



# The Lions Pin

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## WHAT ARE WE DOING FOR OUR COMMUNITY?

### Mullin's Mullings

Since our last meeting with our District Governor Lion Joe Woodruff much happened but before I get into that, I want to thank the Board of Directors for your considerate leadership gift disguised as a step stool. I intend to use it wisely. Thank you to Lion Rick Smith for taking the time to share his humor for it's not every day that someone is honored, regardless of the reason.



President Bobby "Lopake" Mullins

My theme for this year revolves around community and this week was the Oxnard Noontimers' first group attempt to accomplish interfacing with the community. I can say that even though we coordinated this quickly and did something other than passing out hotdogs our gift was appreciated by both the Relay for Life Committee as told to me by Mr. Ralph Herrera, Event Chairman, and more importantly the participants sacrificing their time, rekindling memories for someone presently afflicted by cancer, survived cancer or succumbed to cancer.

Prayer: God please bless those that attended the Oxnard Relay for Life we ask that you comfort them for their loss, pain or affliction. We pray for their strength and endurance dear father that the days ahead bring these same persons new and exciting challenges. Father we honor those that sacrificed for you in their personal battle with cancer particularly Lion Karl Dame and Lion Irv Tucker. AMEN.

Our past weekend "Relay For Life" project was very successful. I want to thank Lion Ev Batey for helping load and unload and for working all day; Lion Steve Sabedra and Sara for coordinating, making signs, providing supplies and working the entire day! I want to thank Lion Tom Contreras for working the majority of the day and getting the ice; Lions Jeff Norris, Robert Liyanage, his wife Vinitha and Pat Riggs for sacrificing their time and working during the day. I also want to thank two of my closest friends, Teresa Carpenter

and Wanda Janus, for their help. I personally thank the Lions that provided ice chests, tubs, and a special thanks to Lion John Farrar for providing his pop-up canopy which saved us from the ravages of the sun. It took all of your offerings to make this work.

At 9:30 AM on Saturday we unloaded and set up our spots and were handing out water and selling Ice Tea by 10 AM. During the day we participated in the walk around the track however our walks were usually done toting chests, water and ice to each location. In the absence of any club feedback or direction, I purchased luminaries for Lions Karl Dame and Irv Tucker (pictures will be shown next week) and revisited them during the late night hours. It felt good and each burned brightly. By the end of the day we had handed out over 800 hundred bottles of water and raised \$163.75 in donations during the day. Add the Club's \$50 gift for DG Lion Joe Woodruff, and the \$25.00 for Lions Karl and Irv, and we donated \$238.75 to the Relay for Life.

Many Oxnard families attended in celebration for a cancer survivor (also known as care givers (like Sara Sabedra)), to support the memory for a relative or friend, or to help raise money like the ONT Lions. As I walked around the track it didn't take long to sense the anguish and cleansing occurring to people of whom I was unaware existed before Saturday. I was shocked to see how many people cancer affects. I was just as impressed to see how much good was generated by this gathering. As you would agree, my personal view is that cancer is bad, but it is one thing to contract this disease in the elder years while it's quite another awakening walking behind a family in support of their teenage daughter with her picture on their T shirts. It can be a somber occasion if you let it particularly as you see each luminary placed on the perimeter of the track with pictures of loved ones accompanied with small sayings of remembrance and love.

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## Winners

FREE FINES: Rick Smith  
GREETER: Pat Riggs  
ATTENDANCE: Roman Vaisman's name was drawn so if he's here today, he wins \$5.  
LOTTO: Bobby Mullins and Mark Payne  
MARBLE: Dave Tapie tried his luck but did not win the pot.

## Chamber Mega Mixer

Several weeks ago we had Ms. Eva Gomez speak at our meeting. They invited the Noontimers to hold a meeting at the CSUCI campus anytime. Well, CSUCI is hosting a Mega Mixer on Thursday, October 16, 2008 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. The Chamber mixers are generally a good time but this one includes eleven different Chambers of Commerce. It will be a great time.

Please RSVP (that means let the person know if you will attend so they can get the right amount of food and drink) to Ms. Gomez at [eva.gomez@csuci.edu](mailto:eva.gomez@csuci.edu) by October 9. Parking is limited on the campus but you can catch the free shuttle at the Camarillo Metrolink Station/Lewis Road parking lot.

## BBQ At George's Home

Last week we asked how many years the bbq has been held at Lion George Thompson's home. Would you believe this will be the 8th anniversary. Remember Lions are to bring side dishes. Lion George and his wife Toi will make the main dish. Lion George, let us know if we can bring anything else like drinks, etc.

## DG Visits Club

District Governor Joe Woodruff visited our club last week. He provided updates on district happenings. He reported over 20 new members have been installed within the district. He announced that over \$200 million has been raised for the SightFirst Campaign nationally and over \$25 million raised in California. DG Joe talked about the importance of increasing our membership.

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Contrary to what one might conclude it's also a festive occasion as we were serenaded by the Oxnard High School Band, and other area and local bands and soloists. Our main location was just in back of the stage offering a perfect view and listening opportunity. We witnessed true unselfish acts of kindness as the Oxnard High School Band members, without restraint, offered hugs to those walking which was a very powerful moment in its own rite.

I left that event with mixed emotions. There is no doubt that our club's small act of kindness was thoroughly appreciated but as we packed up I walked away feeling guilty...as though I was shirking my part in their healing. I came to realize that our real gift we had passed out throughout the day was not water but it was our compassion for their plight. When you put it all together our role paled in comparison to the commitment of those that continued after we departed.

If you missed this event, fear not the Health Faire is right around the corner on 11 and 12 October. Please make sure that Lion Robert gets your name on his list as everyone is needed to help our community endure. Look forward to seeing you there.

Do not forget about the Constitution and By-Laws - expect them in your mail/email soon. We will conduct a vote 31 Oct 2008 during the regular meeting.

Yours in LIONISM

## Miscellaneous District Stuff

Lion Toby talked about events going on throughout the district as well. The topic for the Speakers Contest is "Will California Be Left High and Dry". Guess this is about our water issue. The Peace Poster Contest, which could be a possible project for the club, is for elementary schools up to the 8th grade.

October 18 is Lompoc's 50th Anniversary celebration. November 18 is the District Meeting in Cayucos. A Zone meeting will be held prior to that meeting. More on the date later.

OCT 9	LION BEDFORD PINKARD'S BIRTHDAY
OCT 11 & 12	HEALTH FAIRE AT OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
OCT 14	LION MARK PAYNE'S BIRTHDAY
OCT 16	MEGA MIXER AT CSUCI
OCT 19	ANNUAL BBQ AT LION GEORGE THOMPSON'S HOME
OCT 31	VOTE ON CONSTITUTION/BY-LAWS AT REGULAR MEETING

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