



# The Lion Din

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## This Week's Event/Speaker

Lyn Krieger, Director of the Channel Islands Harbor District, will fill us in on the recent events at the harbor. We'll find out what really has been going on and what the plans for the future of the harbor entail. Do you think **Lion Will Berg** or **Lion Mike Plisky** will be able to keep quiet during this presentation?

## Last Week's Event/Speaker

The Bulletin Editor was in Kauai last week and did not find out who spoke during the meeting. Apologies but the surf and sand of Kauai beat out a meeting in freezing Oxnard.

## Next Week's Event/Speaker

The First Vice President is still firming up details for next week's speaker.

## Cartoon Corner



## Otto's Epitaphs

### LIONS LENDING A HELPING HAND ACROSS THE OCEANS



President Otto Schimmel

LCIF Allocates Final \$2 Million, All \$15 Million Now Allocated for Tsunami Relief

It's been two years since coastal communities across South Asia were torn to pieces by the tsunami on December 26, 2004, and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has continued their successful rebuilding and relief work despite numerous obstacles. Immediately following the disaster, LCIF mobilized nearly \$15 million for tsunami victims in South Asia. The funds enable Lions to build homes, schools, hospitals, and orphanages in Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Thailand and India despite political unrest, civil war, and government red tape across these countries. In just two years, LCIF has allocated all \$15 million of the funds designated for tsunami relief. Every penny of every dollar donated went directly to grants to Lions in South Asia who oversaw every step of the relief efforts and advised LCIF on the needs in the affected areas. There are 160,000 Lions members in the region. Lions and LCIF are committed to long-term relief, proven by the fact that projects are still ongoing, long after other organizations have left the region. Lions and LCIF have been the first in many areas to complete reconstruction projects because Lions are leaders in many of the communities and have been integral in working with the government. A total of 3,319 homes are under construction or have been completed in Sri Lanka, Thailand, Indonesia and India.

"I saw first hand the tsunami destruction in Sri Lanka, India, Thailand and Indonesia, and now I've seen the reconstruction first hand," said Lions Clubs International President Jimmy Ross. "The Lions of South Asia have helped put lives back together and have given hope to thousands of people."

See Page Two for a more detailed listing of what's being done in individual countries.

## Winners

**Lion Todd Rehanek** has free fines today. **Lion Carlos Martinez** is today's Greeter. **Lion Roland Steele's** number was drawn. If he is present and arrives on time, he will walk away with the \$10 Attendance Prize.

## Marble Malarkey

The Marble Malarkey pot continues to grow since **Lion Toby Scott** was not successful in picking the "lucky" marble.

## Zone 7 Student Speaker Contest

The Zone 7 Student Speaker Contest will be held at our Club meeting on March 2, 2007. It looks like there will be three speakers this year. This is a good time to invite a prospective member to visit or also to be a judge. The Student Speaker Contest is interesting to watch. It is amazing how composed and calm the young speakers can be. It renews your faith in young kids.

## 50th Anniversary Party

Don't forget the El Rio Lions Club 50th Anniversary Party on Saturday, January 27, 2007 at the American Legion Post 48 (same place as the Christmas Party). The event will be from 6-11 pm with a DJ providing entertainment. The cost is a mere \$15 per person which includes food, music and a no host bar. Let **Lion Rick Smith** know if you can attend.

## Thank You

The Bulletin Editor would like to thank **Lions Toby Scott** and **Otto Schimmel** for getting their information in on time. It is really appreciated. (Sara thanks you too!) Thanks **Lion Rick** for supplying the information from last week's meeting. Did I mention I had to be in Kauai to soak up some sun and that's why there was no newsletter?!?

## Post-Tsunami Build Up

The following are some of the plans underway to rebuild the tsunami disaster area:

**Sri Lanka** - Plans to build 1,432 homes are underway and 400 homes have been completed. Next steps are to create professional development programs to help those displaced by the tsunami become more financially independent and self-sufficient.

**Indonesia** - LCIF and local Lions have successfully established two Lions Villages in Aceh Province. The villages consist of 545 homes with electricity, village restrooms and six deep-water wells. Upcoming projects in Indonesia include economic revival activities in the Lions villages and additional housing for tsunami victims.

**Thailand** - 195 homes at two Lions villages are complete on two separate islands and construction of clinics, orphanages and water towers have begun. A new economic revival program is underway for the hundreds of people who are dependent on marine life. A new vocation center to re-establish fishing in the area will be completed in 2007.

**India** - Lions will build homes, community rehabilitation centers, potable water facilities, primary health centers, schools and an orphanage.

## Who's 40 and 50 This Month?

**Lion Rick** presented **Lion Irv Tucker** with his 50 year pin at last week's meeting. Fifty years committed to anything is quite an accomplishment but to give fifty years to serving others is commendable. Congratulations **Lion Irv**.

**Lion Bedford Pinkard** was presented with two pins, one for 10 years and one for 30 years. **Lion Rick** explained, "Lion Bedford has served with Lions Club for 40 years but somehow his 40 year pin has disappeared." Forty years with Lions Club is an applaudable occasion. Kudos to **Lion Bedford**.

January 26, 2007  
January 31, 2007  
February 2, 2007  
February 9, 2007  
February 16, 2007  
February 16, 2007  
February 19, 2007

Regular Meeting  
Board Meeting at Lion Todd Rehanek's Home, 6:00 pm  
Regular Meeting  
Regular Meeting  
Regular Meeting  
Lion Bobby Mullins' Birthday  
Lion Everett Batey's Birthday

