

# The Lions Din

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## This Week's Event/Speaker

Want to get a tattoo removed? Want to get someone out of gangs? Sharon Troll, Prevention Coordinator for the Gang Prevention Unit of the Boys & Girls Club of Ventura, along with Nancy Gregg, Director of Development for the Boys & Girls Club of Ventura, will discuss gang prevention, tattoo removal, and other programs they use to fight gangs. Ventura has been a leader in the field and has the only tattoo removal unit in the county.

## Otto's Epitaphs

Thought you'd all like to know a little about SightFirst's efforts around the globe.

President Otto Schimmel

## RIVER BLINDNESS/TRACHOMA CONTROL

SightFirst has supported more than 80.5 million treatments of river blindness (trachoma) in Africa and Latin America since it forged a partnership with The Carter Center in 1999. The grant to the Carter Center also is targeting trachoma, the world's leading cause of preventable blindness. SightFirst is controlling trachoma among 4.5 million people.

The treatments for river blindness have transformed individual lives and communities in 12 countries in Africa and Latin America. In fact, in Latin America, experts foresee eradicating river blindness once and for all by 2010.

River blindness is caused by infections that occur after being bitten by a black fly, which is found near swiftly flowing rivers (hence the name of the disease). Villagers have abandoned fertile land near the rivers to avoid being bitten. The treatments are not only preventing blindness but also enabling people to return to rich land and revive their local economy.

LCIF is tackling trachoma through medication, surgery, training of healthcare workers and health education.

We can do our part by donating eyeglasses, working on fundraisers for Campaign SightFirst II, and getting the word out about Lions Club and their main objective...TO SERVE.

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...going to back from China and either **Lion Will Berg** or **Lion Toby Scott** will talk about the trip. Travelling to China and absorbing the culture was an amazing experience. One of the guys will tell us all about it.

## Cartoon Corner

You have to be careful  
when encountering this!

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## Winners

**Lion Chuck Conway** has free fines today. **Lion Dennis Amick** is today's Greeter. **Lion Sig Askvik's** number was drawn for the attendance prize and he will win the attendance prize if he shows up on time. **Lions Bobby Mullins** and **Bedford Pinkard** were the big Lotto winners.

## Marble Malarkey

**Lion Bedford's** number was drawn but he didn't win the pot so it continues to grow. I guess having a new pacemaker and stint don't help when it comes to drawing the lucky marble!

## Board Notes

The Board meeting was held on November 29, 2006 at **Lion Todd Rehanek's** home. Items discussed included:

Christmas Party. Invitations were either mailed Wednesday or would be mailed Thursday, gifts should be brought to meeting on 12/8/06 or drop off at the Camino Del Sol Mortuary on C Street, about 30 reservations so far.

Outstanding dues. Members with outstanding dues should talk with the Treasurer to see about getting current.

Campaign SightFirst II and the eyeglass recycling program at Avenal Prison. The Board approved fundraising efforts to help with the \$30,000 cost for a machine that will read prescriptions of the glasses donated. Talk with one of the Board members to see what's happening with this item.

Zone and District meetings. Lion Rick strongly encouraged Club members to attend these meetings. He indicated that good information and programs were presented. This is one way for the Noontimers Club to become strong and viable again. We will try to get the information into the bulletin a week or two in advance so at least two members can attend.

Prize Awarded. A prize of \$50,000 will be awarded to the first Noontimer Lions Club member who attends at least five outside visitations during the year 2007 to 2008. The money will be awarded at the installation party in 2008. Actually, I was just checking to see if anyone reads this!!! No prize.

## No Meeting

### NO MEETING THE DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING

This seemed to cause some controversy last week. When **President Lion Otto** put the item to vote by the membership, the members said NO. It was the Bulletin Editor's understanding that the By Laws already spelled out that the Friday after Thanksgiving is dark. That is why you saw it in the newsletter without having to go to a vote.

Speaking of no meetings...the Board decided that the meetings on 12/22/06 and 12/29/06 would both be dark. So, everyone, don't show up on those dates!!!

The meeting on 12/15/06 will be the Christmas party. No business will be conducted since its technically the last meeting of the month. Just fun, dancing, eating, and drinking. INVITE OTHERS TO THIS EVENT!!!!

## Pacemaker and Pedicures

**Lion Bedford** was having a pedicure on 11/10/06 when he started to not feel well. He said the last thing he remembers was sitting down and then he was advised he had a pacemaker and stint placed in his heart. He looked great and, as we all know, he has a big heart so now it will work even better. Good health to you, **Lion Bedford**.

## Christmas Party needs you

To be a success, each Lion needs to invite at least two people to the 12/15/06 Christmas Party. To be a further success, everyone needs to bring a canned good or dry staple good. FoodShare is counting on us to help their food bank during the Christmas season. And furthermore, **President Lion Otto** is asking everyone to bring a raffle prize or auction item, I'm not sure which. Bring the gifts to next Friday's meeting or drop off at Camino Del Sol Mortuary on C Street.

**Merry Christmas! See Y'all Next Year!**

Answer to Word Puzzle on Page 1: Split Level

December 1, 2006  
December 9, 2006  
December 15, 2006  
December 22, 2006  
December 23, 2006  
December 25, 2006  
December 27, 2006  
December 28, 2006

Lion Larry Seguin's Birthday  
Lion Byron Wedemeyer's Birthday  
Christmas Party at the American Legion Post 48  
Dark - No Meeting  
Lion Chuck Conway Jr.'s Birthday  
Christmas Day - Remember the reason for the season  
Board Meeting at Lion Todd Rehanek's home  
Dark - No Meeting

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