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**MICHAEL JACKSON DREW DEVELOPMENT CENTER**  
Dr. Michael Jackson joined Drew Child Development Corporation in January 2002 as President



and CEO and has successfully led the organization through significant growth and service diversification over the past decade. Today, Drew CDC – with a staff of 125 and an annual operating budget of \$24.5 million – reaches 10,000 children and/or families and child care providers through programs in early childhood education, child welfare, and mental health services. As President and CEO, Michael brings to the agency a wealth of experience in managing and directing large and complex social service programs, with an emphasis on childhood education.

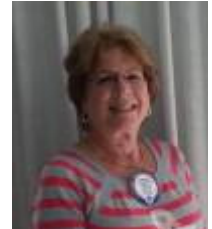
Prior to joining Drew CDC, Michael served at the Los Angeles Department of Children and Family Services, where he was responsible for the planning and implementation of the Alternative Dispute Resolution and Diversity and Cultural Competency Programs, as well as for streamlining the contracts processes at the Department, increasing the efficient delivery of services. Michael also served for several years as a Children’s Social Worker, providing casework services to clients and developing programs and resources to prevent child abuse.

**THE PETROLEUM CLUB**  
3636 Linden Ave.  
562-427-7966  
Presiding: PP GEORGE MILLER JR  
Invocation: RUDY HEDGREN  
Program Arranged by:  
ELVIA SOUKUP

**Guests welcome!**

**SANDY GJONOVICH COD**  
SANDY was born in Saint Louis Missouri but came to California at an early age and spent most of her life in the Long Beach Lakewood area. She attended Lakewood High School, LBCC and graduated Chapman University

with a Master’s Degree in Health Science. As a Registered Nurse she helped open Lakewood Regional Medical Center, was a Health Educator for CIGNA Health plan and a High School Nurse for Santa Ana Unified School District. She volunteered at the American Cancer Society teaching Non Smoking Programs for several years and had been part of the medical team for her church. While working as a high school nurse she was very involved in acquiring food, clothing and toys for students as well as medical care. She served in the Army Reserve at the time of Desert Storm and ... the LA Riots of '93. Her first two years were in a Mash Unit and last 4 years in a field hospital. Besides nursing she was trained in shooting a 45, M16 and submachine gun. She was also licensed to drive a duce ½ (2 1/2 ton truck) . At 5 feet 2 inches that was tough.



SANDY has one son, a math teacher at Lakewood High School and a daughter in law who is a counselor with LBUSD. She has three granddaughters all of whom are beautiful and great athletes.

Her hobbies are bike riding, especially to the beach, swimming, racquet ball, Zumba (exercise to Latin music) and travel. Since retiring she has been to Italy, Alaska, Canada, Turkey, Costa Rica, Tahiti, England, Peru and Machu Picchu. Other fun things are zip lining and horseback riding. She loves watching her grandchildren play sports.

SANDY joined Lions club in February of 2014 thanks to SUSANNE RAY, sponsor and dear friend. She has enjoyed every minute of it. She lives in Lakewood with her dog Regent.

SANDY is now the chair of the club’s eyeglass program and the latest member of the undefeated Tennis Team.



## Retrospective November 6, 2015

The Petroleum Club, Presiding: PP GEORGE MILLER JR. Invocation: RUDY HEDGREN. Piano: ROB NICHOL. Song/spirit: PP MARILYN RUSSELL BITTLE. Announcements: GEORGE reminded us of cell phone fines and the canisters for collecting funds for eye exams and glasses for students and adults. GEORGE asked all to recall: our goal is serving others, providing hope, restoring dignity. VAL LERCH encouraged all to turn out for the North LB Vet's Day parade, Nov. 7. PP GENE JOHNSON encouraged sign ups for the B&G Thanksgiving dinners, Nov. 18 and 19. We need about 15 volunteers. PP GARTH PHILLIPS thanked all those who worked the golf tournament. It will be several weeks before we know how much we made. GEORGE reviewed the Artesia/Cerritos visitation. Our next is Pasadena, Nov. 10 and Arcadia Dec. 17. GENE shared a picture of Spirit, the guide dog we paid to train and his new master. MARILYN encouraged sign ups for the bus for the Belmont Shore parade Dec. 5. Lots of kids would be a great thing. She outlined our December events. For the Holiday party Dec. 13, at the Yacht Club we will control the cost by offering only hors d'oeuvres. If you wish dinner, you can eat in the dining room and order from the menu. PP JIM HARDEN recognized the October Anniversaries and thanked them for their service. GEORGE presented PP KIRK DAVIS with an award for his service as Zone Chair. Tail Twister RICH STANLEY fined VAL LERCH \$5 for his

many appearances promoting the Veterans Parade. RICH gave \$5 in Happy Bucks for three straight victories for SC and UCLA (how ecumenical). PE JERRY CALIGIURI gave for GARTH's work on the golf tournament and the presence of FELIX FRANKLIN. ROB and MIKE LIEPPMAN gave for new grandkids. KIRK gave in honor of being named co-chair of Healthy North Long Beach. GENE gave for being named treasurer of LSHF. JIM gave for their week in Illinois and first visit to their great-grandchild. PP LINDA WEINGARTNER gave for the fine weather. The 50-50, conducted by MYRA KREMEN and assisted by SANDY GJONOVICH, was won by MYRA. GEORGE asked ROB to play one song for COD ANDY CHOY, *Jingle Bells*. ANDY intro'd his head table of "irregulars", MIKE and SKIP BASIL and "regulars", KIRK and GENE. He fined them \$20 and paid it himself. He fined based on questions about eyesight and paid those as well. He then intro'd RANDY STEIN, President and CEO of Lions Sight and Hearing foundation. RANDY related several of the most touching successes and the width and scope of their operations, from SoCal to the central coast to the Southern Sierra. He and GENE noted that as much as money what LSHF needs is providers in the area of service. As it is their recipients often have to travel great distances to receive care and they are the ones least likely to have the means to endure this travel. Can you help or know someone who can?



## Nov. 27—Dark! Thanksgiving

Program Chair—ELVIA SOUKUP

Greeter—PP LINDA WEINGARTNER

Dec. 4—The Customs of Hanukkah and Carols of Christmas

## CALENDAR

### November

16—Rose Parade Golf Tournament  
17—Board meeting  
17—Zone A meeting  
18—B&G Club Thanksgiving dinner  
19—B&G Club Thanksgiving dinner  
26—Thanksgiving  
27—Dark!

### December

1—Membership Committee  
1—Charities Committee  
3—CSAC  
5—Belmont Shore parade  
8—Board meeting  
13—Holiday Party  
17—Arcadia visit  
25—Dark! Christmas  
30—Reception, IP

### January

1—Dark! New Years Day  
5—Membership Committee  
5—Charities Committee  
7—CSAC  
12—Board meeting  
19—Zone A meeting  
22—Getty Villa trip, 8:30am  
23—District meeting

### February

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

### March

1—Membership Committee  
1—Charities Committee  
3—CSAC  
8—Board meeting  
13—St. Patrick's Day  
15—Zone A Meeting

### April

5—Membership Committee  
5—Charities Committee

## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

6	LEANN JOHNSON
6	CAROL SABOL
6	CHRIS SABOL
6	NANCY VOILS
6	PP LINDA WEINGARTNER
28	STEVE LEWIS
47	PCC ROGER POWELL

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

We go to the Getty on Jan. 22 and the Chinese Dinner and Auction on April 14. The Getty bus will depart from the Petroleum Club and the Chinese Dinner will be there as well.

