



Los Médicos Voladores
Gold Country Chapter
May 2009
Newsletter

Gold Country Chapter Meeting
Date: May 7

Board Meeting: 6:00 p.m.
General Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital
11815 Education Street
Auburn, CA
Conference Room A

Welcome

A warm welcome to returning member Rex Baker, Optician, and to Renee Ianni, also an Optician. Both live in Mokelumne Hill.

VOTE VOTE VOTE
Ballots are in this newsletter

LMV Folsom Prison Tour
To see the Project for the Visually Impaired

Thanks in large part to the efforts of Gold Country's Dr. Tom Brenner; LMV has established a strong relationship with the Folsom Prison Project for the Visually Impaired. As a result, our flight crews are now able to carry all the reading glasses and sunglasses necessary to provide the 12 villages (pueblos) we serve. Project officer Mike Peet has offered to give up to 20 LMV members a tour of the eyeglass facility with its staff of 19 inmates, on **Wednesday, May 20th, at 10 A.M.** at the old Folsom prison. We'll plan on meeting not later than 9:45 in front of the prison post office (just on your left past the main entry to the old prison). The tour will last approximately two hours. We are told that the tour is a very memorable one. If you are interested, please e-mail LMV member Kari Freidig at wildlife911@gmail.com or call 530-878-1980.

We have made available up to 2 slots per chapter from the other 4 LMV chapters, leaving a balance of at least 12 members who could attend from Gold Country. All who attend will be required to submit to Kari – not later than May 10th - their name, birth date, DL # & SS #. She will fax the entire manifest directly to Officer Peet, who has assured us that the information will be for his eyes only. **For those attending, the prison requires that you wear no blue, no denim, no sandals (women's shoes must have straps across the back), no cell phones, no cameras, no sharp objects, and wear little metal.**

Plan on taking advantage of this rare opportunity to follow the journey of a pair of eyeglasses ... from the hundreds of Lions International intake bins, to the prison for sorting and measuring, to the LMV aircraft for their final destination in Mexico.

Denny Freidig
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Upcoming Trips

On behalf of the new Trip Coordinating Committee, Judi Foy reported that the following trips are planned for 2009:

1. Bahia Asunción - May 21-24 (two planes)
2. Oasis – November 13-15 (mark your calendars now!)

Oasis Statistics

The Oasis trip in March was a huge success, as always. Dr. Dave Morgan and LMV were awarded a Congressional Letter of Commendation from California State Assembly member V. Manuel Perez, 80th Assembly District gave. The commendation read in part: "In Honor of Your Commitment to providing health-care to under served families for over 30 years," and was dated March 21, 2009. Kudos to Dr. Dave and to LMV.

Medical (family practice, diabetes screenings, blood pressure checks) – 205

Dental – 115

Vision – 90

Chiropractor – 59

Acupuncture – 26

Total health services – 495

Other services

Child care services – 87

Car seat program – 44

IEPH insurance sign-ups – 56

Volunteers from the District and other Agencies* – 96

Public and volunteer lunches – 800

Health and resource fair exhibitors – 13

Diabetes classes – 50

Total – 1,146

Total number of services provided – 1,641

*Molina Health Care (insurance)

Indio Surgery Center (dental)

Borrego Community Health Foundation

California de Lideres Campesinas

California Rural Legal Assistance

Birth Choice of the desert and Miriam House

Braille Institute

Planned Parenthood (Promotores Pro-Salud)

California Employment Development Department

CTAP California Telephone Access Program

Desert AIDA Project Indio

Department Pesticide Regulation

Young Life

Diabetes and Wellness Center

Center of Employment for Training (CET)

Ballot for Gold Country's Board

Yes, it's that time of year again – time to vote for the LMV Gold Country Chapter Board members. You may vote for up to 7 candidates.

____ Dick Smith ____ VeNae Crabtree ____ Janice Rosner ____ Judi Foy
____ Ed Weiss ____ Norman Beckert ____ Barbara Gerletti-Weiss

Write-in candidate: _____

Please bring your completed ballot to the **June 4** LMV meeting

or

return the ballot to the following address no later than **May 28**:

LMV
Post Office Box 6467
Auburn, CA 95604

LMV Items for Sale

T-shirts, scrubs, license plate holders, hats, mugs and cookbooks are for sale

Contact Jane Hamilton. She will even arrange her schedule to meet you with your purchases. Give her a call or contact her via e-mail. Her phone number is 530-885-7839; e-mail is janiehamilton@mindsync.com

Want to Receive Your Newsletter by E-Mail?

Has your e-mail changed since you joined LMV?

Want a copy of the latest member roster?

If yes to any of these questions, just drop a line to your newsletter editor at:

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