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The Downtown Lions club meets every Friday at noon at the Petroleum Club, 3636 Linden Ave., LB. Those occasions when we do not meet or meet elsewhere are noted either on the web site or this weekly bulletin.

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LONG BEACH PETROLEUM CLUB
3636 LINDEN AVE
562-427-7966
Presiding: LINDA WEINGARTNER
Invocation: RUDY HEDGREN
Program Arranged by:
LESLIE DRAG/NANCY VOILS

Guests welcome!

FANNY BIXBY SPENCER/ MARCIA HARRIS

Long Beach native and retired school teacher Marcia Harris said she gets paid in smiles for the nearly 60 volunteer hours she clocks in each week.

Harris, a master magician, volunteers her time serving in any endeavor that is needed, from doing magic shows for children at Long Beach Memorial Hospital Diabetes Pump Support Group to visiting the sick and elderly in hospitals and retirement homes.

Harris was told she wouldn't live past 35 years old after being diagnosed with diabetes in 1974, but after being one of the first patients to test the insulin pump in the 1990s, she has entered her sixties.

She described her teaching style as unconventional because she used several unique methods to engage her students, including props, rhymes, magic tricks and impersonating different historical characters each time she gave a lesson about one.

Courtesy of RLA_RWF

Her love of history led her to a path of historical reenactments after she retired, when she started volunteering at Rancho Los Cerritos. As Rancho Ambassador, she gives tours for school children as Sarah Newmark and specializes in impersonating Fanny Bixby, of the famous Long Beach Bixby family.

Throughout the years, she has accumulated nearly 200 costumes that line her garage, which she said many people like to borrow this time of year.

A published author of several books, Harris is working on a new book titled, "Lessons from Leopold," in which she details what she has learned in raising a guide dog.

*Blatantly plagiarized from the Press Telegram.

PP MARILYN BITTLE COD

MARILYN is a career educator and teacher advocate. For 15 years, she was the Executive Director of the Teachers Association of Long Beach as well as past President of the Bellflower and California Teachers Associations and a candidate for the LBUSD School Board

MARILYN graduated from Compton High School, Compton Community College and CSULB. She taught in Bellflower for over 30 years,

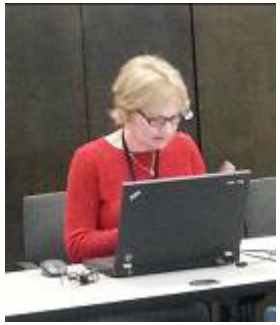
MARILYN has served as President of the South Coast Ecumenical Council where she was awarded Lay Person of the Year; on State Senator Gary Hart's Advisory Board for Teacher Proficiency Testing; as a member of the State Board of Education's Reform in Secondary Education Implementation Committee and as a member of the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church choir (where her outstanding singing voice makes her a star), the church's council past President and as a consultant to teachers.

MARILYN has been a Lion since 1997 and, in addition to being a Past-president, is chief BBQ floor and bottle washer. She helps organize the volunteers for the BBQ, and runs – marvelously we might add – the Chinese Dinner and Auction. MARILYN also organizes our Belmont Shore parade entry. MARILYN is an outspoken advocate for children and one terrific "do anything asked" person.

LONG BEACH DOWNTOWN LIONS CLUB

Retrospective—Mar 6, 2015

LB Main Library, President LINDA WESLEY WEINGARTNER presiding. Invocation: PCC ROGER POWELL. Announcements: LINDA welcomed guest Pat ODELL (PP LINCOLN). LINCOLN noted that their daughter has a display of her art at the Library. LINDA reminded all of the Cal Lion Friends In Sight "Dining in the Dark" dinner Mar 21. Contact ELLEN LIEBHERR of the Seal Beach club. PP MARILYN RUSSELL BITTLE asked that the last raffle items be turned in by the 13th, basket assembly will be at her house Mar 25, 2:30PM. LINDA welcomed ELVIA SOUKUP to the meeting. LINDA thanked NANCY VOILS for her creative programs and masterful centerpieces. Josephine Caron, Director of Community Services, Main Library, welcomed us and took us through an overview of the many services the Library has to offer (which are numerous). There are special programs for children, the homebound, a Personal Librarian service, a Virtual Library and more, much more. The Friends of the Library offers many volunteer opportunities. Many of these services are also located at many of the branches. We then toured the facilities for those with disabilities and the Special Collection. The Special Collection holds many ancient and fascinating books, art and documents. It was started with a grant from the Miller family (Miller Children's Hospital and the CSULB Japanese Garden) and is modeled on the family's own library.



LONG BEACH DOWNTOWN LIONS CLUB

MAR. 26—Chinese Dinner and Auction

Program Co-Chairs —
LESLIE DRAG, NANCY VOILS
Greeter—PP MARILYN BITTLE

CHINESE DINNER AND AUCTION

We meet for fun and games again on Mar 26, 5:30pm at Forbidden City, 6380A PCH. You must RSVP by the 20th but you may pay at the door. RSVPs who no show will be billed.

Bring your quarters! Have some fun! Guests welcome!

STUDENT SPEAKER

The Zone level winner was our club's entry Noah La Barba. The next level (Bay Region) will be on Mar 25 at 6:30PM at the LB Adult Education Center, 3701 E. Willow.

INTERSERVICE CLUB MEETING

This meeting is scheduled for the Grand Event Center at 11:30AM on Thursday, May 14. The cost will be $30. The presenter will be from the studio releasing *Peanuts the Movie.*

4L2 CONVENTION

The convention will be held from May 15 to the 17th at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 2270 Hotel Circle, San Diego. On-line reservation is available at LIONS4L2.ORG.

ELECTION OF 2015-16 OFFICERS

At this meeting, the Nominating Committee will present a slate of officers for your consideration. Nominations from the floor for any office will then be accepted.

CALENDAR

March
17—St. Patrick's Day
25—Student Speakers, LB Adult School, 6:30PM
26—Chinese Dinner and Auction
27—Dark!

April
2—CSAC
3—Board nominee speeches
7—Membership Committee
7—Charities committee
10—Annual business meeting/Board election/No guests please!
14—Board meeting
18—District meeting
23—Theater night

May
2—Health Fair
5—Membership Committee
5—Charities Committee
7—CSAC
12—Board meeting
14—Interservice Club, The Grand, 11:30AM
15—Dark!
15-17—4L2 Convention, San Diego
22– Dark! Memorial Day
25—Memorial Day

June
2—Membership Committee
2—Charities Committee
4—CSAC
9—Board meeting

July
2—CSAC
3—Dark! Independence Day
7—Membership Committee
7—Charities Committee
14—Board meeting

August
4—Membership Committee
4—Charities Committee
6—CSAC
11—Board meeting
TBA—Picnic/BBQ

September
1—Membership Committee
3—CSAC