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Last week

Whomever our speaker was, he didn't show up. Lion TT Steve SABEDRA attempted to fine Lion 1VP Otto SCHIMMEL for talking on the cell phone while the meeting was in progress, but Lion Otto exclaimed that he was talking to the program. Either the program stiffed him or Lion Otto is awfully devious in how he avoids fines.

This week

Today is Noontimers meet Valentines Day. Poets won't write sonnets, balladeers won't sing our praises, The Red Star won't even write something nice about us — but it should be a pleasant afternoon, nonetheless.

With any luck someone somewhere will pull flowers out of his back pocket to give to all the women and we might even have something else besides insults for our ladies. Stranger things have happened.

Amickable comments

We all offer a sincere heartfelt welcome to our better halves today. Please enjoy yourselves. The Noontimers will. They always have fun, generally at the expense of some else, but always in a good natured way.

We also thank Lion Mike Plisky (Past President) for providing the roses and the idea to celebrate Valentines Day special meeting. I should also add that our meals were also planned special. For that we thank Marguerite and Patrick Partida.

Below is a little trivia.

There are varying opinions as to the origin of Valentine's Day. Some experts state that it originated from St. Valentine, a Roman who was martyred for refusing to give up Christianity. He died on February 14, 269 A.D., the same day that had been devoted to love lotteries. Legend also says that St. Valentine left a farewell note for the jailer's daughter, who had become his friend, and signed it "From Your Valentine". Other aspects of the story say that Saint Valentine served as a priest at the temple during the reign of Emperor Claudius. Claudius then had Valentine jailed for defying him. In 496 A.D. Pope Gelasius set aside February 14 to honor St. Valentine.

Gradually, February 14 became the date for exchanging love messages and St. Valentine became the patron saint of lovers. The date was marked by sending poems and simple gifts such as flowers. There was often a social gathering or a ball.

In the United States, Miss Esther Howland is given credit for sending the first valentine cards. Commercial valentines were introduced in the 1800's and now the date is very commercialized. The town of Love-

land, Colorado, does a large post office business around February 14. The spirit of good continues as valentines are sent out with sentimental verses and children exchange valentine cards at school.

Thanks for coming.
Lion Dennis

Winners

Lion Everett BATEY has Free Fines today, while Lion Loyal FRAZIER is our Greeter. Lion IVP Otto SCHIMMEL was here when his name was called, so if he makes it today he'll collect \$10. But the big collector is Lion Pat RIGGS who grabbed the white orb and is due to collect \$343. Wonder if he invited his wife, Kathy, to attend?

Congratulations

Lion Kirby KANESHIRO snuck out last week and got married to his long-time soul mate, Victoria Shamp. No Noontimers were invited as the couple wanted to have a pleasant wedding. Despite the snub, Noontimers everywhere wish the couple well, although it is hard to understand what a beautiful, otherwise intelligent and successful woman like Victoria would see in a Noontimer reprobate.



Lion Carlos update

Our waiter, Carlos Martinez, is having his bladder removed next week. Naturally, he's more than a bit scared. He could use some well-wishes from some of us. Call him at (805) 981-9842. If you don't call, please at least say a prayer. He has been our waiter for longer than nearly anyone else has been a mem-



ber — about 30 years. That's through 5 changes in meeting places. Wherever we go, he gets a job. Even though he's scared, he's still his usual cheerful self. He's served us well. Time to repay the favor.

CALENDAR

- February 17 ___ Noontimer Valentine's Day: Bring your wife, girlfriend (preferably not both) to lunch
- February 19 ___ Lion Everett BATEY's birthday
- February 22 ___ Bored meeting, 6 PM. Do we have a location? Lion D Todd REHANEK doesn't have chairs
- March 26 ___ City of Hope Day: City of Hope
- March 28 ___ Strawberry Festival Drawing: Oxnard Performing Arts Center, 4:00 PM
- April 28-30 ___ District 4-A3 Convention, Ventura
- May 20-21 ___ Strawberry Festival: Hopefully we pour beer