



LION TALES

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MEMBERSHIP

Membership meetings are the
2nd and 4th Tuesday at 6:00 pm.

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Dad – Mom said I could have a cookie!

Is this your first introduction to a scam? Gloria Swiderski spoke at the Lions Club meeting on July 24 about being scammed just two years ago. Gloria had worked in the mortgage industry for 18 years on fraud cases so she never expected she would become a victim. Her personal story has happened to many of us and she is willing to talk with groups about this growing problem.

It started one day when she received a phone call from her “granddaughter”. She was in trouble, drugs were involved, could Grandma send \$2,500? Gloria had been under some stress lately and the caller knew her granddaughter’s name and even sounded like her. She was asked to wire the money through Western Union. Gloria had actually sent the money when, for some reason, a “light bulb” went off and she called her granddaughter.

“Hi Grandma, what are you doing?”

“Are you OK?”

“I’m fine.”

“I’ll call you back!!”

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Gloria immediately called Western Union, explained what had just happened, and they were able to stop the transfer. The scammers called back to check on the money transfer and she told them the information she had given them was correct and it must have worked because she had just talked with her granddaughter and she was fine. The caller hung up.

Why do scams work? They depend on your compassion. Another one going around is a call at 2:00 am from the police from some other area. There's been an accident and your granddaughter is in the hospital. She's OK and they want to take her to a hotel where she will be more comfortable until someone can come get her. They need your credit card number to post \$350 against it for the hotel.

To illustrate how easy it is to get information on the internet, the Swiderski's did a Google search on a member of the Lions who was at the meeting. They were able to come up with at least 7 pages of information – prior business experience, daughter's name, the names of their grandchildren, etc. There is more information available through the internet on you than you can imagine. People who scam others have the time and the know-how to get the information they need to pull off their scams.

Talk with your family members. Develop code words you can use to identify each other. Don't be ashamed if it has happened to you, talk about it.

Current scams are using Volcano Communications, American Express, PayPal, and Microsoft Support. There are health and medical scams. Computer scams can have hidden viruses – chain letters, pyramid schemes, guaranteed employment, work from home, dating and romance, etc., etc., etc.

Some Golden Rules:

- Never send money, credit card information or online account details to anyone you don't know and trust.
- Check your bank account and credit card statements when you get them. If you see a transaction you can't explain, question it immediately with your bank, credit union, or credit report.
- Create special, silly code words or phrases with your family and friends to be used in emergencies. For example: "Hi Grandma, I'm in trouble, I need money." Response: "OK, Tom, what is our code word?"
- If you are being pressured by anyone DISCONNECT!!!

STAY ALERT!! STAY CALM!!

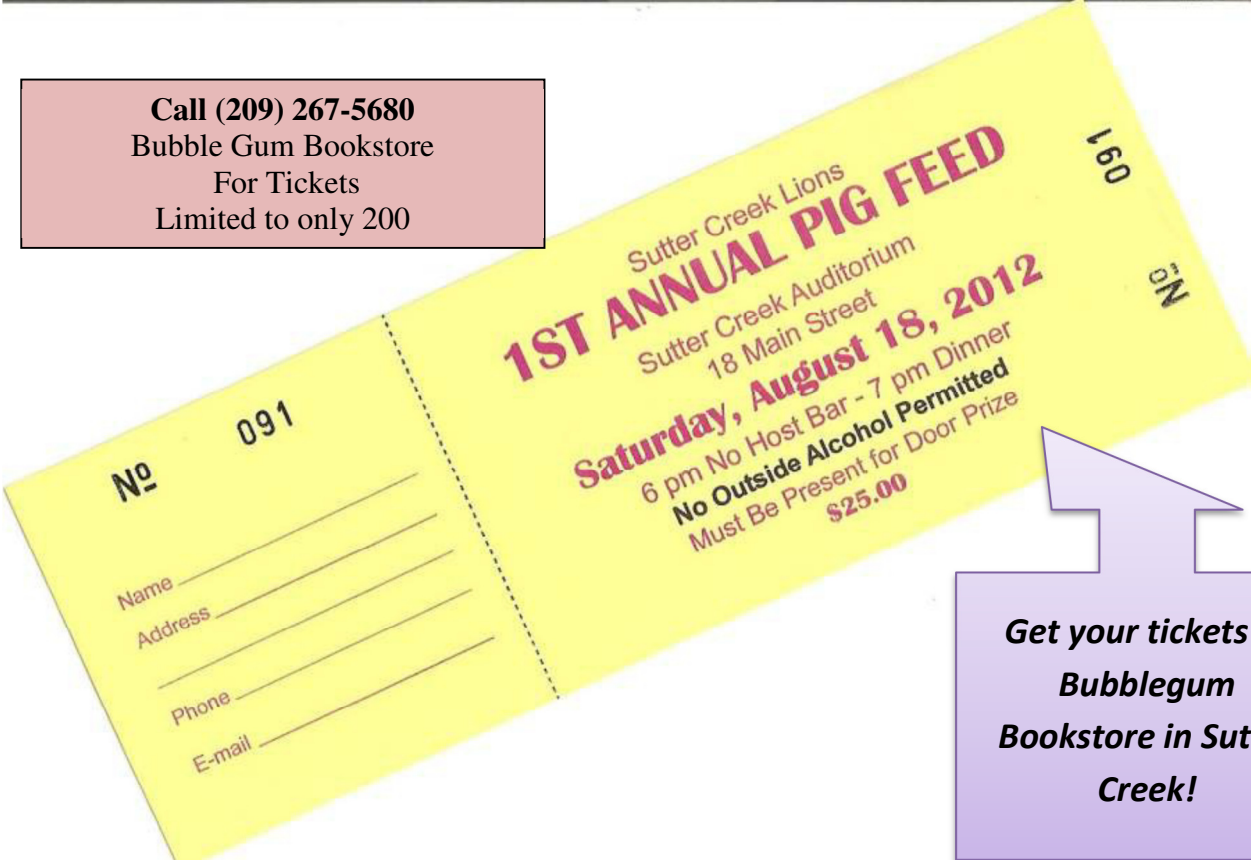
If you would like to have Gloria give a presentation to your club, you can contact her at Gloria@volcano.net. **Scam Busters Unite!**

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now!



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Calendar

August

- 14 Lions Membership Meeting
- 18 Pig Feed Dinner
- 18 Sutter Creek Ragtime Festival
- 28 Lions Zone Meeting

September

- 3 Labor Day
- 7-9 Camp out for Cancer
- 9 Chili Cook-off
- 11 Lions Membership Meeting
- 22 Blues and Brews
- 25 Lions Charter Dinner
- 29 Library Book Drive

Eyeglass Recycling – 75 Pair and Counting!

Locations

Amador Ledger Print – 11020 Hwy 49, Martell – Lion Debbie Collins

Amador-Tuolumne Community Action Agency, 935 S. Highway 49, Jackson

Coldwell Banker – 54 ½ Main Street – Lion Rose-Marie Zwieg

Immaculate Conception Church – Lion Francine Pogue

Sutter Creek Auditorium, 18 Main Street

Sutter Creek Church of the Nazarene – Lion June Green

Sutter Creek Post Office – Lion Debbie Baker

Village Real Estate, 52 Main Street, Lion Bob Greene

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