



The Lions Pin

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Election Meeting

The 2007/2008 Board of Directors and Officers Election Meeting will be held next Friday, April 13, 2007. The final slate of Officers and Board of Directors for the Noontimers Lions Club will be presented at that time for a vote. No more nominations can be made.

Mark your calendar. Be sure to attend, Be sure to vote.

Remember: If you don't vote, don't complain.

ELECTION MEETING TO BE HELD APRIL 13, 2007

Otto's Epitaphs

(Due to the length of today's article, I had to move it over a bit.)



President Otto Schimmel

Well, I hope all you Lions have been good this year so the Easter Bunny will leave you lots of goodies! That's the line I use on my kids, but I don't know how much longer it's going to work. I was looking around for some interesting stuff for today's newsletter, but I didn't find much on Easter that you already didn't know. Here's some interesting facts on Victorian customs. ENJOY! England's Queen Victoria ascended to the throne in 1837 at the age of 18. The Victorian Era, named for this beloved monarch, was a reflection of the Queen's ethics and personal taste. Today, we are still surrounded by her influence in styles of architecture, home furnishings, fashion and even social mores. We think of Victoriana as ornately decorative objects, ice cream-colored houses edged with gingerbread and all manner of lace

and flowers. Few of us, however, realize the astounding influence Victoria had on our cemeteries or on the manner in which our ancestors mourned their dead. Victoria married Prince Albert in 1840 and his death in 1861 began a period of mourning for her that lasted until her death in 1901. During this time, Victoria continually wore black dresses and even her petticoats and handkerchiefs were edged with black. Thus began the tradition of wearing black to funerals. In America, nearly every home knew the loss of a loved one as the Civil War raged across the nation. In their preoccupation with death, Victorian mourners at home and abroad gave visual expression of grief both publicly and privately. Framed memorials, hair wreaths in shadowboxes, post-mortem photographic images and even mourning jewelry were common. In larger cities ladies could easily find milliners and dress-makers whose shops specialized in black crape mourning attire. The Victorian Era extended from 1870 to 1915 and during this time people held funerals in their homes, particularly in the part of the home known as the parlor, which gave rise to the expression "funeral parlor." It was also from this era that the term "wake" was coined. During this time, in some cases, those who were pronounced dead were not actually dead. The body was placed in a wicker casket in the home and a wake was held, which gave a few days' time to make sure the person was actually dead. During the wake, furniture was draped in black cloth, the curtains were covered with black cloth and mourners would dress in black. The terms "saved by the bell" and "graveyard shifts" were also established during this era. When you were buried, a string was attached to your finger so you could ring a bell if you were to awake. Thus, you could be "saved by the bell." In case the buried one would awaken, people were hired to watch over the graveyards and monitor the bells, creating the term "graveyard shift." While the terminology has stayed with us, the Victorian Era's artes moriendi (death art) has not. With the sanitization of the dying process in the United States, the very concept of "memorial art" has almost become anathema. Some of our older citizens may remember aspects of Victorian mourning practices, but for most people living today, memorial art has been reduced to "limited edition" John F. Kennedy plates or Princess Diana dolls.

WORDS OF WISDOM

Unless you change who you are, you will always have what you've got.

Excerpt from "The Treasury of Quotes" by Jim Rohn

Winners

FREE FINES: **Lion Chuck Conway**
GREETER: **Lion Rick Gill**
ATTENDANCE: **Lion Andy Stay's** name was drawn and if he is here on time, he will win the \$10 prize
LOTTO: **Lions John Ferrar and Toby Scott** won the Lotto.

Marble Malarkey

Lion Carlos Martinez's number was drawn. The pot continues to grow since **Lion Carlos** didn't pick the winning marble.

Shooter's Paradise and Lions

Sounds like a safari but it's not. The Noontimers Lions Club is holding the First Annual Shoot Out at Shooter's Paradise on Sunday, April 22, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. **Lion Chris**, who teaches gun safety and shooting skills at Shooter's Paradise, has set a time for the Noontimers to test their shooting skills. Sign up sheet will be passed around today so sign up and show up. **Lion Chris** will let us know how much it will cost. Maybe lunch afterwards to celebrate everyone surviving the shoot out!

Twilight Fishing and Lions

Lion Todd has agreed to set up a summer fishing trip. They call it a twilight fishing expedition since its from 5-10 pm. Plans are still in the works as to whether we leave from Ventura Harbor or Port Hueneme Harbor. Talk with **Lion Todd** if you are interested.

PV Lions Are Firing Up The BBQ

The Pleasant Valley Lions are holding the Richard G. Tanita 2007 Annual Golf Classic at River Ridge Golf Course on Friday, May 11, 2007 with a 1 pm Shot Gun start. Since we meet at River Ridge, wouldn't it be great if a Noontimers' team won the tournament. The PV Lions will fire up their Smokin' Cactus Barbeque and serve Tri Tip and Chicken dinners to everyone who survives. Raffles and awards will also be held. Go to www.lions4a3.org for information.

Blind Golf Tournament

The Santa Maria Lions Club is hosting the 8th Annual California Blind Golf Classic, 2007, on April 16, 17 and 18 at the Vandenberg Village Country Club. Lion Howard Shaw is the chairperson. This program is recognized by Lions International as well as the National Blind Golfers Association. Net proceeds will go to the Lions Sight Conservation Foundation of Santa Maria. Monday, April 16 is open to all golfers. Tuesday and Wednesday is open to al lblind and vision impaired golfers and their coaches. The Club also needs sponsors for the tournament. Come out and meet some of the best blind golfers in the United States and Canada.

District 4-A3 Convention in May

2007 District 4-A3 Convention Registration
Royal Scandinavian Inn, Solvang CA
May 18, 2007 thru May 20, 2007

The Convention is sure to be a hit since there are wineries to visit, shopping to do, restaurants to go to, and of course, convention meetings and forums throughout the day. Bring your spouse and enjoy the Solvang Experience! Go to the District 4-A3 website at www.lions4a3.org and scroll down to the Convention on the calendar of events. Print out the registration form and get it in early.

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For room reservations, call Royal Scandinavian Inn, 400 Alisal Road, Solvang at 800-624-5572 or 805-688-8000. Mention "Lions Convention" for special \$139 rates. Rooms are blocked for Lions Club Members until April 17, 2007. After April 17th rooms will be based on availability only. The rooms are being sold out quickly so go online, print the registration form, fill it out, and send it in!

Buddy List Hand Out

The Buddy List Hand Out should be kept where you can find it each week. An even better idea is to program your buddy's number in your phone and call them Thursday or Friday before the meeting. USE IT!

April 6, 2007	Regular meeting
April 9, 2007	Lion Ross Olney's birthday
April 13, 2007	Election Meeting
April 20, 2007	Regular meeting
April 22, 2007	Shoot Out at Shooter's Paradise
April 25, 2007	Board Meeting at Lion Todd's Home
April 27, 2007	Regular meeting - might be a training meeting for alcohol pouring!

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