercury and when one of these falls and breaks inside the home where sleeps grandchildren and their several pets, life-long illnesses can make kids ill and their furry friends, too.



Imagine this! It is January and in the dead of winter one of the grandchildren tosses a ball in the front room and down goes a lamp. You're outside tending to a tree limb and don't realize the kids have decided to hide the damage and sweep the debris into a trash can. One of them picks up the shards of glass and the other races off to get the vacuum. An hour later

you come in and don't notice a thing. Weeks go by and both children become sick and you can't figure out why.

Had the broken bulb been the one on the right, no problem

Here's a list of what you MUST do when dealing with the broken CFL lamp.

- Vacate the house, winter or not.
- Open windows and doors
- Turn off forced air heating/cooling.
- Wear protective/disposal gloves.
- Remove CFL glass and fragments
- Place CFL fragments in container and seal shut
- After vacuuming, dispose of bag

A Lions member never overlooks the grandchildren and dog Spot, and kitty-cat, when a CFL hits the floor. Since its January, show is falling, and there is an unbelievable north wind outside, wheel out the family 1997 Buick and get the car's heater going. Explain to the kids they are camping out, listen to their complaints while you hand each of them their favorite pets. Ignore the language being used by Grandma as she races through the home fighting with jammed windows, opening doors while you carefully tuck the kid's blankets and pat dog Spot's little head.

LION NOBILI ABANDONS BED PAN SAYING THERE MUST BE A BETTER WAY

Tail Twister hates the sound of coins being dropped

Every Lions Club understands that it takes money to provide services for the community. These costs are kept in a separate account called 'administration'. Admin money comes from the pockets of club members.

Money donated to the club by the community for eyeglasses, seeing eye dogs, and other humanitarian needs are kept separate from 'administration'.

Lion Bud Nobili, Loomis' current club 'tail twister', has found another way to reach member wallets and purses to fill the annual administrative account.

He will sell a deck of cards, one card at a time for \$5, and when he has sold out, two cards will be drawn for cash prizes; \$100 and \$50. The remaining dollars will be kept by the club.

Not a big cash return, but every dollar counts when there are many needs to be filled.

LION DUPRIEST TAKES RECYCLE FOR SIGHT PROJECT TO ALL SCHOOLS IN LOOMIS BASIN



Loomis Lion John DuPriest never goes into a club project unless he's totally committed to making happen what he's

He knew that contacting local businesses and every school in the Loomis Basin would not be something to accomplish over night. It called for many phone calls, explanations to busy people and then the delivery of collection boxes to store fronts and school administration offices.

Lion John told the Lions Club he'd have his eyeglass recycling program up and operating in March and he made it happen.

His goal was to bring back as many children's discarded eveglasses as possible. He knew that District 4-c5's eveglass collection efforts had very few small eyeglasses and that village children outside the United States were in need of vision aid.

To help him along the way he enlisted Lions Lisa Musso-Markey, Gordon Medd, and John's wife, Joyce. The team of three placed collection boxes inside 7 grade schools, 1 high school, and 5 prominent local businesses.

The businesses participating in Lion John's recycling effort include Round Table Pizza, Starbucks Coffee Co., Stanford Ranch Optometry, Pizza Factory, and Riebes Auto Parts.

The Lions Club's recycling effort began on 3 March and ends 11 April.

The collection doesn't end with the positioning of the boxes. Lion John will collect the boxes in early April and deliver their contents to Past District Governor Don Ring and Don's nationally known Folsom Project for the Visually Impaired.



students didn't, and that it was largely business as usual for the remaining students who studied in small classes.

"I know I'm the principal, she said, "But I'm not coine to

Scout Aiden Sacco, Reporter

Recent Scout Events

This month went by quickly for Troop 12. The Scouts worked at a cioppino feed and a crab feed. Our winter camping trip canceled and we went mini-golfing and bowling instead. We also attended the Pack 815 crossover.

The American Legion cioppino Feed and the Loomis Lions Club crab feed were a blast. As always, even working in the kitchen on dish duty, we always have a great time helping our charter organizations, the Loomis Lions Club and the American Legion Post #775. They both support us. We helped by setting up, doing the dishes and cleaning up after both events.

Unfortunately, the winter camping trip we had planned canceled. Luckily, we were able to go mini golfing instead at Monster Mini Golf. We arrived around 1 pm and golfed through the afternoon. It was an indoor mini golf course with black lighting and cool props. We had a blast and will definitely go golfing there again.

The bowling trip was to Rocklin Bowl. It was 'all you could bowl' ad and that is exactly what they did. The small group that attended enjoyed the event.

The Cub Pack 815 crossover happened at the end of the month. Of the three WEBLOS that crossed over, two joined Troop 12 and along with the Pack 12 crossovers will form the newest patrol in Troop 12.

The next couple of months will be very busy for the findings on a flash stick. troop. Pack 12 will conduct a crossover, hold a Court of Honor, go camping and trap shooting, and head to the Exploratorium in San Francisco - and much more.

MELVIN JONES FELLOW AWARD

Congratulations to winners Tom Ward and John Winger

Jones Fellows, identified John Winger and Tom Ward as the MJF award winners for 2013-14.

The selection committee was composed of Jack Morris, Russ Kelley, Bud Nobili, Henry Schneider, and Gerry

According to Club President Henry Schneider, the MJF transaction between club and International began immediately in order to have the wall displays available in time for the future installation of officers in June.

Club protocol has the award presented and prominently displayed during

Lion John DuPriest eyeglass project featured in District 4-c5 Newsletter

Lions Member wants small glasses

Eyeglasses are this Lion's main project for the Loomis Lions Club. And his efforts are not going unnoticed.

Readers of the District's fine newsletter found him on page 7, Vol.32, Issue

The club's newsletter has him again on this edition's page 4. With this amount of publicity, Lion John's childrens eyeglass collection effort is certain to be a success.

LIONS MEMBERS CAN TEST FOR VISION DEFECTS WITHOUT DOCTOR'S ASSISTANCE

Those with problems are handed-over to specialists

Lions clubs have long conducted village eye clinics in distant places. Some clinics are conducted without the presence of eye specialists. Doctors are not always available and Lions members have used the limited resources available to provide an improvement in vision. What Lions have long needed is a simple tool to detect nearsightedness, farsightedness, and

blurred vision, and abnormalities beyond the skills of untrained members.

There is hand-held device made in the United States which volunteers with steady hands can use to measure these problems. Called Spot, this early screening device computes and sends its data wirelessly to printer or stores the

Spot weighs just 2.5 pounds, uses batteries, WiFi enabled, comes loaded with software, and does its evaluation in a few seconds. Special Lions Club price: \$7,015.

This topic suggested by: PDG John Lynch

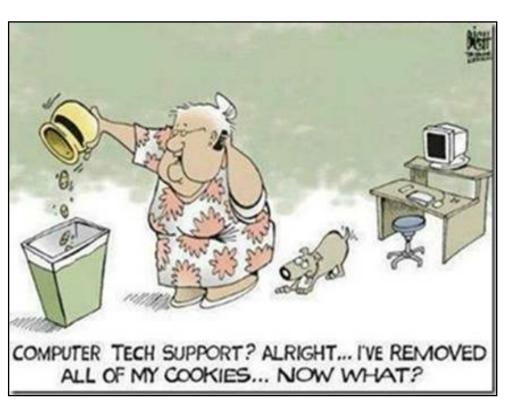
the installation event banquet and swearing in of new officers.

Lions Clubs International was created Five Lions members, all past Melvin in 1917 and became international in 1920 with the inclusion of a Lions club in Ontario, Canada.

> The organization expanded quickly and, by less than 100 years, was represented in more than 200 nations and grew to become the largest of all service

Melvin Jones, it's founder, businessman in Chicago, Illinois, moved the organization from just a business driven group to become more service oriented.

The Melvin Jones Fellow award is considered the highest recognition a club member can receive. The award identifies the members who have provided dedicated community service over an extended period of time.



Loomis History

Between 1869 and Today in 2014

When building a community, the school house beats out need for fire station, hospital, church

Gold discovery in central California 1849 brought many families from across the country, and with families, came the need for children's education. Loomis was in the middle of much of the results of finding gold because of its location between the American River where gold was found and Sacramento where it was reported to the world.

According to the book, Loomis, produced by the Loomis Basin Historical Society, p.73, 2009, the first school district in Placer County was the Franklin School District formed in 1869.

The Franklin's initial schoolhouse was a single room building located near the old wagon trail now known as the Auburn Folsom Road. It was heated by a wood stove and, over time, added a wood shed to the tiny campus.

Historical documents make no mention of Franklin's toilet needs and it is assumed the children likely took turns, boy and then girl, with a wood one-hole shed of some kind.

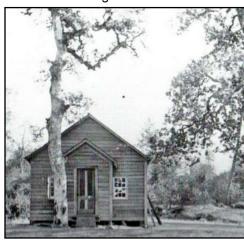
According to the Historical Society, the Franklin School was built by families involved in mining. They filled its chairs with 14 students in 1862, and 7 years before the formation of the school district.

In the years that followed its first construction, Franklin moved several times for various reasons.

School teachers were always in great demand. Mary McKay's name pops up as Franklin's first teacher. A second name was Cora E Light in 1896. Cora is shown in the picture to the right with the circular buckle on her waist.

As mining began to fail and some of the families moved away, farming took hold creating an all new industry.

During these years, little Franklin School remained, now modern, and located on Franklin School Road several miles from its original site.





EDITOR'S DESK

First reading of committee's slate of officers names Christiansen next President

Every year since 1954 (the year following the club's charter), Lions have sought out who they considered would make great club officers. The first reading of the proposed slate of candidates is always an emotional moment as the candidates hear their names and accept the next year's club responsibilities.

The first reading occurred 18 March at the Loomis Veterans Memorial Hall. The following will hear two more readings before formally accepting their positions.

President Bob Christiansen
Vice President Henry Schneider
Secretary Vicky Morris
Treasurer Malcolm Singer

1 year
Directors Gerry Nash

Ron Morris Bob Freeman

2 year
Directors
Val Singer
Tom Ward
Russ Kelley

Membership Matt Williams
Tail Twister Bud Nobili
Lion Tamer Dave Lucey

The second reading was completed on 1 April and the third set for 15 April at the Secret Ravine Vineyard and Winery.

Not on the nominations list but important to the club's annual operations are these chairpersons: Jody Hebard White Cane, Jack Morris, Newsletter, David Lucey, Chaplain, and John DuPriest, Children's Eyeglasses.

