



The Lion Roars!



Bass Lake Lions Newsletter (Volume I—issue 5 December 2019)

Recent & Coming Events:

Special points of interest:

- * Winter Parade
- * Teacher Grants
- * Christmas Potluck
- * Paw Scratches
- * Coming Events



Bass Lake Winter Parade:

The Bass Lake Winter Parade was held on Saturday, November 30th this year. The event was fairly well attended given that it was a cold evening with lingering snow in the area. Two of our Bass Lake Lions worked with eleven Leos in decorating and riding in a float during the parade. Meanwhile, eleven other Bass Lake Lions prepared and served hot chocolate to a grateful crowd. So many purchases were made this year that what normally is a break even event actually yielded a profit of \$219 for the local Lions club. One polite request from a customer was for sugar free chocolate which

we may consider for next year's parade. All in all, it was a successful and fun filled evening.

Bass Lake Teacher Grants:

This year the Bass Lake Lions decided to set aside \$2,000 for teacher mini-grants for those who work within the Bass Lake Joint Union School District. The district includes: Oakhurst Elementary, Wasuma Elementary, Oak Creek Intermediate and Fresno Flats Community Day School.

Teachers were requested to fill out a simple application that would be reviewed by a team of Bass Lake Lions. Awards were limited at \$500, although many asked for less.

On December 5th a team of four Bass

Bass Lake Lions Teacher Grants (continued):



Lake Lions and one non-voting spouse met, reviewed and discussed the applications and came to a consensus of who should receive the grants. While twelve applications were submitted, six were met with approval from the committee. Each school site ended up with one or more teachers benefiting from our grants, although that was not in the plan.

The grantees included:

Peggy Myers, a K-5

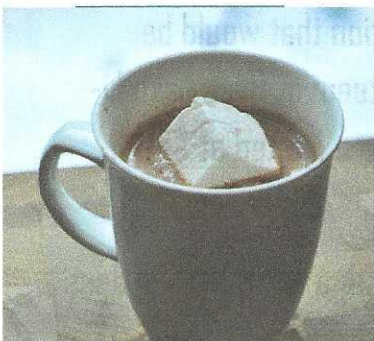
reading teacher, from Wasuma Elementary. She plans to purchase eleven headphones to use with student chromebooks in the area of reading. She received \$500 for this project.

Shannon Ecklund teaches at-risk students at Fresno Flats Community Day School. Her students will be making soap and bath salts as seasonal gifts for family members. These activities will be incorporated into history

and science lessons as well as provide for added social skills for her students. She will receive \$150 towards this effort.

Jacqueline Neff teaches English language arts to students in grades 6-8 at Wasuma Elementary and Oak Creek Intermediate. Students are pulled out from their main class to receive extra targeted assistance from Jacqueline in reading. She has been awarded \$300 for reading materials at various reading levels.

Paw Scratches—



- Fundrasiers from nearby clubs. For more info. contact Carol: (SEE PAGE 4)
- Flag Day Committee: was established at our December meeting to develop a plan on distributing small flags to young students at the schools. So far the committee consists of Bruce, Jennie, Ed K., Bob, Theresa and Diane.

Bass Lake Lions Teacher Grants (((continued)) -

Cecelia Oetinger teaches physical education at Wasuma Elementary. She will be purchasing up to \$350 of materials for a new lesson involving a game called pickleball. She hopes that the introduction of a new game that students are not familiar with may open up opportunities for some to find success when they have had limited success in the more traditional sports and games. We wish her and her students well.

Robin Ward teaches fifth grade at Oakhurst Elementary School. She plans to use her Bass Lake Lions Club grant of \$250 to purchase a STEM cart and additional science materials for the cart. STEM refers to science, technology, engineering and math.

Debbie Elliott and Garrick MacDonald are new first grade teachers at Oakhurst Elementary. They received a grant of \$500 to purchase reading materials for their classroom library. The grant is greatly appreciated,

especially when first year teachers are involved.

Congratulations to all who were awarded with a Bass Lake Lions teacher grant and we hope the materials will be of great value. We look forward to receiving a photo of students using the new materials in their class settings.



Upcoming Events -

-MD-4 Convention on February 21-23 at Visalia Convention Center

- District Lions Convention on April 30—May 3, 2020 at the Double Tree in Sacramento.

- **Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 8 at Duceys—11:30 a.m.**



Christmas Party:

On Wednesday, December 18th there will be a Bass Lake Lions Christmas dinner and party at Lions Carol and Don's house starting at 6 p.m. They live at 53961 Road 432 at the corner of Chickadee. If you wish, bring a unwrapped toy for the Manna House and a side dish for dinner. Please contact Carol to RSVP or for further information.

The Happy, Crappy Hollers:

Want to let our Lion Family know what is going right or not so right in your life?

Well, for a \$5.00 contribution to the Bass Lake Lions' administrative fund you can do so in the next edition of The Lion Roars! Just send your check and message (15 words or less) to the Bass Lake Lions P.O. Box 404 in Bass Lake (93604) and let everyone know what is going on.

(Also, at our latest meeting we agreed to send out the newsletter to individuals who are prospective members as well as businesses who support our efforts. If you have a friend's email who might consider joining or a business email that may have interest please send that information to Lion Bruce at balameida@yahoo.com.)



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Crab Feed Fundraisers: *Lodi Lions (Jan. 25, 2020); Mariposa Lions Club*

(February 1, 2020); Modesto 500 Lions (February 22, 2020); Tracy Breakfast Lions December 14, 2019)

Jackson Lions Club Pizza and Poker Charity Tournament *(January 12, 2020)*

Greenhills Lions Club Dinner and Dance *(February 15, 2020 in Chowchilla)*

Ripon Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner *(February 20, 2020)*

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