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Last Week's Bits and Bytes

What the hell happened? There was a cabinet meeting last weekend and 6 Noontimers showed up: Lions Toby Scott, Ev Batey, Chris Pachana, Rick Smith, Robert Liyanage and Steve Sabedra all made it for a round of fun, frivolity and a bit of Lions information and training. We had the second largest contingent there. What a change from previous years.

Lion Robert is organizing another SightMobile screening at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Oxnard and will be asking the Board to make it a club project this year. Several other clubs are set to pitch in and help, so this should be an excellent opportunity for us to help our community in a big way. The date is set for Sunday, October 21. Save the date as we will need a maximum turnout.

The big discussion at the Cabinet Meeting was Campaign Sight First II. The average cost to prevent blindness or restore vision around the world is \$6 per person. That's it. Lions International estimates that there are 27 million people who have their sight because of the original Campaign Sight First. Now we are attempting to raise at least \$150 million for CSFII. The unofficial goal is now \$200 million as it appears likely we will surpass the original goal. CSFII is looking for 5 year pledges from clubs to insure a continuous flow of funds for vision projects. The bulk of the CSFII money will go to the US. Our district has applied for a matching grant from CSF for our project at Avenal Prison for the prisoners to process recycled eyeglasses. None of these glasses can go to US recipients, thanks to the lobby of the eyeglass manufacturers, but they sure can help millions around the world.

We have received a supply of collection boxes for eyeglasses. Please spend some time thinking about where we can put these. We need a large supply of glasses to send to Avenal for processing.

Be sure to sign up to play golf next weekend or at least attend dinner afterwards. Please let Lion Rick Gill know if you can attend.

Toby's Bits and Bytes

A ton of things happened at the Board meeting — see the report for details. After the Board meeting one member commented that we were spending more than we were earning. This is as it should be. First of all, we have taken a lot of money in the past few years we didn't spend, so the charity fund has been growing larger than it should be. The money in the charity fund is to fund charitable projects, not accrue interest. Secondly, years ago we were bequeathed money when the donor died. He died last year and we picked up about \$17,000 for us to spend on charitable causes.



President Lion
Toby Scott

Accordingly, we will be committing to spending more money over the next couple of years than we earn as we spend down the approximately \$30,000 in our charity fund. Certainly we will retain a decent amount of money for some kind of emergency need that might arise, just not nearly as much as we currently have.

One other Board item: Please, please, please block out all day (or as much as you can) for Sunday, October 21. We will be providing two SightMobiles for health screening at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and will need more manpower than our club can provide. We will supplement with volunteers from other clubs, but we will look pretty lame if we don't have a good turnout. Also, we will be soliciting new Noontimers as well as trying to get new members for a La Colonia club that is in formation. It's going to be a huge undertaking, so please help out.

WORDS OF WISDOM

Shortcuts usually produce short success.

Winners

Fill in the blanks since the Bulletin Editor was unable to attend the meeting

FREE FINES: **Lion** _____
GREETER: **Lion** _____
ATTENDANCE: **Lion** _____'s name
was drawn last week so if he's here today,
he wins the pot.
LOTTO: **Lions** _____ and
_____ won the Lotto.

Marble Malarkey

Lion _____ tried his luck at the marble drawing but, alas, did not win. The pot continues to grow.

Hot Dog Cart Needs A New Home

Lion Pat Riggs needs to find a new home for the Noontimers' hot dog cart. If anyone has space available or knows of someone who has a covered area where the cart can be parked, please call or tell Lion Pat. He's housed the cart for many years at his shop but alas, it is time to move it out.

No Relay For Life

Due to the County's Health Department intervention into all food vendors at the Relay For Life, it was decided the hot dog cart would probably not pass inspection, therefore, we are not participating in the Relay for Life on September 29. Actually, the Chairman, Lion George Thompson, is unable to handle this one due to a scheduling conflict. (The part about the hot dog cart is true too!)

Eyeglass Boxes Are Set

Ten Lions Club eyeglass collection boxes have been distributed to various members of the Club. We have ordered ten more so think of locations where they can be placed. We have a huge goal for the eyeglass recycle program. Remember we partnered with Sri Lanka and don't want to be shown up.

Put On Your Dancing Shoes

Dancing and good food are the orders of the evening at the Greek, not the The Greek Theater, the Greek at the Harbor Restaurant in Ventura. Lion Chris will provide information about the date (late September) and time (probably 7 pm) but here's a brief highlight of the event.

Arrive for dinner	7:00 pm
Belly Dancing	7:15 pm
Greek Dancing	8:00 pm
Belly Dancing	9:00 pm

Somewhere in there dinner will be served. The Greek is a fun place to just sit back and relax or get up and dance. Opa!

Board Notes and Information

MULTI-SERVICE CLUB PROJECT: Ventura County Probation Department is seeking mentors for youth that have lost their parent(s) to the judicial system or for youth that are just "floating out there." Various services clubs in the local area will be participating. Contact Lion Toby for further information. Maybe Lion Toby will do a write up about this one for an upcoming newsletter.

STUDENT SPEAKER CONTEST: Its that time again for a few good speakers to show their stuff and win some money in the process. Lion Bedford gladly accepted the position as Coordinator for this project. He will be contacting Oxnard and Pacifica High Schools regarding the contest. Since he did not attend the meeting, Lion Will Berg was volunteered as Lion Bedford's assistant. Lion Will will contact Santa Clara High School for any potential participants.

VISITATIONS: Lion Toby has decreed that this Club will start visitations immediately. Three clubs that are being considered are Carpinteria, Pleasant Valley, and El Rio. And guess what guys, they all serve great meals and are fun clubs to visit. The dates and times will be published in the newsletter so keep your eyes peeled. Let's go steal a gavel, bell and banner or whatever we can get our hands on!

August 31	Regular meeting
August 31	Pro/Schmo Golf Tourney, River Ridge Golf Course
Sept 7	Regular meeting
Sept 9	Lion Dick Maggio's Birthday
Sept 14	Regular meeting
Sept 21	Regular meeting
Sept 26	Board meeting at Lion Todd Rehanek's home
Sept 28	Regular meeting

