



The Lions Pin

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Last Week's Event

Lion Ross Olney talked about his friendship and relationship with promoter Mickey Thompson, his wife, and Michael Goodwin. **Lion Ross** is currently writing a book about Mickey Thompson and the journey to the guilty verdict of Michael Goodwin for the murders of Mickey and his wife. The book is co-authored with Colleen Campbell and is tentatively titled, "Murder On Woodland Lane". This book is one of the hundreds that **Lion Ross** has written on a variety of subjects.

Wearing Of The Green

To avoid being pinched on Saturday, be sure to wear something green. Okay, who started that tradition? What with the time change who can believe it is already Saint Patrick's Day on Saturday. Ventura is having a St. Patrick's Day Parade. Check the local paper for any other happenings in the county.

Did you know that a shamrock only exists on St. Patrick's Day. Every other day of the year, it's just young clover. (Charles Nelson).

If a man who cannot count finds a four-leaf clover, is he entitled to happiness? (Stanislaw Jerzy Lec)

WORDS OF WISDOM
*The few who do are the
 envy of the many who
 only watch.*
 Excerpt from "The Treasury of Quotes" by Jim Rohn

Otto's Epitaphs

DIABETES AND LIONS: WORKING ON SOLUTIONS



President Otto Schimmel

The UN General Assembly recently passed a landmark resolution recognizing the diabetes epidemic as a global threat. It is estimated that more than 230 million people have diabetes. This number is expected to rise to a staggering 350 million by 2025.

People with diabetes are at risk of losing sight due to diabetic retinopathy. Diabetic retinopathy affects the retina, the light-sensitive tissue at the back of the eye that transmits visual messages via the optic nerve to the brain. When this delicate tissue is damaged by diabetic retinopathy, the result may be visual impairment or blindness.

Diabetes awareness was adopted as a long-term commitment of the association in March 1984. The primary objective of the Lions program is to reduce the number of new cases of blindness caused by diabetic retinopathy through diabetes education, early detection and treatment, and support of research.

Lions are especially encouraged to conduct awareness activities in their communities throughout the year. Lions Diabetes Education month is celebrated in November. The new Strides: Lions Walk for Diabetes Awareness program can help Lions to educate the public about diabetes and its prevention. The Lions Diabetes Activity Guide features suggested diabetes service projects.

Winners

FREE FINES: **Lion Chris Pachana**
GREETER: **Lion Irv Tucker**
ATTENDANCE: **Lion Irv Tucker's** name was drawn but he said he wouldn't be at today's meeting sooooo, the pot will continue to grow.
LOTTO: **Lions Dick Maggio** and **John Farrar** were the lucky winners!

Marble Malarkey

Lion Dennis Amick's number was drawn to win the \$117 but he didn't win.

Calling All Officers

The Nominating Committee is still looking for a few good men who are willing to serve on the Board of Directors as well as Officers of the club. Officers should be ready to attend training meetings as necessary and really be an ambassador for the Lions Club. Board of Directors are the "up and coming" members who will eventually lead the Club.

Please contact **Lions Dennis Amick, Will Berg, Dick Maggio**, or **Ross Olney**. We have to conduct the election by April 13, 2007.

This is not the time to say "let someone else do it".

City of Hope Bus Trip

Sad news, the City of Hope Bus Trip has been cancelled due to "lack of interest". It seems there's a bad case of that going around.

Good news: **Lion Irv** and his Magic Can have collected another \$100 which will be donated to the City of Hope. Keep up the good work, **Lion Irv**.

Any Service Project Ideas

The Oxnard Noontimers Lions Club has not done a service project this year. The White Cane Days is a required project so it does not count. The Christmas Auction and Dinner is a fundraiser, not a service project.

A service project is something that will benefit the community or a group of individuals in a positive way. It can be a one time project or a continual project. But, come on guys, let's pick something. We've talked about "doing" something but nothing has happened. If **Lion Toby Scott** could provide the list of items done in the past again, maybe that would spark some ideas.

Strawberry Festival

The smell of beer and strawberries in the morning - what could be better? Keep your fingers crossed and hope we get the beer booth again at the Strawberry Festival to be held May 19th and 20th at College Park in Oxnard. With the luckiest guy in the Club co-chairing the event, we shouldn't have any problem getting the slot. **Lion Toby** and **Lion Rick Gill** are co-chairing this event so get ready to sign up for a fun filled shift (say that fast three times!). All volunteers will probably have to go to the Beverage Pouring Class that is required by the Police Department. **Lions Toby** or **Rick G** will let everyone know when and where the class will be held.

Visitation Committee Working

Lion Mike Plisky reported the Visitation Committee met and is working on visitations to be announced soon. Hopefully Carpinteria's Club will be on the list since the Palms Restaurant is the final ending spot for their meetings. If anyone has a club they would like to visit, contact **Lion Mike** so he can put it on the list. Part of a visitation is trying to steal the other Club's bell and gavel or possessions so the other club will have to come and retrieve their "stolen" property from the Noontimers.

calendar

March 21, 2007
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March 28, 2007
March 29, 2007

Lion Will Berg's birthday
Region Student Speakers' Contest, Camarillo
Board Meeting at Lion Todd Rehanek's home
Lion Steve Sabedra's birthday