



The Lions Pin

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Mullin's Mullings

Well, it's that time of the week for all my thoughts on things. This week's article will be bits and pieces of information about Lions and different programs that are ongoing. Perhaps one will spark an interest in one of the Noontimers and they will take on the project.



President Bobby "Lopake" Mullins

SightFirst

The SightFirst program has provided \$211 million in grants to give millions the gift of sight. SightFirst fights the major causes of blindness: cataract, trachoma, river blindness, diabetic retinopathy and glaucoma.

Lions Quest

Lions Quest continues to draw rave reviews for its proven results in and out of the classroom. Lions Quest programs are school-based, comprehensive, positive youth development and prevention programs that unite the home, school and community.

Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project (AHAP)

Using the Lions volunteer infrastructure of over 12,000 clubs in 48 districts, Lions are reaching hearing-impaired people of limited income in almost every community in the United States. Lions are providing high-quality, low-cost hearing aids through the Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project (AHAP), a project of LCIF. Lions AHAP is dedicated to helping provide aids to people who could not otherwise afford them.

In addition to using refurbished hearing aids, Lions now can use a state-of-the-art hearing aid that compares favorably to models that cost thousands of dollars. The money that Lions save in using the Lions' hearing aid allows them to expand the availability of hearing aids.

Low Vision Program

Low vision, an eye condition that cannot be improved medically, surgically or with conventional lenses, will increase dramatically due to global increases in life expectancy. Since low vision became part of the Core 4 grant program in 1999, LCIF has awarded 15 low vision grants for US\$2.5 million. The grants have supported the expansion of low vision services to underserved populations, increasing the output of existing low vision clinics, improving availability of affordable low vision aids and devices, raising awareness among health care providers and the general public, and reaching out to children impacted by permanent vision loss.

These are only a few of the programs or projects Lions Club International do on a continuous basis. Now for information about things happening locally.

Lion Steve Sabedra has contacted the Relay For Life coordinators and it seems telephone tag is the name of the game. The last message received indicated the Lions were a go for providing ice cold drinking water for the participants. A puzzling part of the message dealt with a pancake breakfast on Saturday, September 27, 2008. Lion Steve will give an update later on the who, what and where.

Dinner for 16 at Buca di Bepo in TO is Friday, September 19. We had a good time last year and it seems like we ate for hours. Great food at a great price. Sign up today.

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

Winners

FREE FINES: Carlos Martinez
GREETER: Ev Batey
ATTENDANCE: Todd Rehanek's name was drawn so he stands to win \$20 if he's here on time.
LOTTO: Scott Feland (CI Lions) and George Thompson
MARBLE: Tom Contreras tried to win the \$306 but no luck.

Guests of Lions

Lion Scott Feland, President of Channel Islands Lions Club, appeared again. He talked about the golf tournament and asked that everyone help out. He indicated the response so far was quite low but the CI Lions were pressing on with the tournament. Hey, Lion Scott has been to more of our meetings than some of our own members. Is he going for an honorary membership in our club?

Health Faire Update

Volunteers are needed for October 11 and 12 to help with the Health Faire at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and School. This event has over 15 different screenings for individuals who cannot normally afford them. It takes a lot of work and a lot of people but the rewards are worth it. Let Lion Robert Lyonage know if you can help. He's the coordinator on this one. We had a very sad showing of help last year from the Noontimers. Let's improve that this year. Anyone can volunteer...wives, girlfriends, cousins, nephews, sister, brothers.

Did you know?

Ketchup was originally sold as medicine?
That a Mexican jumping bean moves to get out of the light?
A ball filled with glass will bounce higher than a ball filled with rubber?
If you put items in the newsletter, only a third of the audience will read it and remember?

Relay For Life 9/27 and 9/28

It looks like the Noontimers will be able to pass out water to the participants of the Relay for Life at Oxnard High School this year. Lion Steve is still playing tag with the coordinators but hopefully by next week we'll have all the details. We will need volunteers to work the event. We will find out if we have to participate both days and the time. This is a great event and makes quite an impact when you realize how cancer has affected so many people's lives. Please let Lion Steve know if you would like to help set up the table, pass out water, donate water, cups, etc.

Quiet Time

It has been relatively quiet throughout the district right now. The next district meeting is November 8. Lion Toby, Zone 7 Chairperson, is hosting the Zone meeting prior to the district meeting. Perhaps Lion Toby will tell us what date as the Editor wrote down November 1 at the last zone meeting but that's a Saturday and I don't think that's right.

SEP 6 DISTRICT SOCIAL: RONALD REAGAN LIBRARY
SEP 9 DICK MAGGIO'S BIRTHDAY
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

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