



The Lions Pin

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Last Week's Meeting

Local dentist Dr. Zachary Potts talked about dental care, various types of dental issues, treatments, and costs. He informed us about the schooling requirements for dentists. He made a good point about how good dental hygiene and care can save money and pain. Everyone take the bad breath test...lick the inside of your wrist and then smell it quickly. If you can smell anything, you have bad breath. Thanks to Dr. Potts for his information. Come on dental chickens...go to your dentist!

Dr. Potts explaining the "whys" of good dental hygiene



Lion Bobby Mullins & Dr. Potts...with Lion Bobby's smile, you bet he goes to the dentist!!!

WORDS OF WISDOM

"When you're in a hole, stop digging."

Toby's Bits and Bytes



President Lion Toby Scott

It's been a busy couple of weeks in Noontimerland. We have secured 20 tickets to the Dodger game with San Diego on September 13. We also have twinned with the Padukka Lions Club of Sri Lanka and will begin funneling glasses to them through the Lions glasses recycling project at Avenal State Prison. We have ordered glasses collection boxes to set up in local businesses, so start thinking about places to put them. If you have friends who work or own high-traffic businesses, please ask. We will need lots of glasses. We are also discussing the possibility of doing a wheel chair collection for Sri Lankans.

Next weekend is the District Cabinet meeting in Ventura. The Installation of new Cabinet officers will be held on Friday evening at the Wedgewood Banquet Facility at the Buenaventura Golf Course, while the business meeting (including club officer training) will be Saturday at De Anza School. All members of our Board are encouraged to attend.

Lion Rick Gill has planned a stellar event for the end of the month, the Pro/Schmo Golf Tourney at River Ridge, so be sure to sign up to play if you have any golfing experience at all (take the Schmo quite literally). Afterwards we will meet for dinner upstairs at the clubhouse. Wives and non-participants are invited for dinner, so be sure to at least make that part of the event to hear all the explanations of why the darn little white ball wouldn't go in the damn hole. These excuses can be quite amusing. Don't miss it.

Lion Ev Batey has a Board of Directors website up and **Lion Toby** (that's me) has dressed up the main Noontimer website so you can go to www.noontimers.org to view the latest news and click on the Board item on the menu to go to **Lion Ev's** Board page. It is password protected, so ask for the password at the meeting. For security reasons, we don't publish it. You can put a blurb about yourself on the Noontimers.org page. Just let **Lion Toby** know.

Winners

FREE FINES: **Lion Toby**
GREETER: **Lion Todd Rehanek**
ATTENDANCE: **Lion Dick Figueroa** was not present so he lost out on the big pot. **Lion John Farrar's** name was drawn last week so if he's here today, he wins!
LOTTO: **Lions Dave Gosnell** and **Carlos Martinez** won the Lotto.

Marble Malarkey

Lion Irv Tucker tried his luck at the marble drawing but, alas, did not win. More for everyone this week.

Dodger Fans

As **Lion Toby** stated in his article this week, we have 20 tickets to the Dodgers/Padre game on Thursday, September 13, 2007. The tickets are on the first base line, field level. We have heard there are some Padre fans in this club. Hope they are brave enough to go with a bunch of Dodger fanatics and face defeat. The tickets will go to the first 20 people who sign up. Next week there will be a Dodger surprise at the meeting. Email **Lion Steve Sabedra** at scsabedra@aol.com if you want to reserve tickets.

Bulletin Contest

Congratulations to the Arroyo Grande Lions Club. They won the Bulletin Contest for 2006/2007 for District 4A3. The Bulletin Editor continues to follow up with the District as well as Lions Club International to find out the rules for this year's contest. Hope you all enjoy reading the bulletin and that it helps to keep you informed.

District Governor Dunley's Message

Your district cabinet completed eight governor's visitations in the month of July. Those visits convinced me that you are ready to move aggressively this year under the "No Limits" banner to reverse the downward trend in membership and number of clubs in order to save District 4-A3 from extinction. (CONTINUED IN NEXT COLUMN)

DG Message Continued

Did I really mean "save District 4-A3 from extinction?" Yes, I did, and that is the challenge we face. Lions Clubs International requires that valid districts must have a minimum of 35 clubs and 1,250 members. Unfortunately, we are down to 34 clubs and approximately 1,180 members. If we do not improve these numbers, Lions Clubs International will take steps to encourage us to dissolve District 4-A3 and divide it up among other districts. Those steps by Lions Clubs International have already begun. We now have the choice - we can either work together to save our district or we can sit back and wait until the pressure becomes overwhelming and District 4-A3 is dissolved.

I love District 4-A3 and I will fight to save it. I am convinced that you are ready to join me in this fight. For too long, we have been discouraged by our declining membership and club numbers. Let us, together, reject the negativity that comes with discouragement. Let us, instead, grab the challenge to restore our district to healthy numbers. I know that we can do this because I have faith in you, my fellow Lions in District 4-A3. I have so much faith in you that I have issued the following Governor's Challenge: I challenge District 4-A3 to bring in 200 new members and 5 new clubs by December 31, 2007. If the district reaches these goals, I promise to sit down at this year's district convention and have my head shaved (no big deal), including my beard (a very big deal).

We look forward to seeing our friends in District 4-A3 this year. We hope that you will join us and have a blast as we rocket through the vast expanse of space to boldly go where no Lion has gone before. We hope that you will start by joining us at the cabinet installation and district meeting to be held on August 17 - 18 in Ventura. The cabinet installation on Friday, August 17 will truly be "out of this world." The dress will be casual and those wishing to are encouraged to come dressed as their favorite outer space characters. You won't want to miss this for the world.

We will see you 'round the galaxy.

Bill Dunlevy

District Governor

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August 10	Regular meeting
August 11	Lion Mike Plisky's Birthday
August 17	Regular meeting
August 17	Cabinet Dinner, Wedgewood Inn
August 18	Cabinet Training Sessions, De Anza School
August 24	Regular meeting
August 29	Board Meeting at Lion Todd Rehanek's home
August 31	Regular meeting

The logo for the calendar, featuring the word "calendar" in a stylized, lowercase font. The letters are filled with horizontal lines, giving it a striped appearance. The 'c' and 'a' are particularly large and prominent.