



# THE LIONS DIN

Oxnard Noontimers Lions Club

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## This week

Lion 1/2VP, Bulletin Editor and mainstay of the club has resigned from the club. Lion Toby Scott has stepped in as acting president unless some other sucker wants the job.

## Last week

Not much happened.

## Next week

Who knows?

## Toby's Tirade

This is pretty well make it or break it time for the Noontimers. Within a matter of weeks our President, 1VP, 2VP and Robert Liyanage have all resigned from the club.

Certainly, the economy and changing jobs has caused some problems but not to the extent that all our officers would resign from Lions. A couple should have remained as members or Members-At-Large. More is going on than we would like to contemplate.

I think the reason is that the old-guard has retired from active life, leaving our new members with too

much to do, too little guidance and most importantly, too little support. They shoot up the chairs faster than they can assimilate our customs and personality quirks.

Even if we have to recycle some officers, I think

we should alternate old stalwarts with new members going through the chairs so the stalwarts are there to mentor the new members.

In conversations with members over the last few days, I am fairly certain that if some meaningful changes aren't made, the list of those leaving is only beginning.

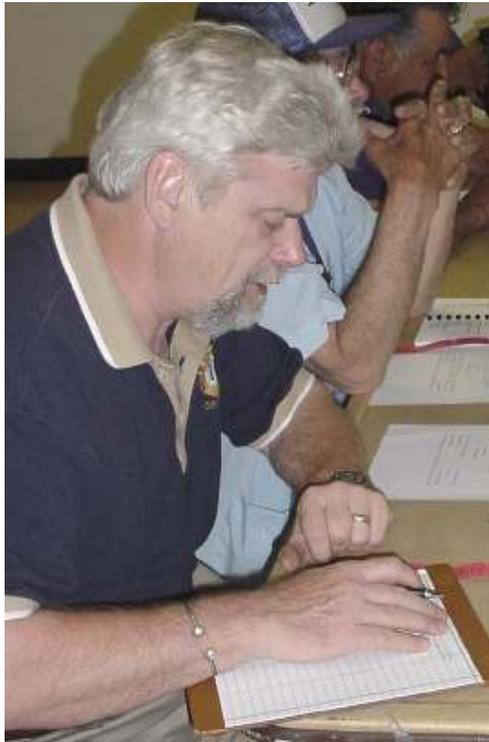
I am asking all the older (in terms of length of membership) Noontimers to step forward in some meaningful way — either as officers or as chairmen of activities.

The first and most pressing issue is the Christmas party. Lion Bobby said when he resigned that he would continue to chair it. But so far, no one has been able to talk to him. We are way behind in getting started on the party and some members think we should dump it. The problem here is that we jerked the Saticoy Country Club around once before, so if we do dump it, (1) we lose our \$500 deposit and (2) we won't be able to get back in the future.



Are there a group of Noontimers willing to work hard on making it a success? I am simply not able to handle that as well as the rest. We need at least three people to volunteer significant time to bring it off. One would handle the interface with Saticoy to get prices, make meal choices, suggest costs to the bored and then keep track of reservations along with meal choices. A second volunteer would need to secure some entertainment and make the necessary arrangements. The third (and worst) position will be to secure auction and raffle prizes in sufficient quantity, prepare the descriptions for each silent auction item, prepare the bid numbers, keep track of who buys what and keep track of who pays at the party and who bills through their account. This is a killer job.

We also need a commitment from nearly all of the remaining Noontimers to attend and to invite guests. We are going to lose our shirts if we don't have at least 50 attendees. And we are down to less than 25 active members. Figure it out.



Perhaps we could institute this category of member for our club so that some of our departing Noontimers might be induced to remain members.

We would charge them dues, but not meals. This way they would become something like permanent Members-At-Large, of which we have several now anyway.

Most assuredly, we need to do something. If anyone else has any ideas, please speak up.

### [District meeting report](#)

Strangely, membership is up in the district, despite the best efforts of the Noontimers to stem the tide.

Project Lifesaver is now an endorsed charity. This is the project where they put bracelets on Alzheimer patients so they can track them when they wander off. Lion Toby went to the kickoff of the Ventura County edition in Camarillo. The Noontimers might want to get involved with putting it in Oxnard. Avenal prison is processing glasses and the inmates are much faster than expected. They need more glasses.

### [Winners](#)

Lion Ev is sick with diphtheria and we don't have the list today.

### [Membership Changes](#)

In looking at the International membership classifications, there is a category for "Associate Member." This category is for people who attend functions but cannot make regular meetings. They cannot hold office, attend conventions as delegates or vote, but otherwise are members.

## calendar

November 26 \_\_\_ Bored Meeting: Lion Todd's house, 6 PM  
 November 29 \_\_\_ Club meeting is dark  
 December 7 \_\_\_ Christmas Party, Saticoy Country Club, 5PM  
 December 26 \_\_\_ Club meeting is dark  
 January 2 \_\_\_ Club meeting is dark  
 \_\_\_\_\_ No further events planned