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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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PRESIDENT JUDY HOSTS OKTOBERFEST!

While some Downtown Lions enjoyed an afternoon at the track last Saturday, in Munich Oktoberfest began with a parade through the city and the tapping of the first Oktoberfest beer barrel by the mayor. The festival will continue through October 4. The cheapest "Mass" (a liter) of beer will sell for 10 euros or about \$11.30, and of course, that's the only size available in the 32 beer tents on the event grounds. Too much for you? You'll be told, "Come back when you're thirsty!"

Club Program to Feature Music, Beer
Here at our club the program this week will celebrate Oktoberfest with music provided by accordionist Linda Herman and her tuba-playing partner whom we'll introduce that day. Linda is originally from



Iowa, moving to the Los Angeles area in 1984 along with a drummer, Glen Kelley. Glen passed away in 1999 so Linda went "solo." She has played in many places including a casino in Nevada, Holland American Cruise Line, stage shows that toured the Midwest and even appeared on Johnny Carson. Linda got a call to go to NBC studios back in May of 1987. Johnny Carson was doing a skit that night about the garbage barge that was sailing up and down the east

THE PETROLEUM CLUB 3636 Linden Ave.

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Presiding: PDG JUDY POWELL
Invocation: RUDY HEDGREN
Program Arranged by:
PDG JUDITH OLMSTED POWELL

Guests welcome!

coast. Nobody wanted it around. Bob Hope had just done a USO show which gave Carson the idea for a skit - a USO show for the garbage barge crew. The skit included a young lady dancer, an old-time singer and Linda as the accordionist. When she got to NBC studios she wondered, what should I play? When Carson arrived he asked if she knew "Anchors Aweigh." So she then got with Doc Severinson and rehearsed the song. At the rehearsal, Linda threw in a little bellow shake which Carson loved and told her to do it on the show. To her delight, the show was rerun the next year, which meant a royalty check!

The accordion has been a part of Linda's life since she was 8 years old. As she puts it, she was minding her own business on the farm when a couple came selling accordion lessons. Her parents volunteered her. So to make everyone suffer she would practice at 6 a.m. If her brothers did something that needed punishment, they had to sit and listen to her practice. The accordion has been good to Linda. It has taken her many places including Europe, Japan, all over the USA even playing with a group on the steps of the Capitol building in Washington DC.

When you arrive at the club you'll find steins set at your places. Use them for your usual iced tea, lemonade or water or have a beer or two being underwritten by JUDY whose visits to Bavaria make it impossible for her to imagine a "fest" without beer.



Retrospective August 28, 2015

The Petroleum Club, Presiding: PP GARTH PHILLIPS who reminded us of the cell phone policy, White Cane canisters, and to keep donating cell phones, hearing aids, and eye glasses. Invocation: RUDY HEDGREN. Piano: ROB NICHOLS. Song/spirit: PP MARILYN RUSSELL BITTLE. Announcements: Guests: 1st VDG MANNY SANCHEZ, Betty Karnette, who spoke on the value of the Long Beach Community Playhouse and its need for our support, former member Candace Yamagawa (VAL LERCH) and Russ Nutter (MEL NUTTER). PP JIM HARDEN honored the August anniversaries. PDG JUDITH OLMSTED POWELL announced upcoming events under her presidency: Sept. 4: Dark for Labor Day, Sept 11: The Lions Drag Strip-- "The Greatest Drag Strip", Sept 19: Day at the Races-- Please sign up. Sept. 25: Oktoberfest Program with special music and dancing. GARTH announced the Norwalk Lions Halloween Dance, the Artesia/Cerritos pancake breakfast, Oct. 3, and the Rose Parade reception for Lions International President Dec. 30. He also discussed volunteering at the Toshiba Golf Classic refreshment stand, and a consensus was reached to do it Friday, Oct. 30. GARTH passed around sign up sheets for two shifts, 9 to 3 and 3 to closing time. Tail

Twister RICH STANLEY collected a \$5 fine MARILYN volunteered for her article in the Naples newsletter. Happy Bucks were collected from RICH, happy that football season is approaching; PDG DENNIS DRAG for successful visitations thanks to PP GEORGE MILLER JR. and for his visit to the opening of the new UCLA Wasserman football center; ED BARWICK for his grandson's improvement in health; JUDY for MARILYN's article; JIM HARDEN for U of Illinois being named no. 1 for something, and VAL LERCH for he and PE JERRY CALIGIURI looking forward to attending a Dodger's game. The 50/50 run by BONNIE BARWICK was won by RUDY. COD PCC ROGER POWELL explained why we are going with no head table. ROGER also had fun and collected fines based on questions about the Coastal Commission. Speaker PP MEL NUTTER entertained with anecdotes of his experience serving on the California Coastal Commission and the history of the Coastal Commission. He said we could view his previous presentation to the Aquarium of the Pacific on their web site, going to lectures, and MEL NUTTER himself. MEL also recommended the web site californiacoastline.org for great pictures. *Thanks to PP LINCOLN ODELL for this Retrospective.*

MORE OKTOBERFEST

Crown Prince Ludwig, later to become King Ludwig I, was married to Princess Therese of Saxony-Hildburghausen on October 12, 1810. The citizens of Munich were invited to attend the festivities held on the fields in front of the city gates. The fields have been named Theresienwiese ("Theresa's fields") in honor of the Crown Princess, although the locals have since abbreviated the name simply to the "Wies'n". Horse races in the presence of the Royal Family marked the close of the event that was celebrated as a festival for the whole of Bavaria. The decision to repeat the horse races in the subsequent year gave rise to the tradition of the Oktoberfest. The Oktoberfest continues in 1811 In 1811 an added feature to the horse races was the first agricultural show, designed to boost Bavarian agriculture. The horse races, which were the oldest and - at one time - the most popular event of the festival are no longer held today. But the agricultural

show is still held every three years. The first carousel and two swings were set up in 1818. Visitors were able to quench their thirst at small beer stands, which grew rapidly in number. In 1896 the beer stands were replaced by the first beer tents and halls set up by enterprising landlords with the backing of the breweries. The remainder of the festival site was taken up by a fun fair. The range of carousels etc. was already increasing rapidly in the 1870s as the fairground trade continued to grow and develop in Germany. 182nd Oktoberfest 2015 Today, the Oktoberfest is the largest festival in the world, with an international flavor characteristic of the 21st century: some 6 million visitors from all around the world converge on the Oktoberfest each year. And since the Oktoberfest is still held on the Theresienwiese, the locals still refer to the event simply as the "Wies'n". So "welcome to the Wies'n" means nothing other than "welcome to the Oktoberfest"!



Oct. 2—PP BRADE PHILLIPS, Everything You Always Wanted to Know

About Local Law Enforcement

Program Chair—PDG JUDY POWELL
Greeter—PCC ROGER POWELL
Oct. 9—Doug Thiesen, Engineering a Port

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11	DEBBIE ACEVEDO
15	PP ED BARWICK
15	PP AL WEINGARTNER
20	PP BRADE PHILLIPS
25	PDG JUDY POWELL
51	PERRY MAXSON



CALENDAR

September

25—Oktoberfest

October

1—CSAC
6—Membership Committee
6—Charities Committee
13—Board meeting
20—Zone A meeting
30—Dark! Toshiba Classic
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

2—Membership Committee
2—Charities Committee
4—CSAC
5—7—MD4 Convention, Modesto
9—Board meeting
14—Valentines Day
15—President's Day
16—Zone A Meeting

March

1—Membership Committee
1—Charities Committee