January 29, 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Luncheon Meetings new start time**: President Dave has asked that Pete have our food ready at 11:15 so that we can eat before the meeting starts. Please try to get there so we don't interrupt the meeting.
- **Board Meeting** Tuesday, February 2, 7:00 am at IHOP.
- **Student Speaker Contest** will be Thursday, February 11th beginning at 12 sharp. There will be quite a crowd so please be prompt.

GUIDE DOG PUPPIES!

On Monday, the new puppies in honor of Lions

Moya and Jim were shown to members of the Lions and the Los Compadres. Shown here are Lion Mike and Mary with Eula and Mike Harris.

We are still collecting for Lion Don Watts. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Lion Cathy.

MAYOR'S 5K WALK/RUN

Thanks to the Lions and friends who helped make this event a success: Lions Shirley, Randy, Gary, Phil Burney, Tom and Paula, Ron, George, Richard, and Carol. Thanks especially to Lion Pattie, who organized the breakfast, shopped, and worked the event. She was ably assisted by Victor.

The club earned $750 in tips and burrito sales. Good work, everyone!

MC CORMICK'S AUCTION

The three-day event is coming up beginning Friday, February 26th through Sunday the 28th. Lion Gary will have the signup sheets soon, but if you want to save your time and job, let him know. His phone number is 760.323.4338.

LUNCH MEETING

We had a lively group today, mainly because our speaker was the ever-entertaining Lion Phil. He presented a PowerPoint presentation of the Camp of Champions.

This organization is the product of one man, Tim Ingram. After playing professional hockey in Canada, Tim moved to the Coachella Valley in 2006.

When the principal of his kid's primary school asked him to help motivate six kids whose attendance was low, he came up with the motivational program that is now Camp of Champions. The result of that first year, seventy kids were motivated to improve their attendance.

The program basically has three steps: he visits the school with his inflatable sports games and lets the kids play. The school staff then takes over challenging kids to improve on a problem having to do with attendance, grades, and citizenship.

After a given amount of time, those kids who achieved their goals get another free-play day and other perks, like attending the Athletes in Academic event where they can meet and hear professional athletes give motivational talks. Those of us who served hamburgers and hot dogs at the last event saw how the kids responded to them. Heartwarming to say the least!

Other programs the Camp of Champions sponsor have to do with hockey, two for kids and two for both children and adults who are disabled. One is called Sled Hockey and the other Wheelchair Hockey.

AND ONE MORE THING:

A group of friends and I went on the Desert Hot Springs Spa Tour last Thursday. For $25.00 we were able to visit eight different resorts. Saw Tim at Two Bunch Palms selling raffle tickets.

Turns out he started the event a few years ago. The city asked him for help making people aware of the different facilities the different resorts offer.

From all accounts, the tour was a huge success—each resort opened up its door for self-guided tours and some offered free appetizers.

NEWS AND PICTURES WANTED!

If you have anything that you would like included in this newsletter, please send it to me. I do this for you, so would really appreciate info—including pictures, news, even ads, to fill up this last column.