

## Burlington Lions Club, Multiple District 19-O So Sweet, Zone #6

Dear Burlington Lions Club, this will be my last Club Letter this year. I will be heading to Indio CA. in the next few weeks. This is an opportunity for one of you to step up and fulfill that burning desire to become your club News Editor.

Thank you to all members who completed our Trailer Concession summer projects. We did good regardless of what Treasurer Darren said. For clarification, I did not cook hamburgers as he said was the reason, we did not reach 2022-23 cash goals. Nice try Treasurer Darren. A shout out to Darren for a great treasurer's report last meeting.

Congratulations to Patty & Rock White who attended the US/Canadian Forum. Our Lions were not only in attendance to learn, but to demonstrate to the entire forum. Incoming Council Chair Patty held the crowd spellbound with her demonstration on recognition. ICC Patty, I loved the birthday glasses during the presentation. Lion Rock stood guard as International President Patty Hill participated in her forum presentation. Rock, Patty, I hope you have a 10-to-20-minute program for the club.

Leos, a huge thank you for your trailer concession participation. You helped the club so much. We should consider another bowling night that is paid for through the Lions Club account as a thank you. President Travis, think about it with the Board of Directors.

Club members, it may be time to transfer \$10,000.00 into the park fund. We as a club decided years ago to upgrade the roadside park. We never had a written park plan. A professional plan is surely needed as our club and our citizens deserve this city entrance to be beautiful. The club during my last time I served as president set up the park fund. Before, all the money raised through the sewer dump station was deposited in the special activities account earmarked for park upgrades. Again, no plan so our park suffered from year to year. Small cleanup projects but no upgrades materialized. Park funds were spent. Were they spent on our community, yes, but in no way for the intended purpose. Several members said we have too much money in the bank. OK, shall we pick a group in need? Who deserves what? What group is more in need than the other? I believe the citizens in Burlington deserve those funds for all to enjoy.

We as a club need to present our ideas to the city. We need to present to the council our need for hotel/motel tax money. The city must give this money away every year. This is a two-to-three-year project. We know we can raise another \$10,000.00 in 2024 from our trailer concessions.

**Is this the time to have a project to be proud of?** President Travis, Lion Ed Brunz, Rock White, Dave Edson, Ed Bechtel, Katy Carter have spent years making our city park what it is. We owe it to ourselves to have this park to say The Burlington Lions Club welcomes you to town.

I wish each of you a Special 2023 Holiday Season. Yes, it is early but Halloween then Thanksgiving, then Christmas, finally New Years. Holy cow, the year is almost over.

Best to you in service, Jones Atterberry

## 2023 Burlington Lions Club Photos Honoring JoAnne Beech.



Our 6 photos feature newly passed JoAnne. JoAnne was a force to reckon with. Never one to take a backseat to anyone, yet right in the front of the line to help any way she could.

JoAnne and Jeff portrayed the power couple motto: Sturdy in life to withstand whatever life throws at them. JoAnne was surely that. Full of love, full of life and one heck of a Lion.

Thank you, JoAnne, for enriching our lives. Burlington Lions will be forever grateful for your years of service. Membership Chairperson Jones Atterberry