



The Lions Din

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Mullin's Mullings

Welcome to everyone! I don't know if its just me but it seems weeks are not long enough sometimes but too long other times. The month of September has a lot going on for the club. Some of it business, some of it fun. Be sure to check the Calendar section.



President Bobby
"Lopake" Mullins

October 9 is National Lions Sight Day.

As most of you know, October is the month that every Lions club must do a White Cane Days event. The Noontimers have historically done the "beggin' at the store" approach but if anyone has a better idea, please let me know. The Noontimers are going to do the White Cane Days on October 24. As usual, someone to volunteer as chairperson would be great. If we are going to do the "beggin" idea, we need to make contact with two or three outlets early to set up everything.

Fundraising is an important part of any service organization and Noontimers are no exception. We were blessed with an endowment a few years back and that has allowed the Noontimers to slack off on the fundraising aspect of serving. We are firing up a committee that will review all requests for money. So if you are approached to volunteer for this committee, please do so. It will play an integral part in reviewing projects, allocating money, and assisting in fundraising efforts. This group will lay the groundwork for many years to come. We hope that by simplifying the process, more Noontimers will step up and take on projects to raise funds that will not only benefit the community of Oxnard but individuals worldwide.

As we all know, Avenal Prison Eyeglass Recycle Project is up and running. We can request any glasses sent by the Noontimers to be returned to our club. The purpose of doing this request would be so we can send the glasses to our twin club in Sri Lanka. Lion Steve and his wife are spearheading a contest in one of the local schools as a test pro-

gram. Each class will compete again each other and the class with the largest donation of glasses will win a special prize. The pilot school will be Santa Clara Elementary School. We will let you know how the contest progresses. We might have to call the contest "Be Sure To Ask Your Grandmother First" so that young students don't just take grandma's glasses without asking her!!!!

Another exciting project in the works is the Thanksgiving Baskets. This year the Noontimers will provide Thanksgiving baskets to 5-10 deserving families. Please make time to help with the collection, packaging, and delivery of the baskets. We would like to make this an annual event. We all have a lot to be thankful for and we should give back to those that are having difficulty in their lives.

That's all for now guys. Thanks for coming and see you next week.

Let's All Buca

Sixteen lucky people will be chosen to go to Buca di Bepo in Thousand Oaks on Friday, September 19 at 5:30 pm in the Pope Room. If you are interested, please sign up on the Buca sheet. If we do not get at least ten people, we will postpone the event and try for a better date and time. Remember, its first come - first serve on this one.

A group went last year and we had drinks spilled by flying plates and soaring pizza pans. The Pope in a box watches everything that goes on in the room. It was fun and the food was excellent. This is a dutch treat event meaning everyone pays for their own meals, drinks, etc.

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

"Counting on luck is counting on random chance; your odds are much better if you plan and work."

Winners

FREE FINES: Mark Payne
GREETER: Toby Scott
ATTENDANCE: Dick Figueroa's name was drawn but he was not present. Looks like the pot grows to \$15 for the next winner.
LOTTO: Patrick Mullins and Bobby Mullins
MARBLE: Roman Vaisman tried to win the \$275 but no luck.

Guests of Lions

Lion Sig Askvik was accompanied by Jim Franzen. Many might remember Jim from the City of Oxnard. I believe he was the Public Works Director for many years.

You would think that Lion Bobby Mullins brought another Mullins, Patrick, but in actuality, Mr. Mullins is the General Manager of the Courtyard By Marriott. Three cheers for Mr. Mullins, who is almost our newest member, as he was able to get the \$2,000 check due for the Strawberry Festival. As you might recall, the Strawberry Festival mailed our check to a past member. Thanks to "Almost Lion Patrick" for getting the money for the Noontimers. That will certainly help pay some of our bills.

The Eyes of Lion Carlos

LIONS CARLOS IS BACK!!! The Noontimers missed Lion Carlos this past week. Lion Carlos is having problems with his eyes again. We're not sure if he had surgery or may have to another surgery. On August 23, Lion Dave Tapie spoke with Lion Carlos and, who, in his usual spirit said, everything will be okay. We missed your excellent service and sense of humor. And as we all know, Lion Michael cannot live without his dish of ice cream!

Health Faire - October 11 & 12, 2008

SIGN UP.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11
BOX FOOD FROM 10 AM TO 1 PM
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12
HEALTH FAIRE FROM 9 AM TO 3 PM

Lion Robert Liyonage is the contact person for this event. There is a sign up sheet.

Father Eugene's Project

Father Eugene, priest from South Africa, was supposed to speak to our club last week but due to scheduling conflicts at the last minute, he could not make it. Lion Andy Stay stated Father Eugene still needs money to complete the school he is building in South Africa. Look for more discussion on this topic in the future. The Bulletin Editor heard the cost was approximately \$10,000. That will certainly take some serious fundraising by the Noontimers. More to come. (Apologies to Father Eugene and Lion Andy if the Bulletin Editor did not get the country Father Eugene is from correct.)

Golf Tourney Update

An "emergency" guest speaker was Channel Islands Lions Club President Lion Scott Feland. Lion Scott pleaded for golfers for the golf tournament to be held on September 5, 2008. At this time they have 25 paid golfers and they need at least 80. Thank you to some of the Noontimers who ante'd up \$100 for tee sponsorships. The Noontimers have pledged 10 \$100 sponsorships so business owners, here's an inexpensive way to advertise to a variety of clientele. Let Lion Toby know if you wish to sponsor a tee.

SEP 5	C/NOONTIMERS GOLF TOURNEY: RIVER RIDGE GOLF COURSE
SEP 6	DISTRICT SOCIAL: RONALD REAGAN LIBRARY
SEP 10	BOARD MEETING AT LION TODD'S HOME (BY-LAWS & CONSTITUTION ONLY)
SEP 19	JUST FOR FUN: DINNER AT BUCA DI BEPPO, THE POPE ROOM, THOUSAND OAKS, 5:30 PM. LIMIT: 16 PEOPLE
SEP 24	BOARD MEETING AT LION TODD'S HOME
SEP 27/28	TENTATIVE RELAY FOR LIFE: OXNARD HIGH SCHOOL
Oct 11 & 12	Health Faire at Our Lady of Guadalupe

calendar

2008-09 CALENDAR OF EVENTS as of 8/29/08

President Bobby has laid out a calendar of events for the next six months. Some of the dates are TENTATIVE (DEFINED AS ADJ, MADE, DONE, PROPOSED, ETC. EXPERIMENTALLY OR PROVISIONALLY; NOT DEFINITE OR FINAL). District events are in red.

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OCTOBER 2008

- 11/12 HEALTH FAIRE: OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
18 DISTRICT SOCIAL: FILLMORE MYSTERY TRAIN
19 ANNUAL POTLUCK: GEORGE THOMPSON'S HOME, DELICIOUS THAI FOOD EXTRAVAGANZA
24 WHITE CANE DAYS (MANDATORY)

NOVEMBER 2008

- 8 DISTRICT MEETING: CAYUCOS
24 PREPARE & DELIVER THANKSGIVING BASKETS

DECEMBER

- 7 CHRISTMAS PARTY: SATICOY COUNTRY CLUB, 6 PM

JANUARY 2009

QUIET ALL MONTH EXCEPT FOR REGULAR MEETINGS AND BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 2009

- 13 VALENTINE LUNCH
21 DISTRICT MEETING: ORCUTT
27 JUST FOR FUN: DINNER AT THE GREEK AT THE HARBOR

Quote of the Day

"To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe."
- Anatole France