



# The Lion's Din

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## This Week's Event/Speaker

No notice as of print time. Just a reminder to anyone who would like to submit ideas, items, articles, etc. to the newsletter, the deadline for information is Thursday, 5 pm. The newsletter is completed by 10 pm on Thursday night as the Bulletin Editor's assistant has to be at work EARLY on Fridays.

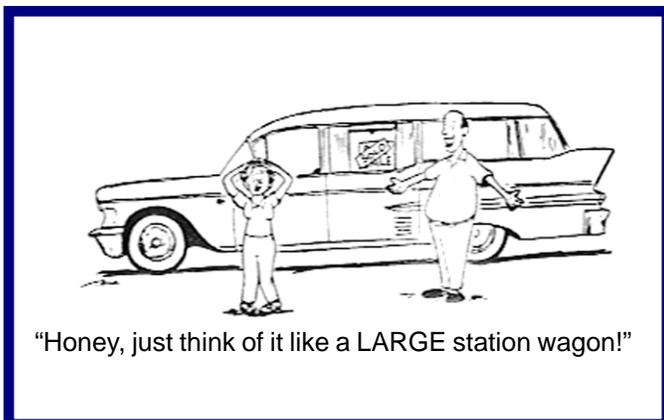
## Last Week's Event/Speaker

We were pleasantly surprised by the speaker. Lion Ilona Scott from the Ventura Downtowners Lions Club, spoke to us about her life. Her accent is Romanian but she is actually Austrian but was born in Katzitstan (?). She arrived in the United States, not speaking any English. She finished her education but had not really held a job but she now owns her own architect firm. Way to go Lion Ilona! Thanks for the interesting facts about your life.

## Next Week's Event/Speaker

As of print time, no news as to who the speaker will be.

## Cartoon Corner



## Otto's Epitaphs

### OUR FUTURE

Lions clubs must continually grow, to never cease reassessing the manner in which they relate to their communities. Consequently, it is vital that every club engage in a periodic renewal. In doing so, the club will be energized to both provide services that are relevant to the community and meet the personal needs of not only the current membership, but men and women who are considering an opportunity to give of their time and talents in voluntary service. Let us make 2006-2007 the Year of Club Renewal and, in a word, "reinvent" ourselves through new ways of thinking and conducting business. We must, when necessary, replace old assumptions and attitudes that have outlived their usefulness and develop new ideas and approaches to community service that promise success. I encourage every Lions club at its very first meeting to closely examine everything that it does...service projects, membership growth, relationships with other community leaders and organizations, the way meetings are conducted...anything that relates to the strength and future of the club. There are, in fact, three precise steps to identify how to most effectively meet the needs of both current and prospective members.



President Otto Schimmel

First, determine which of your activities are successful and create enthusiasm within the club. These should be continued and expanded. Abandon a project, even if it has been a part of the club's calendar for many years if, on serious examination, it no longer answers community needs and is unsuccessful. It must be dropped and replaced with a new program.

Second, develop and implement innovative service projects and workable strategies to bring in new members. The best strategy for growth is to implement activities that members, and potential members, consider serious and important. In this way, and only this way, will we strengthen our clubs through membership growth. However, it demands a rigorous self-evaluation of where our clubs are and where we want to go.

## Winners

FREE FINES: Lion Steve Sabedra  
GREETER: Lion Sig Askvik  
ATTENDANCE: Lion Rick Smith  
LOTTO: Lions Carlos Martinez & Ilona Scott

## Marble Malarkey

Lion Carlos drew for the Marble Malarkey pot but was unlucky. The pot continues to grow since last week's prize totaled \$307. Let's see how much we can bolster this week's pot.

## Speaker Photos



Lion Toby and Lion Ilona warming up for Valentine's Day

## District 4A3 Meeting

Reminder: Try to attend the District meeting which will be held on Friday February 16 through Saturday, February 17, 2007 in Carpinteria. It would be a great help to the club if some of the board members and officers attended and represented our club. This is also a good training session as well. There are some great tours scheduled for spouses at local nurseries and antique stores.

## New Member Rick Gill

A hearty Noontimers Lions Club welcome to the newest member, Rick Gill. Rick has recently joined the staff of Keller Williams Real Estate. Lion Rick is married to Lion Mike Plisky's sister-in-law. He enjoys golfing, football, baseball and most other sports. He has a son who is also active in baseball. Lion Rick's wife works at California State University Channel Islands and is very involved in the local community. District Governor Lion Jeff Roundy will swear Lion Rick in in the near future. WELCOME TO OUR CLUB LION RICK!



Lion Rick Gill and his sponsor, Lion Mike Plisky

## Valentine's Day Meeting

Next week is the special Valentine's Day Meeting. Bring your spouse or girlfriend and enjoy lunch with a group of loving, caring, soft spoken gentlemen. LOL. Really, guys, let's have a good turnout. Besides the meal, there will be special drawings since we will have special guests. CODE 3 CONDUCT.

## Otto's Epitaphs Continued

Third, permanently leave behind the concept of "but that's the way we've always done it!" This absolutely has to be stricken from a Club's method of operation. New ideas must replace those that no longer work, and this can only occur when club members participate in open and **constructive** discussion. This can only be achieved at the club level; it cannot be established from above. Each club must set its own targets for success, in both activities and membership growth. Analyze what is best for your community and for your fellow Lions, and then judge how you can go about reaching these objectives.

A serious evaluation of your club is the key. Employ the three-step approach for club renewal and there is no question that you will be able to look forward to a bright and positive future. Jimmy M. Ross, President, The International Association of Lions Clubs

# calendar

February 16, 2007	Valetines Day Luncheon.
February 16, 2007	Lion Bobby Mullins' Birthday
February 16 & 17, 2007	District Meeting in Carpinteria
February 19, 2007	Lion Everett Batey's Birthday
February 28, 2007	Board Meeting at Lion Todd Rehanek's home