



The Lions Pin

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Mark Your Calendar Stuff

DINNER AT THE GREEK AT THE HARBOR RESTAURANT

SEPTEMBER 29. Lion Steve Sabedra will head this one up since Lion Chris is a little busy right now. Sign up sheet will go around today and he'll be calling everyone. OPA!

FAMILY BBQ AT LION GEORGE THOMPSON'S HOME

OCTOBER 7 (NOTE DATE CHANGE)

Contact Lion George and let him know what you are going to bring. Sodas, beer, salads, desserts, plates, napkins, cups, etc. are all items that are needed.

WHITE CANE DAYZ

OCTOBER 13. Let Lion Toby know when you can work.

SIGHTMOBILE AT OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

OCTOBER 20 AND 21. The Noontimers really need to step up to the plate on this one. The CI Lions are helping with this one as well.

Airport Director Shows the Future

Last week's guest speaker was Todd McNamee, Director of Airports, County of Ventura. Oxnard and Camarillo Airports are under his direction. He explained who is responsible for various aspects of making decisions at each airport. His main responsibility is to review Board of Supervisor policies that are used to maintain and operate both airports. He presented the history of the airport, discussed current operations, and answered several questions from the Noontimers. By the questions, Mr. McNamee knew several members reside within the flight path or next to the airport. All in all, a very informative talk with a lot of good information. Lion Rick G might start a petition to get a direct flight to Las Vegas started...any takers?

Toby's Bits and Bytes



President Lion
Toby Scott

Ye gads. We went on a visitation Tuesday and a board meeting broke out. Ten Noontimers joined 5 (yeah, not a misprint) Channel Islands Lions for an evening of mutual admiration at Carrows North Oxnard. The CI Lions spent some time talking about how they had taken on a project to build a ramp to the porch of the trailer of a woman who was recently wheel chair bound. When they got there and took off the porch so they could build the ramp, they determined that the whole support structure for the trailer was shot. Turns out the plumbing didn't work and the trailer sagged alarmingly in the middle. So, off they went and purchased a very nice 51' trailer. Oops. The slot was for a maximum of 40'. Off went the front bedroom and presto, they had a 40' trailer. They are getting ready to paint it and deliver it — and then add the ramp. Naturally, this project went somewhat over budget. Other Lions clubs had pitched in, but they hadn't asked the Noontimers for money. No need. A quick Noontimer board meeting (with 10 on the visitation a quorum was no problem) and we voted \$500 for the project. Noontimers are welcome to visit the trailer after our club meeting today. I'll have directions.

The CI club, when it was much larger, started a golf tournament that used to fill all the 144 slots and have a waiting list. It's currently being held at Sterling Hills, but only 47 golfers showed up this year. Their president, Lion Scott Feland and I discussed joining forces next year and we would co-host. They made over \$4,000 with the diminished attendance, so it would make sense to keep it alive. Event dates and locations are hard to come by these days.

Their club will help out with our October 21 vision screening.

We haven't had 10 members on a visitation in more than a decade. This was really a wonderful turnout. And I think everyone learned some things about Lionism. Be sure to make the next visitation. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2, COLUMN 1)

Winners

FREE FINES: **Lion Dick Maggio**
GREETER: **Lion Chris Pachana**
ATTENDANCE: **Lion Dick's** name was drawn last week so if he's here today, he wins the pot.
LOTTO: **Lions Will Berg** and **Rick Gill** won the Lotto.

Marble Malarkey

So close...Lion Sig Askvik's number was called. There were only three marbles in the bag but alas, he did not draw the winning marble. The pot this week will be over \$551 and only TWO marbles. For those of you lacking in math skills, that's a 50/50 chance to win. Good luck to everyone today.

Toby's Bits & Bytes Continued

On another front, Lion Chuck Conway has contacted the case worker for Chanendeau Karlsen and her son, Michael, and determined that the facts of her case are as represented in her letter to the club and that there is no public money available to build a stairlift up to her house. To review, her son, Michael, has Duchenne's Muscular Disease (similar to ALS). To take care of him, she had to quit work and move in with her parents, who live on the second floor. She has been carrying Michael up and down the stairs by lacing him up in a harness and hoisting him up on her back. Now that Michael is 13 and weighs 130 pounds, this has become difficult because the harness restricts his breathing, so she has to hurry. She needs a motorized stairlift, but there are no public funds available.

We will need a quick board meeting today to approve a larger sum as the quotations she received didn't include installation. I am certain it was an honest mistake. If we approve it, we will order the stairlift today and she will have it in and running in two weeks.

"Oxnard 1961" Film Shows Noontimers

The Oxnard Noontimers made it into the films. The Oxnard Independent Film Festival airs "Oxnard 1961", a film shot by Ted Greathouse. "Oxnard 1961" is a documentary about the city's life and times over the course of 1961. The City of Oxnard Welcome marquee shows the Oxnard Noontimers meeting at Kit's Palomino Room. Remember when...

Best Visitation...Best Entertainment

Lion Mike Plisky reported the visitation with the Channel Islands Lions Club was one of the best ones in a long time. As Lion Toby mentioned in his article today, the Noontimers outnumbered the CI Lions 2 to 1. Lions Mike, Dick, Toby, Dennis Amick, Will Berg, Bedford Pinkard, Todd Rehanek, Pat Riggs, Ross Olney and Bobby Mullins showed up at the Carrows restaurant.

The Noontimers did the club proud and "borrowed" the CI Lions Club bell and gravel so we should expect a visit from them soon.

The finale of the evening was something no one has witnessed before. The entertainment was something that would stop men dead in their tracks. It was beautiful. It was moving. It was just plain awesome. Noontimer Lion Bobby Mullins stood up and sang "I Left My Heart in San Francisco" *a cappella* (that means no music, no accompaniment). Evidently Lion Bobby has a great voice that no one knew about. Maybe there's an idea for a fundraiser...Sing-A-Long with Bobby! Lion Mike said it was extremely good.

At one point, CI Lions President Scott referenced that the Noontimers were a wild club. After explaining to the CI Lions that the Noontimers had grown more sophisticated, CI Lion Steve Langsford replied "But I didn't know you were all from San Francisco!"

A great visitation. Those of you who did not attend missed one of the best. Be sure to sign on for the next one.

Corrections to Last Week's Bulletin

First of all, apologies for not putting Lion Mike's article about the Channel Islands Lions Club Visitation. Even without the notice in the bulletin, it seems there was an amazing turnout at the visitation.

Second, the article "It's a BOY!" had the birth day incorrect for Marcus Quinn Pachana. He was born on Friday, August 31, 2007 at 9:51 pm. I'm sure Lion Chris will bring those cigars one of these days.

calendar

Sept 26	Board meeting at Lion Todd Rehanek's home
Sept 29	Dinner at the Greek at the Harbor, Ventura Harbor
Oct 7	Potluck Dinner at Lion George's Home
Oct 13	White Cane Dayz (locations to be announced) MANDATORY
Oct 20 & 21	SightMobile at Our Lady of Guadalupe School