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[This week](#)

It's an open meeting. Hopefully, no one will come into our meeting expecting to speak.

[Last week](#)

Linda Braunschweiger, Executive Director of the newly formed Rebuilding Together Ventura County, decided to brave the Lion's Den and tell us how her organization refurbishes homes in the community.

It's an interesting program. They select homes, get donations of materials, gather hundreds of volunteers and spend a couple of days completely fixing up substantially degraded properties. The homeowner pays nothing and doesn't have to agree to stay in the house.

[Next week](#)

Stan Hakes, Management Consultant and Trainer will be here to speak on "Power and Influence." Hmm. When a trainer speaks on "power" one usually thinks of muscles. Maybe this is Schwartzner politics.

[Amickable comments](#)

How many Oxnard Noontimers would be prepared for a natural disaster in Oxnard?

Excerpts of a letter from Lions Charities International Fund Chairperson:

I recently toured tsunami-ravaged areas in Indonesia. The level of destruction, especially in the capital city of Banda Aceh, was astounding. Yet the people remain full of hope that their lives will soon be better.

I will tell you about one scene I witnessed that will help convey the devastating force of the tsunami. Outside the city, a massive barge loaded with coal lay aground far from the ocean shore. Next to it, also strangely ashore, was a battered tugboat. The tsunami had been so powerful that everything in its

path, no matter how large or previously immovable, was violently displaced. It made me shudder to think how that same wave bore down on seaside villages and its unsuspecting inhabitants.

We cannot turn back the clock and reverse the damage caused by the tsunami, of course. But we Lions can help people rebuild, as LCIF and Lions in



South Asia are doing. Here are some recent rebuilding initiatives:

- In the North Aceh province of Indonesia, local Lions have built 205 homes for tsunami victims. The wooden homes contain two bedrooms and electricity. The homes were paid for by LCIF and by funds mobilized by local Lions. LCIF is believed to be the first non-governmental organization to follow through with its commitment to rebuild in this region. LCIF also is planning to build a school in this area and is considering a plan to fund "economic revival" projects such as fishing boats.

- A Lions village with 150 homes will be constructed in Tanah Pasir, Indonesia.

- Lions in Sri Lanka plan to build 3,000 homes. More than 500 are currently under construction. Most of the 550-square-foot homes will be for fishermen and their families.

LCIF and Lions will persevere. Lions are leaders in their communities, and we will deal with these difficulties as we build homes, schools and orphanages in the affected areas that often are being overlooked by other charities. People who lost so much so quickly will find some measure of solace thanks to the extraordinary generosity and service of Lions.

Yours in Service,
Clement F. Kusiak

The total contribution by LCIF is \$15 Million, which if compared to donations by countries, would rank 4th among all countries.



Winners

Lion D Chuck CONWAY has Free Fines today, which is no big deal since he is pretty quiet, doesn't get fined often and lost his chance at \$321 in the Mad Marble Malarkey. Had he won, he'd have had a pretty decent fine-free hit.

Our Greeter is Lion Chris PACHANA. Lion John FARRAR wasn't here to qualify for the \$10 Attendance Prize, so today we draw for \$15.

Golf tournament

Invite your friends. Heck, invite your enemies. Show up for our tournament on September 9. We'll tee off immediately after our meeting, play all afternoon and have libations, food, silly awards and fun in the evening. What could be better?

Lion Carlos report

Lion Carlos MARTINEZ finished his first round of chemotherapy for bladder cancer and it wasn't too successful. He's starting on his second round.

Please everyone, pray for him. He needs it.



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CALENDAR

August 1 _____ Lion Roland STEELE's birthday
 August 11 _____ Lion MC Mike PLISKY's birthday
 August 19 _____ Lion Karl DAME's birthday
 August 19-20 ___ Cabinet Meeting, Ventura
 September 9 ___ Noontimer Golf (if you can call it that), River Ridge, 2 PM — refreshments later in club house
 September 16 ___ Lion DG Chuck Cassy visits the Noontimers Meeting, Noon