

Los Médicos Voladores
Gold Country Chapter
September 2009
Newsletter

Gold Country Chapter Meeting
Date: September 3rd
Video – Doctors with Wings

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

THANK YOU

To the Auburn Host Lions and the Auburn 49'er Lions for their more than generous contribution to the “Adopt a Pueblo” program. A BIG thank you to Denny Freidig for his efforts in putting this together.

Upcoming Meetings

October 1 - Potluck
November 5 – Trip video presentation
December 3 – Annual Christmas Party

Our last meeting was held August 6th, 2009. New Board Members were announced. We welcome Judi as our new President and Dick, as our new Vice President. Please note all new positions last page.

We would like to welcome a new pilot, Rick Utermeuhien to Los Médicos Voladores. Rick is from Grass Valley. Good to have you on board, Rick.

During the meeting, ELT (Emergency Locater Transmitters) were discussed. Mexico and Canada are now requiring the ELT 406 mghz be installed in all aircraft no later than October 1, 2009. Pilots, please contact Chief Pilot Rob Lober (rlober@sbcglobal.net) or Tom Palmer (airattacktom@msn.com) for further information.

Tom Palmer, CEO of the Corporate Chapter, noted that we need a Corporate Newsletter person. Please contact Tom if you are able to volunteer for this position.

Lmv Facebook LMV now has a Facebook account which can be checked out at www.facebook.com/LosMedicosVoladores. Pictures, snippets of paragraphs, etc can be sent to the Corporate Secretary, Aimee Abittan at abittana@unr.nevada.edu.

OCTOBER Trip

Generally there are 4-5 planes on this venture. At this time, we have 2 planes confirmed. The trip will begin on a Wednesday with clinics on Thursday and Friday and an R&R in Mulege.

NOVEMBER 13-15th, 2009 - OASIS Trip.

Forty people have committed at this time. March of last year, 57 team members signed up. This year, so far, we have 52. There is generally between 800-1,000 patients seen. The local people help out including the school district. School children volunteer as interpreters. Everything is going as planned. The facilities are nice and the people very appreciative.

SEPTEMBER Meeting

We will be showing a documentary titled "Doctors With Wings". Graduate students at San José State, with a grant, chose LMV as the charitable organization to focus on. The film features three LMV trips, one to Nicaragua and two to Mexico. The video is very well done and is a true representation of the work our organization performs.

OCTOBER Meeting

We will have our yearly Potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. and would like as many members as possible to attend. Feel free to bring your spouse, significant other, friend, family member. Also, please bring your favorite dish to share.

CORPORATE Meeting

Tom Palmer announced that the next corporate board meeting will be held on September 26 in San Jose at the Reid Hillview Airport. All members are encouraged to attend.

NOVEMBER Meeting

We will show a video of the October trip.

Medical personnel

Please remember that if you purchase any meds for your LMV trips, you can be reimbursed for your expenditures. Please complete a Form 6 (available on the LMV website) and turn it in to the Treasurer.

AUBURN HOST LIONS ADOPT A PUEBLO FOR A SECOND YEAR!

By Denny Freidig

Pictured is Auburn Host Lions past president Chuck Rogers presenting a check for \$750 to LMV Gold Country pilot Denny Freidig. The monies were used to help subsidize an LMV trip to San Pedro de la Cueva in Sonora. This is the

second consecutive year that this wonderful group has so graciously stepped up to assist LMV. Their initial adoption in 2008 was San Ignacio, Baja.

On both trips, LMV was able to obtain a few hundred pair of reading glasses and sunglasses from the Folsom Prison Project for the Visually Impaired. As a result, our crew was able to serve a vastly greater number of people than in the past. In both San Ignacio and San Pedro, well over 200 patients were seen over a two day clinic for both dental or vision issues.

The Adopt a Pueblo program was begun by LMV's Gold Country chapter in 2008 when the Auburn Host Lions agreed to adopt San Ignacio. Subsequently, the LMV flight crew then presented a Certificate of Adoption to the village "Delegado" (mayor), and returned a signed & officially stamped Certificate of Appreciation back to the "adopting" organization. One or more members of the flight crew then made a follow-up presentation to the host group.

The Auburn Host Lions adoption has set a precedent for other groups (Auburn 49er Lions) to adopt a pueblo as well. Lions International in particular is well suited for this relationship with their emphasis on assisting the visually impaired.

The obvious benefit of the program thus far has been to increase the number we serve, the not so obvious benefit is the good will LMV has established with both Lions International and the CA Department of Corrections, as well as a greater awareness in the community as to what we do because of the media coverage.



Chuck Rogers and Denny Freidig



San Pedro Mayor Blas Silvas, Ginny Blankinship, Dick Smith

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

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