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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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JANE NETHERTON SPECIAL OLYMPICS
Special Olympics Southern California enriches the lives of more than 19,625 athletes with intellectual disabilities and their communities in Southern California through sports, education, and athlete health.

Sports: Having fun, developing skills and building self-esteem is the life of a Special Olympics athlete. We offer year-round training and competitions in 12 sports for people of all ages and skill levels.

Education: Special Olympics encourages inclusion, participation, and leadership in schools and students. Through partnerships, we introduce sports to special education students with practices and competitions.

Athlete Health: Keeping our athletes healthy so they can compete is a key goal of the movement. Children and adults with intellectual disabilities who participate in Special Olympics develop improved physical fitness and motor skills.



THE PETROLEUM CLUB
3636 Linden Ave.
562-427-7966
Presiding: PP Garth PHILLIPS
Invocation: RUDY HEDGREN
Program Arranged by:
RICH STANLEY

Guests welcome!

PP GENE JOHNSON COD
SOME FLASHES FROM GENE JOHNSON'S PAST:
June 21st 1948 6:00pm to midnight climbed Mt. Roberts near Juneau, Alaska to experience the sun never setting on the longest day of the year.

Fall of 1950 started college and work for Weyerhaeuser.
April 1951 passed the entrance exam in Coastwise Navigation and the Pilot Rules of the United States and was admitted to the U.S. Power Squadron.

May of 1952 completed Boy Scouts of America 3 year training program and received the Scouters Award.



June 1954 married LeAnn. From an October, 1957, article in the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co National Magazine: "Everett - Persistence paid off with a BA degree in business administration for Gene Johnson, pulp tabulating supervisor."
"In the fall of 1950 Johnson enrolled at College of Puget Sound, and started working part

time in the accounting and statistical department, sales company, Tacoma office. He carried a full academic load.

"He had to stay out of school two semesters and when he was transferred here in 1955 he found himself seven semester hours short of a degree. He was able to complete his hours at the University of Washington Evening Division and received his diploma this summer.

"Johnson's wife is the former Le Ann Noel who also had worked in the sales company, Tacoma office. They have three children, Don, Lori, and Jerry."

April 1958 helped found the Active Club of Everett, WA.

Joined Lion's October 1983, 100% president 1991-1992. Was club treasurer for 27 years. Now LSHF Treasurer and on the District 4L2 Audit Committee.

Awarded the International Presidents Award 1991-1992.

Melvin Jones fellow with 5 diamonds. Golden Lion 2000, 2003 & 2005.

Married 61 years, four children, 8 grandchildren, three great-grandsons and a fourth due any day.

Retrospective—July 31, 2015

The Petroleum Club, President SMITH aka PP ED BARWICK presiding. Invocation: RUDY HEDGREN. Song/spirit: PP MARILYN RUSSELL BITTLE. Piano: A. Capella. Announcements: ED encouraged all to give to the White Cane canisters, and keep bring those eyeglasses, cell phones and hearing aids coming in. PP MERLIN THIMLAR noted that the cans are now paying for our Eyeglasses for the needy program. ED welcomed guest Pam Dingwell (BARB HALLER). PDG DENNIS DRAG noted that dues invoices are at the back of the room. Save 45¢, pick yours up. DENNIS also noted that the next district meeting is Aug 22. Your participation would be ideal. MARILYN encouraged all to sign up for the Family Picnic (see column right), The deadline for sign up is Aug. 7. Join us! Bring a prospective member or two! The 50/50, run by GEOFF GATLEY, was won by MYRA KREMEN. Tail Twister RICH STANLEY collected Happy Bucks from: himself (grandson is now in daycare and the family is sharing its first head cold); MYRA

(won the 50/50); GEOFF GATLEY (grandson's water polo team went 5 and 2); RAY KELSO (third grandson was born on RAY's birthday); RUDY (Salvation Army is celebrating its 150th anniversary and, with the addition of Russia, is in 127 countries). PP JIM HARDEN recognized the July anniversaries and thanked them for their service. COD RICH had fun and raised money with questions about hospitals. He intro'd speaker Kit Katz who outlined the many services of St. Mary's Hospital. Colleague Tim Bojeczko introduced the Wellness Center and its many offerings including reiki (Japanese acupuncture), fall prevention and much, much more. The programs are not exclusive to but are aimed at the income challenged. Volunteer opportunities exist and the Hospital runs an annual Diabetes Walk-a-thon. Meanwhile the hospital is getting a head to toe refresh. President ED thanked BARB for all her help and passed the gavel to incoming President GARTH PHILLIPS (August).



Aug. 21—Ewa Farrelly, LB Memorial, Creating a Happy, Healthy Life Style

Program Chair—RICH STANLEY
 Greeter—PP MERLIN THIMLAR
 Aug. 28—PP MEL NUTTER, The Coastal Commission

FAMILY PICNIC

The "BBQ" Committee announced that this year we will have a family picnic. Family and prospective members are welcome. The event will be held on Thursday, August 13, 2015. Social hour will begin at 4:00 p.m. Dinner will be at 5:00 p.m. at Marina Vista Park (at the area nearest Marine Stadium parking.) The price will be \$10.00 per person (no charge for perspective members.) Please note that RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED and you must PAY IN ADVANCE.

Naples Rib Joint will cater ribs, chicken, beans, salad, cornbread and Marilyn will prepare her famous Peach Cobbler for dessert. The event is "BYOC" (bring your own chair) and BYOB (if you want something other than water.) Please note that alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the park.

JACK MACDONALD AFTERNOON AT THE RACES

Mark your calendar for Sep 26. Details to follow.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2	ALAN KENNAN
5	PDG JUDITH POWELL
13	LESLIE DRAG
19	LESLIE BRYANT
19	RANDY RUTLEDGE
22	VICKI PHILLIPS
23	PATTY MARTIN
23	MICHELE WINTERSTEIN

CALENDAR

AUGUST

8—COG
 11—Board meeting
 13—**Family picnic!**
 18—Zone A meeting
 22—District meeting
September
 3—Membership Committee
 3—Charities Committee
 3—CSAC
 4—Dark! Labor Day
 8—Board meeting
 15— Zone A meeting
 26—Afternoon at the Races

October

1—CSAC
 6—Membership Committee
 6—Charities Committee
 13—Board meeting
 20—Zone A meeting
 31—District meeting

November

3—Membership Committee
 3—Charities Committee
 5—CSAC
 10—Board meeting
 17—Zone A meeting
 26—Thanksgiving
 27—Dark!

December

1— Membership Committee
 1—Charities Committee
 3—CSAC
 5—Belmont Shore parade
 8—Board meeting
 13—Holiday Party
 25—Dark! Christmas

January

1—Dark! New Years Day
 5—Membership Committee
 5—Charities Committee
 7—CSAC
 12—Board meeting
 19—Zone A meeting
 23—District meeting

February