

The Lions Pin

Oxnard Noontimers Lions Club

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Toby's Tirade

Happy Summer Solstice! **Solstices** occur twice a year, when the tilt of the Earth's axis is most oriented toward or away from the Sun, causing the Sun to reach its northernmost and southernmost extremes. The name is derived from the Latin *sol* (sun) and *sistere* (to stand still), because at the sol-



President Lion
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sun stands still in declination; that is, its vernal north or south comes to a stand-

still. *Solstice* can also be used in a wider sense, (day) that such a passage happens. The winter and summer solstices, together with the equinoxes, are connected

with the seasons. In some languages they are considered to start or separate the seasons; in others they are considered to be centre points (in English, in the Northern hemisphere, for example, the period around the June solstice is known as midsummer, and Midsummer's Day is 24 June, about three days after the solstice itself). Similarly 25 December is the start of the Christmas celebration, which was a Pagan festival in pre-Christian times, and is the day the sun begins to return back to the northern hemisphere.

Okay now that we've been educated...Don't forget that next week's meeting is at the Rescue Mission on Meta Street. Same time, different place.

Lion George Thompson will attend the International Convention in Thailand. We will schedule time at one of our August meetings so he can give us the skinny on what's happening internationally.

Start Your Idea Engine!

The Noontimers have not taken on a community based project themselves for many years. Yes, we have participated in the Sight Screening at Our Lady of Guadalupe, we have to do the White Cane Days, and we are co-hosting a golf tournament with Channel Islands Lions Club. But the Noontimers have not initiated and focused on a community project in years.

The Start Your Idea Engine! Campaign has been set up by Incoming President Lion Bobby Mullins to get ideas, no matter how big or small, that will be reviewed and discussed by a newly formed committee. After the necessary information has been prepared, the committee will present the winning idea to the Club. Hopefully this will be the jump start that this Club needs to have a strong presence in Oxnard as a group that is here "to serve".

Here's how Start Your Idea Engine! works...for those that attend the weekly meetings, write down your idea on the post-its provided (you can give your name or leave it off), stick it on the Start Your Idea Engine! board. That's it...nothing else...just write an idea down. Simple, easy and painless. The Start Your Engine! board will be at the weekly meetings until July 14. After that the committee will begin its work. For those that don't attend weekly, send an email to Lion Steve at scsabedra@aol.com, subject line START YOUR IDEA ENGINE! and give your idea.

Put on your thinking cap and let's show Oxnard the Noontimers are still around!

Winners

FREE FINES: Jeff Norris
GREETER: Dick Maggio
ATTENDANCE: Bedford Pinkard. If he's present and on time, he will win \$20
LOTTO: Sig Askvik and John Farrar
MARBLE: Steve Sabedra. No luck at winning the \$186 pot.

Visitation to Lion Dame's Home

Lion John Farrar visited Lion Karl Dame over the June 6 weekend. Lion John has kept in touch with Lion Karl for many years as he has been a family friend of the Farrar's since Lion John was a boy. Lion Karl has been a longtime Noontimer as well. Recently diagnosed with stomach and liver cancer, Lion Karl is resting comfortably at home and still has his usual humor about him even though the doctors have estimated he has a short time left. Please say a prayer or give positive thoughts to Lion Karl and his family. Thanks Lion John for the update. Keep us posted.

Don't Sweat It

Don't sweat the small stuff and it's all small stuff. We know its hard thinking about sweatshirts on a day like today (HOT) but Lion Dave Tapie is taking orders for Noontimer sweatshirts. The cost for the embroidered sweatshirt is \$30. All sizes are available. **ORDER NOW!!!!** See Lion Dave or email him at dave@loans2homes.com.

No Sarcasm!

There will be no sarcasm at today's or next week's meetings as our master of sarcasm is on vacation in Wisconsin. Look out for the floods, flies, fleas, and fish.

Contribution to Junior Blind of America

Debbie McBeth, Special Events Manager for the Junior Blind of America, spoke to our club last week. She talked about programs at Camp Bloomfield in Malibu. This camp provides programs to youths from throughout the United States who are legally blind and visually impaired. Youth ranging in age from 5-21 years of age come to Malibu and enjoy some beautiful California weather and activities at the camp.

On Saturday, July 12, 2008, Junior Blind of America will be celebrating their 50th anniversary. The public is invited to visit the camp, see the facilities and become informed about the programs that help visually impaired youths.



Debbie McBeth receiving Noontimer's check from Lion Toby

The Noontimers have contributed to this organization for several years and this year was no exception. The club presented a check to Ms. McBeth which will help keep Camp Bloomfield going.

calendar

Jun 27 Meet at the Rescue Mission, Meta Street, Oxnard
Jun 25 Board meeting at Lion Todd's Home
Jul 4 NO MEETING
Jul 14 End of Start Your Idea! Campaign