



The Lions Pin

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Bobby Talks About Veterans Program

Our own member, Lion Bobby Mullins spoke to us about the "Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Concern" Program.

He talked about the number of disabled veterans coming out of Iraq and he really encouraged Lions to visit Veterans' Hospitals and talk with the veterans. Lion Bobby further talked about how the program was established, eligibility requirements, how the program operates, and funding. The federal program is "The Patriot Loan Program". The State of California program is entitled "Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises". Find out if a business is owned by a veteran of any war and give them your business. It's a small price to pay for what the veterans have given to each American.



Lion Bobby filling us in on the service disabled veterans program

Toby's Bits and Bytes

Yes, I lost my shirt at the Christmas Party but it was worth it. What a party! Everyone was enthusiastic, helpful and cheerful. The entertainer (Magician Mark Prines) had a problem. He had lent out some of his equipment to another magician for an afternoon gig and the guy had an accident on the way back. Mark called me 5 times during the afternoon to keep me apprised of everything, but he was much later than he planned. Thanks to Lions Bobby Mullins and Andy Stay for filling in with song and patter. Kept everything moving. But Mark was certainly worth waiting for. Thanks to Lion Jeff Norris for suggesting him. If you didn't stay for his close-up magic, you missed a great show. His close-up stuff is even better than his theatrical show.



President Lion Toby Scott

As of press time, we didn't have an accounting, but we made a significant amount of money for our charity account. Thanks to all who donated silent auction items and especially Lions Bedford Pinkard and Byron Wedemeyer who donated their cabins/condos as live auction items. Also thanks to Lions Otto Schimmel and Dennis Amick for paying decent prices for them and not trying to get them cheaply.

And, of course, lots of thanks to Lion Steve Sabedra and his wife, Sara, for creating the invitations and bid sheets, as well as doing the accounting for the auctions. Lion Andy and his wife, Flora, performed heroic work both in coordinating the food with the Club but also for hosting the pre-event cocktail party for Board members.

Thanks to Lions Mike Plisky and Dick Maggio for scheduling and attending the visitation, making phone calls, helping with meal counts, making sure auction items were provided and generally communicating with membership.

I know others pitched in too. If I forgot to thank you, please forgive me. I do appreciate all the help.

Enjoy today's meeting. It's the last one of the year. Don't show up on the 28th. We are dark.

Student Speaker Contest

One more time. . . those who volunteered to contact local schools, do it now. We do not have a lot of time for the students to prepare their speeches and compete. We did not have a candidate last year. Let's get one this year.

Winners

FREE FINES: Lion Dave Gosnell
GREETER: Lion Bobby Mullins
ATTENDANCE: Lion Sig's number was drawn. Let's see if he wins this week.
LOTTO: Lions Carlos and Todd were the lotto winners.

Marble Malarkey

Lion Bobby tried his luck at the marble grab. Better luck next time, Lion Bobby.

Photos For Party

We are trying to print the photos for the 2007 Christmas Party but at the eleventh hour ran into a printing snag. We will try to print them up on a separate sheet. Hopefully by January we will have worked out the bugs in our computer.

Thank You From Food Share

The Noontimers who attended the Christmas party were kind enough to donate food to the Food Share drive. Many deposited their food in the big bins at the front door of the Country Club but our box still took about 125 lbs. of food to families in need throughout Ventura County. Thanks to Lion Steve for making this one happen. He took the goods to Food Share on Thursday and was met by the speaker we had several months ago. She sent a personal THANK YOU to all who donated.

Past DG Visits Club

Past District Governor Howard Hudson visited our club last week. Many of you will remember him from the installation dinner in June 2007. He was very creative in presenting each board member with a hat that signified their "job" on the board. Good to see you again Lion Howard.



Flora Stay, Lion Toby and Lion Ilona Scott.
This was taken before Lion Toby lost his shirt!

Adversity or Opportunity?

Adversity causes some men to break, others to break records. William A. Ward

The difficulties of life are intended to make us better, not bitter. Author Unknown

We have no right to ask when sorrow comes, "Why did this happen to me?" unless we ask the same question for every moment of happiness that comes our way. Author Unknown

All the world is full of suffering. It is also full of overcoming it. Helen Keller

When it is dark enough, you can see the stars. Ralph Waldo Emerson

A bend in the road is not the end of the road...unless you fail to make the turn. Author Unknown

When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it. Henry Ford

calendar

Dec 23 Lion Chuck Conway's Birthday
Dec 25 Merry Christmas to everyone
Dec 26 NO BOARD MEETING
Dec 28 NO REGULAR MEETING