



# The Lion's Din

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## This Week's Event/Speaker

Dr. Tom Holden (coincidentally also Mayor Tom Holden) will speak to us about his occupation, not politics. Dr. Holden has a private optometric practice in Oxnard. Perhaps he can give us an "insight" into the needs of this community for the visually impaired.

## Last Week's Event/Speaker

Cherie Phoenix, Executive Director of the Brain Injury Support Group of Ventura County, talked about the "Hidden Disability", brain injury survivors (BIS). She reported there were an estimated 16,000 people in Ventura County that suffer from brain injuries. She reminded all of us that "brain injury is what you have, not who you are". Two survivors accompanied Ms. Phoenix, Linda Wells and Lee Staniland. They described their daily lives and how they are perceived in public. Both agreed that Brain Injury Support Group allows them to just be themselves.

## Next Week's Event/Speaker

No speaker so far.

## Cartoon Corner

We may not always agree but we can do this.

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## Otto's Epitaphs

UPDATE ON LIONS EFFORTS IN  
WAKE OF HURRICANE KATRINA



President Otto Schimmel

### Lions Clubs International Foundation

(LCIF) mobilized \$5.1 million for Hurricane Katrina Relief. That includes more than \$4.5 million donated to LCIF by Lions and \$340,000 from LCIF. Working together, Lions and LCIF are continuing social services and providing long-term assistance.

LCIF is providing \$350,000 to Lions Clubs of Mississippi and Louisiana to continue important service projects. Due to the hurricane, Lions in these states otherwise would not have been able to continue such projects as sight screenings, an eye bank and eye care services for the poor.

After the hurricane hit, LCIF and Lions sprang into action. LCIF approved 15 Emergency Grants for \$150,000 for Lions in the affected states to provide victims with vouchers to receive food, water and medicine. LCIF Chairperson Clement Kusiak appointed a steering committee of four leading Lions from the four states most affected by the tragedy to serve as liaisons between LCIF, Lions in the disaster areas and Lions who want to help.

Shortly after the hurricane, within two days of the posting of Gulf Coast clubs on the Lions International Website, 21 clubs made arrangements to help. They agreed to send money, supplies, replace club paraphernalia and travel to the Gulf Coast to fix the club houses and do other relief work.

Lions in the Gulf Coast staffed shelters, coordinated eye screenings, distributed glasses and collected funds, food and supplies. Hundreds, if not thousands, of clubs outside the Gulf Coast collected and transported goods, provided services for evacuees, raised funds or even traveled to the Gulf Coast to lend a hand.

See Noontimers, it's about serving.

## Winners

**Lion Carlos Martinez** has free fines today. **Lion Andy Stay** is today's Greeter. **Lion #2's** (don't know who that was) number was drawn so we'll find out this week who won the attendance prize. **Lions Mike Plisky** and **Ross Olney** were the big Lotto winners.

## Marble Malarkey

**Lion Bedford Pinkard's** number was drawn but since the marble bag was missing he could not draw so he'll be first to draw this week. Talk about losing your marbles!

## White Cane Day Postponed

Due to a lack of communication and people being sick, White Cane Days activities were postponed until November 3rd and 4th. This is a mandatory project from Lions Club International. **Lion Ev** prepared and presented the following schedule for the Noontimers at the Board meeting on Wednesday, 10/25/06:

**FRIDAY 11/3/06** : 2-6 pm at McDonald's at Oxnard Boulevard & Gonzales Road AND Fifth Street and Ventura Road. **Lions Ev, Bobby, Jeff, Mike, Pat, Andy** and **Steve** will man the "tables". I don't know who's going where but I'm sure it will be figured out at today's meeting.

**SATURDAY 11/4/06**: 10 am-4 pm at Vons at Shopping at the Rose, Rose Avenue and Gonzales Road. **Lions Will** and **Todd** are signed up to work the "tables".

The following are undecided and need to make a decision: **Lions Dick, Ross, Bedford, Otto, Rick** and **Byron**. Its pretty obvious that Saturday needs some help.

The following are Lions that have chosen not to participate in either day: **Lions Chuck, John, Toby, Chris** and **George**. That will put at least \$325 into the pot for White Cane Days.

The following have sent out letters soliciting money for this worthwhile cause: **Lions Ev, Bobby, Dick, Steve, Chris, Bedford,** and **Byron**.

If you need to change or cancel, as a courtesy call **Lion Ev** at 340-6471 and let him know.

## PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDARS

Answer to Puzzle Word on Page 1: I understand

## Christmas Party

Casual Country Christmas - That's the theme this year for the annual Christmas Party. The party this year will be held at the American Legion Post, 2639 Wagon Wheel Road (across from Home Depot) in Oxnard. **Lions Otto** and **Todd** are chairing this event. Mark Friday, December 15, 2006 for the party. As the theme indicates, dress will be country casual so get out your best cowboy hat and be ready to dance to a great band. **Lion Otto** indicated this would be a party where the members don't have to work but can just sit back and enjoy themselves. We want to mail invitations to each member's home address (because we all know the wives make the decision on whether y'all are going or not) and many of you don't take home the invitations that come to your office! Make sure you complete the form being passed around today. (We won't give out your home address for mass mailings, just invitations.)

## Board Meeting

Wednesday's Board meeting was held at **Lion Todd's** home. Unfortunately he misses some of the excitement of the Board meetings since he's cooking or cleaning. Some good business was conducted in between the eats.

**Lion Steve** brought up the idea of having speakers at only two meetings a month and holding working/planning/preparing meetings the other two meetings per month but that idea was met with immediate "absolutely not" from the Board members. He never even got to the part about going dark on the fifth Friday of the month.

**Lion Otto** requested his signature be on all checks that are sent out. Now just trying to find **Lion Otto** on a regular basis will be the test! He might be out getting rolled on by a horse or at the orthodontist.

**Lion Rick** presented the Income & Expense Sheet. We were in the black \$889.09. Last month the Board approved up to \$600 for the Sight Mobile Eye Screening Project.

## Newsletter Input

Remember: If you have an idea or article for the newsletter, email it to [scsabedra@aol.com](mailto:scsabedra@aol.com) or call Steve at 487-1728 before 5 pm the Thursday before the meeting and it will be broadcast far and wide (well at least to the members of the Noontimers).



November 3 & 4, 2006  
November 12, 2006  
November 18, 2006  
November 24, 2006  
November 30, 2006  
November 29, 2006

White Cane Days Event at McDonalds (2) and Vons Shopping at the Rose  
Lion Richard Figueroa's birthday but who's seen him  
Lion Toby Scott's birthday  
Lion Chris Pachana's birthday  
Lion Andy Stay's birthday  
Board meeting at Lion Todd's House