



The Lions Pin

Oxnard Noontimers Lions Club

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Mullin's Mullings

Thank you to Lion Rick Gill for running a successful meeting last week. I'm hoping my schedule will calm down a bit so I can take a turn at running the meeting! Thanks again, Lion Rick G.



President Bobby "Lopake" Mullins

The Start Your Idea Engine! Campaign received some response. Not as much as I had hoped but we will proceed with the ideas for fundraisers and a community project or two.

I was unable to attend the Governor's Roast last weekend in Orcutt but Lion Ev Batey attended. He felt the affair was fun. I hope no one gets the idea of a roast for the outgoing president next year!

Look for the August 2008 District 4-A3 newsletter soon. It will have information on upcoming events throughout the district as well as important dates throughout the district, Multiple District 4, zones, regions, and international events.

Thanks to Lion Ev for reminding everyone (at least those that have email addresses) that the meetings for the next four weeks are being held at the Courtyard by Marriott. Communication is a big factor in District Governor Joe Woodruff's campaign. You would be surprised at what can be accomplished if the idea is clearly communicated and follow up is done. Don't assume someone else will do something (remember assume makes an "ass" out of "u" and "me".)

We need a chairman for the White Cane Days event that must be held in October. Maybe we could take one of our meetings to discuss some ideas on how to make at least \$1200 for White Cane Days this year. The begging at McDonald's works for some but perhaps we can come up with something new to raise more capital. Letter writing campaign...pancake breakfast...softball tournament...just some ideas.

Thanks for coming to the meeting and see you next week!

The calendar items are current and all the bulletins for the past 5 years are on the Noontimers website. To view, go to www.noontimers.org.

Money, Real Estate and IndyMac

Two of our illustrious members spoke last week about the money market, real estate lending, banking industry, and the IndyMac Bank failure.

Lion Mark Payne, Vice President of Ventura County Business Bank (VCBB), has over ten years experience in banking. He has spent the last year at Vice President at VCBB. He talked about the banking industry and how it is changing with the events that have been happening over the past two to three years. He also mentioned the IndyMac Bank failure and its impact on lending. Boy, between Country-wide and IndyMac, it makes you really wonder who's driving that bus.

Lion Dave Tapie has over twenty two years experience with the Money Market. He has over thirty years experience in real estate and lending. He spoke to us about real estate loans and the real estate lending industry.

Thanks to both our Noontimers for their candid information about something that affects all of us.

Do You Know Anyone?



Do you know anyone that you think would be a good speaker for our meetings? Do you have a subject or topic you would like to hear about? If you do, talk with Lion Rick G. or Lion Steve Sabedra and let them know. You can also email them at rickgill@roadrunner.com or scsabedra@aol.com and give them your ideas.

Winners

FREE FINES: Pat Riggs
GREETER: Toby Scott
ATTENDANCE: Mike Plisky will win \$5 if he's here
LOTTO: Carlos Martinez & Jim Plisky
MARBLE: Jim Plisky missed out on winning \$219

Mark The Date - October 12, 2008

It sounds like a long way off but we need volunteers to work the "Health Camp" at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church on Sunday, October 12, 2008. We will be doing sight screenings. This has been done in the past and is a big event. We touch a lot of lives by just giving them the opportunity to see better. This project takes manpower. Talk with Lion Rick Smith for more information. There's sure to be a sign up sheet going around soon.

First District 4-A3 Meeting

August 16, 2008 is the first District 4-A3 meeting in Fillmore. Newcomers should try to attend this meeting as the International Director Ted Fusco will be the presenter. The cost is only \$12 for lunch and \$35 for a prime rib dinner. You can just attend the meetings and not attend the dinner but it might be a good experience to meet and talk with members of other clubs to see how they do things.

Parrot Heads and Lions?

What do you get when you cross a Parrot head and a Lion? Find out on Saturday, August 23, 2008 when the Santa Barbara Parrot Heads and the Carpinteria Lions Club host the "Landsharks 'n Lions" event at Carpinteria Lions Park. If you haven't been to the Carpinteria Lions' facility, you must go. They have an excellent area for a party. Go to www.sbphc.org for more information.

Last Call For Sweating

If you have not ordered your sweatshirt, shame on you. Lion Dave Tapie continues to take orders for an embroidered Noontimers sweatshirt for the price of \$30. All sizes are available but if you order an XXXL be sure that what's you pick up. Contact Lion Dave at dave@loans2homes.com to order yours now!

Heroes and More

The following are excerpts from an article written about the new Lions Clubs International President Al Brandel. It is amazing what one man can do in the name of giving back. Read on.

"Raised to Serve

Volunteering ran in Brandel's family. Despite working two jobs, his father "had time for the community," says Brandel. In college, a friend convinced Brandel to take a test for the police department. He did well on the test, and the job. He put in 35 years before retiring. And learned how to handle his emotions. "I understood I had to react in a certain way to be effective," he says.

The events of September 11, 2001 put his ability to handle tough situations to the test. Brandel took reports for many of the 400 missing Nassau County residents, and worked with Lions' leaders from New York and elsewhere to coordinate recovery support efforts. Later, he volunteered for a bereavement retreat. And trudged to doorsteps to notify families when victims' remains were found.

By then, Brandel was a detective with the police department's Juvenile Aid Bureau. He investigated missing children, child abuse, and juvenile crime. "I really understood I could make somebody's life a little better," he says."

"Heroes of Service

As a Lion, Brandel has hand-delivered corneas for transplant, worked with UNICEF to ensure children in disaster areas could continue their education, and saw a Lions district in South Africa feed multitudes. "Lions don't understand the impact they have on the community," he says.

"The real modern-day heroes may never be on TV or have a book written about them," Brandel says. "But the things they do, like bringing a food basket, put a smile on somebody's face. Lions Clubs are making a big impact in people's lives. My role is to let everybody know the miracles happening around the world – and that they can make miracles happen in their backyard."

And we all think we have a busy life! President Brandel is an inspiration for everyone, young and old.

Jul 30 Board Meeting at Todd Rehanek's home
Aug 11 Mike Plisky's Birthday
Aug 16 District 4-A3 Meeting, Fillmore

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