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WHAT ARE WE DOING FOR OUR COMMUNITY?

Mullin's Mullings

There is theme for today's bulletin - Helping Sri Lanka. You will see what we do really does make a difference.



President Bobby
"Lopake" Mullins

Relay For Life

The Noontimers have been asked to man the Beverage Booth and Watering Holes throughout the event.

This means we need volunteers to work on Saturday and Sunday. Saturday's hours are 10-5 with 3½ hour shifts. Please sign up to help. If you cannot help the day of the event, maybe we could borrow an ice chest from some of you. One thing we need is the vinyl banner for the Noontimers. Anyone know where this thing is and could we get it on Friday, September 26? Let Lion Steve know.

Next District Meeting

District 4-A3 will hold its next district meeting on November 8, 2008 in Cayucos (that's just up the road a piece). Anyone can attend these meetings.

District Social Event

The Mystery Train rides again. The District is sponsoring an evening on the Mystery Train on October 18, 2008. The cost is \$75 per person. The train runs from Fillmore to Santa Paula (but goes the back way). The evening includes a great dinner as well as entertainment aboard the restored train. If you haven't done this event, it's worth it.

Dinner at Buca di Beppo

We did not have enough people sign up for this event so it is cancelled. We'll try to do it later in the year when things are quieter. Let's focus on helping with the Relay for Life next weekend.

Thanks for coming 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.

Last Week's Speaker

Sgt. Michael Kelley spoke to the Noontimers about his experience in the United States Army and California National Guard. Sgt. Kelley talked about his deployment and experiences and "antics" in Iraq. The Noontimers were intrigued and paid attention to what he had to say. Maybe they were afraid he might go "Army" on them!

As a member of the California National Guard, Sgt. Kelley was sent to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. He was amazed at the devastation. When it came time for the Noontimers to declare Sgt. Kelley "the best guest speaker we have ever had", this time everyone really meant it.

Warm Clothing Needed

Did you know that Lion Robert Liyanage plays bridge? Well, as part of a project that his bridge club is doing, Lion Robert asked the Noontimers to dig into their closets and donate any warm clothing. The clothing will be sent to Afghanistan at the end of October. Just bring the clothes to the meeting and give to Lion Robert. Be sure to ask your wife if you can give away her winter coats!

Kudos To Lion Roman & Robert

KUDOS TO:

Lion Roman Vaisman for the box full of eyeglasses. These glasses will find their way to Sri Lanka very soon.

Lion Robert for collecting and shipping 500 pairs of glasses to Sri Lanka on August 29, 2008.

Winners

FREE FINES:	Steve Sabedra
GREETER:	Carlos Martinez
ATTENDANCE:	Andy Stay's name was drawn so if he's here today, he wins \$5.
LOTTO:	Roman Vaisman and Mike Plisky
MARBLE:	Toby Scott won the \$358 pot

Lion Rick Brings A Guest

Lion Rick Gill brought Carl Schaeffer to our meeting last week. Carl is a real estate agent with Exit Realty. Many of you may recognize the name Exit Realty...Past President Dennis Amick started that company several years ago. Lion Rick and Carl both realtors with Exit.

HELP - Health Faire

Contact Lion Robert (viniro@aol.com) to sign up for the Health Faire. As a reminder, this is held October 11 and 12 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

MA& Sri Lanka - Seeing Things Clearly

A massive shipment of eyeglasses that was three years in the making made its way to Sri Lanka in July 2008. Massachusetts Lions worked hand in hand with the Sri Lanka club. Over 2.5 million people were displaced by the tsunami in 2004 and thousands of those lost their eyeglasses. One gentleman explained, "In the United States, we often take things for granted, such as walking into a store to purchase a pair of glasses whereas in Sri Lanka, residents travel hundreds of miles and wait in line for two days to get a pair of glasses." The efforts that went into collecting, sorting glasses by prescription, bagging and boxing the eyeglasses were monumental but did not daunt the MA group. More than 50,000 pairs of glasses were received from 100 Lions and Leo Clubs located in two Massachusetts districts. 30,000 of these glasses

Leos Win Teambuilding Contest

The Simi Valley Leo Club won first place in the teambuilding exercise at the Ninth Annual Lions Youth Outreach Symposium held in Modesto. Leos, ranging in age from 15 to 21 from across the state, attended the symposium which was held in conjunction with the Multiple District 4 convention. The theme of the symposium was "Today's Youth, Tomorrow's Leaders," and featured guest speakers on a variety of topics. Additionally, Leos participated in a project to sort and clean donated eyeglasses for recycling.

Buca Night

This event has been cancelled.

Focus on Kids

Sri Lanka is a twin club of the Noontimers. Here's some information that was in "The Lion", the Lions Clubs International magazine.

The Leo Club of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka, sponsored a parade for children and a party for underprivileged youngsters. There were refreshments and gifts. The club also sponsored health camps for people in need and distributed eyeglasses.

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made their way to Sri Lanka. Customs and duty fees were waived for the humanitarian shiptment, and the containers of eyeglasses arrived in July.

This just re-enforces that what the Noontimers are doing, especially Lion Robert and Lion Roman, has an impact on many lives. Keep bringing glasses in. We'll send them up to Avenal Prison for sorting and bagging and have them returned to our club for shipment to Sri Lanka.

SEP 19
SEP 24
SEP 27/28
Oct 11 & 12

JUST FOR FUN: DINNER AT BUCA DI BEPPO, THE POPE ROOM, THOUSAND OAKS, 5:30 PM. LIMIT: 16 PEOPLE
BOARD MEETING AT LION TODD'S HOME
RELAY FOR LIFE: OXNARD HIGH SCHOOL
HEALTH FAIRE AT OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

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