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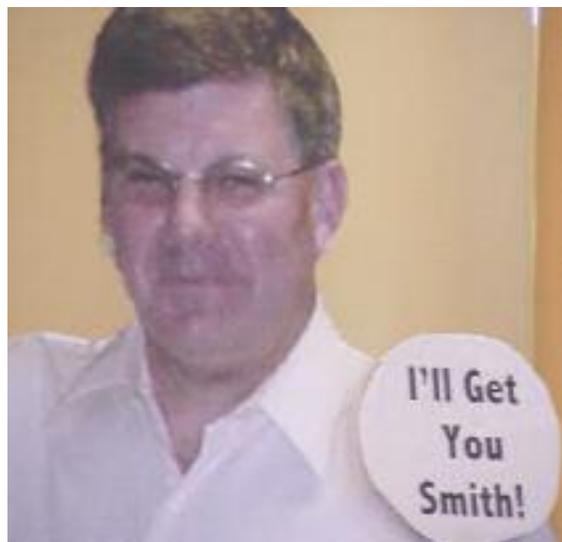
### [This week](#)

Our Special Guest today isn't any too special, nor is he really a guest. He is Lion District Governor Chuck Cassy who has been a frequent guest and is a friend of Lion S Rick SMITH. Naturally, any friend of Lion Rick can't be all good, so we'll treat him accordingly.

One of the things he will do is honor (is that a word we can use in association with a Noon-timer?) one of our own, who has not received his just due.

### [Last week](#)

Greg Dean decided to visit us and talk about beating up people. As he is a stunt man and full-contact karate expert, he has had considerable experience in this activity. It was a most entertaining visit, marred only by the failure of our own 2nd degree black belt, Lion S Rick SMITH, to attend and fight.



### [Next week](#)

Lion 1VP Otto SCHIMMEL seems to be getting speakers, but only at the last minute. Who knows what's up next? Certainly not your BE.

### [Amickable comments](#)

[Excerpts of a letter from Clement Kusiak, LCIF Chairperson, to an unknown Lion.]  
Despite suffering damage to their own homes and communities, Lions in the states devastated by Hurricane Katrina are reaching out to those most in need. Lions are responding to the tragedy with an untold number of service hours and with great concern and compassion. Reports are coming in almost hourly to LCIF on the relief efforts of Lions. Following is the latest summary of how Lions and LCIF are helping hurricane

victims:

\*LCIF will soon set up a special Web site (www.lions-katrina.org) on Lions' hurricane relief effort. The site will include a Web-based Help Link to

connect Lions who want to volunteer time or donate goods with Lions in the affected areas who are staffing shelters or otherwise helping victims.

\*Lions from Connecticut, Massachusetts and Maine have called her to offer help. The Lion from Maine who called is coordinating a shipment of two 18-wheelers of supplies. A Lion from Lafayette, La., is driving over with a car full of meat.

\*Lions are assisting at improvised non-Red Cross shelters that have sprung up. Lions also are helping out at larger venues such as the gym at Louisiana State University in Shreveport, which is holding some 2,000 displaced people.

\*The Louisiana Lions Children's Camp in Leesville is housing and feeding 114 people who fled north from New Orleans before Katrina hit. Half of them are Lions themselves. Just because they are displaced does not mean they are forgetting about their identity as Lions "They've kept busy. They've cleaned the campgrounds," said Ray Cecil, camp director. "They're refugees who've lost their homes and livelihood but they've been busy the whole time they've been here."

\*Lions are filling the unmet needs they come across. The Opelousas Club and Carencro Club in Louisiana are helping people get drug prescriptions filled. The Grandlake-Sweetlake Club has helped churches put together packages of necessities for people at shelters.

\*The Mississippi Lions state office asked clubs to purchase chain saws. "We figure one person can clear his home and then pass the chain saw on to the next person," David Barham, council secretary, wrote in an e-mail to LCIF.

\*The Dothan, Ala., area has 4,000 refugees, most of them from Mississippi, said Berry. At one shelter, Lions are helping to feed 80 to 100 people each night. Lions in 34-I sent a truckload of water and supplies to Mississippi. Anticipating the donation of goods, Lions in Alabama have secured in advance a large storage space at a Wal-Mart building in Mobile. "Lions here are at work. We're doing everything we can," said Berry.



"I cannot express my appreciation enough to the Lions who are supporting us in recovering from this disaster," District Governor Robert Andrepont of 8-O wrote in an e-mail to LCIF. "LCIF was very help-

ful and timely with processing my grant application. I have received e-mails with promises of support and prayer from around the world. I cannot tell you how much we treasure our fellow Lions' thoughts and prayers"

### Winners

Lion D Todd REHANEK has Free Fines, while Lion T/BE Toby SCOTT is our Greeter. Lion Ross OLNEY was here to claim his \$25 Attendance Prize, so Lion Bedford PINKARD will only pocket \$5 if he makes it today. In the Mad Marble Malarkey, Lion Byron WEDEMEYER thought he was going to be \$445 richer, but alas, he blue it.

### Free beer

The last time we invited Noontimers to a Zone meeting, hardly anyone showed up. Let's see how many show up for the free beer at tonight's Zone meeting at the El Rio Lions home at the Roger Jones Center. Meeting starts at 7. Beer starts earlier.

## CALENDAR

September 16 \_\_\_ Lion DG Chuck Cassy visits the Noontimers Meeting, Noon  
Zone 7 meeting: Roger Jones Center, 7 PM

September 26 \_\_\_ Lion Ed STILE's birthday

October 1-2 \_\_\_ White Cane Daze

October 8 \_\_\_ Cancer Walk at Oxnard High School: We serve hot dogs from 11 AM—2 PM