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This week

It is the last Friday of the month and is open. Looks like Lion 1VP Dennis AMICK is getting the hang of things.

Next week

Ken McAlpine will be here to talk about putting his book together. He journeyed up the East Coast of the U.S. interviewing people about the origins of their families and communities. Should be quite interesting.

Last week

Craig Schmitman, founder of HaveBlue LLC decided to visit the Noontimers to tell us all about fuel cell technology. His company is installing fuel cells in boats to replace diesel engines. Right now it's an expensive replacement, but it will get cheaper as they sell more and more.

Whispers from Will

Lion P Will is out of town and failed to file a report for the second week in a row.



Winners

Lion TT Hal WASSERMAN has Free Fines. What a waste. The TT can't be fined anyway. Lion Dave MIGOCKI is our Greeter. For the Attendance Prize, Lion Dave TAPIE wasn't here so he didn't pocket \$10. Lion Loyal FRAZIER was here, so he will pilfer \$15 if he shows today. That'll pay for all those ties he's been handing out. He's been snagging them at the thrift store for a buck apiece. In the Mad Marble Malarkey, Lion Dave MIGOCKI drew for Lion Mike KURLAND, but missed their chance for

\$163.

Incidentally, Lion acting P Dennis AMICK has difficulty following instructions. Despite being told, nagged and begged, he continued to read all 6 digits of the raffle tickets. Protocol is to read the last 3 digits only. He did finally get it right, but the meeting ran an extra 10 minutes with all the superfluous digit reading.

Zone meeting

Our Zone, Zone 7, will hold its first meeting of the new year this Monday at the office of Zone Chairman, Lion Rick SMITH. His office is at 2175 Goodyear Avenue, Unit 117 in Ventura.

Lion Rick always serves excellent wine and fancy hors 'orderves, which will include shrimp cocktail. If you are interested in finding out about Lions activities within the Zone or just want to pig out on excellent food, be sure to show up.

Lion VDG Ron Hurd will also be here to impart his words of wisdom about how to increase membership.



Election news

The Federal Government has been suing counties all over the country for not having speakers of foreign languages in precincts where there is a substantial number of non-English speakers. Ventura County signed a consent decree promising to provide (mostly) Spanish precinct workers in areas with substantial numbers of Spanish speakers. Our

old polling place required two Spanish speakers at all times. We have been offered a new location near Santa Clara High School that only requires one Spanish worker at a time.

With some help from El Rio Lions Club, we should be able to take care of things. The county certainly needs our help. They didn't have any choice about the consent decree after one county let the Feds sue and lost.

Bored meeting

We had our Bored meeting Wednesday. Among the items discussed is a proposal from Lion MC Mike PLISKY that we hold a membership contest and award a cash prize which everyone who brings in a new member would be eligible for. You'd get more tickets the more members you brought in. We are serious about getting to 50 members by the end of the year (July 2005).

CALENDAR

- August 30 _____ Zone Meeting: Ventura County Computers, 6:30 PM
- September 9 _____ Lion Dick MAGGIO's birthday
- September 14 _____ Noontimers visit the Dodgers
- September 26 _____ Lion Ed STILE's birthday
- October 2 _____ American Cancer Society Walk-A-Thon, Oxnard HS, 10 AM—2 PM
- October 9 _____ White Cane Daze
- November 2 _____ Election: We man polls — probably