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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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RUDY HEDGREN COD

RUDY was born in Chicago, IL, on October 16, 1945 and grew-up in Gary, Indiana. His father was Swedish and his mother was Spanish. He has three younger brothers. When he graduated from high school he attended two years at Indiana University and then transferred to The Salvation Army College for Officer's Training. He graduated with a BS degree, was commissioned as a Lieutenant and ordained as minister in The Salvation Army. During the Vietnam War he served for two years as a Chaplains Assistant in the 82nd Airborne.

THE PETROLEUM CLUB
3636 Linden Ave.
562-427-7966
Presiding: PCC ROGER POWELL
Invocation: RUDY HEDGREN
Program Arranged by:
PDG JUDY POWELL

A SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS

RUDY will share "The Holiday Joy brought to These in Need" through the Salvation Army's Operation Christmas Services. These include:

Guests welcome!



- * The Adopt-a-Family
- * The Angel Tree
- * Families Christmas assistance for Food & Toys
- * Gifts to the Elderly in Resthomes
- * Gifts to Veterans in the VA Hospital
- * Gifts to the Veterans at the Cabrillo Village provided by funds from the Downtown Lions Club
- * The Partnership with "The Reef" restaurant for Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day



RUDY and his wife Judy served for over 30 years as Salvation Army Officers in various ministry positions such as: Youth Pastor, Sr. Pastors, Regional and Territorial Youth Directors, Regional Business Director/Assist Women's Ministry and Assist Territorial Program Directors. During these years of service, RUDY worked with other churches, community agencies, service clubs, government officials and non-profit organizations throughout the thirteen Western States. After retiring from The Salvation Army, RUDY became a Service Coordinator and was a social worker, counselor and advocate for the elderly in 15 low cost HUD housing units in the LA area and San Bernardino. Presently, RUDY and his wife are doing Post Retirement serves with The Salvation Army Long Beach Corps. RUDY is the Director of Operations and his wife is the Director of Corps/Community. ->

Also, RUDY will share some heart-breaking and heart-warming stories of some of the families and clients served during Operation Christmas.

<- Rudy has been married to his wonderful wife Judy for 45 years and have three grown children and five grandchildren. Rudy's hobbies are music, sports watching and playing golf. Rudy and Judy do pre-marriage and marriage counseling and love to travel. Some of the special honors Rudy has received over the years are: Jaycee of the Year, Rotarian Paul Harris Fellow, United Way Man of the Year and special appointment to The Salvation Army's International Training College for Officers.

Retrospective December 4, 2015

The Petroleum Club, Presiding: PCC ROGER POWELL. Invocation: RUDY HEDGREN. Piano: MIKE LIEPPMAN, ROB NICHOL. Song/spirit: PP MARILYN RUSSELL BITTLE. Announcements: ROGER reminded us of cell phone fines and the canisters for collecting funds for eye exams and glasses for students and adults. He welcomed guests Pat Garrabrandt (daughter of ED MACIAS) and John Beyenberg (RUDY HEDGREN). PDG DENNIS DRAG intro'd the December birthdays. ROGER read a thank you letter from the Artesia/Cerritos club. Thanks to their Thanksgiving feast visitors they were able to feed six more families for Thanksgiving. ROGER outlined the December activities. RUDY indicated he needed more volunteers for the kettle. ROGER and DENNIS presented checks to RUDY for more gifts for the families at Cabrillo. ROGER outlined upcoming visitations: Arcadia, Dec. 17 and Uptown: Jan 11. PP GENE JOHNSON recapped the Boys and Girls Club Thanksgiving Dinner. Ultimately over 1,000 people were fed! He also noted that Cal State Dominguez Hills has designated us as one of their favorite charities and have delivered a huge bag of eyeglasses. Happy bucks were donated by MIKE for time spent with grandson; PP JIM HARDEN for the piano melo-

dies by MIKE and ROB and Northwestern finishing 10 and 2; MYRA KREMEN for her bowling exploits; GEOFF GATLEY for a new USC coach and a new granddaughter; PP GARTH PHILLIPS for a USC victory; GENE for PATTI MARTIN being declared cancer free; DENNIS for Purdue being 6 and 0 and UCLA's win over Kentucky; JUDY: if Illinois had to lose at least it was to Northwestern; ROB for safety of son in law who works near the Inland Regional Center. PP BRAD PHILLIPS invited all to his retirement party, Dec. 17, 5:30pm, at Gladstones 4 Fish. The 50/50, run by GEOFF, was won by MARILYN. COD PDG JUDITH OLMSTED POWELL outlined the day's events starting with SANDY GJONOVICH explaining the historical and religious significance of Hanukkah, The Festival of Lights. We then all sang the Dreidel song. JUDY tuned the flute up with *In Dulci Jubilo* ("In Sweet Rejoicing"). MARILYN performed *Mary, Did You Know?* Accompanied by RUDY (cornet) and ROB (piano) we all sang *Deck The Halls, O, Come All Ye faithful, The First Noel, Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, and Joy To The World.* Marilyn, Leslie Drag, Rudy and Judy performed *Peace, Peace.* The concluding sing along was *Silent Night.* A marvelous program for all.



Dec. 25—Dark! Christmas

Program Chair—PCC ROGER POWELL

Greeter—JUDY POWELL

Jan 1—Dark

Jan 8—Kalani Caldwell, AVID Poly Hi

CALENDAR

December

11—Dark!
 13—Holiday Party
 17—Arcadia visit
 25—Dark! Christmas
 30—Reception, IP

January

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

February

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

March

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

April

5—Membership Committee
 5—Charities Committee
 12—Board meeting
 14—Chinese Dinner & Auction, Petroleum Club
 19—Zone A meeting
 27—CSAC

May

3—Membership Committee
 3—Charities Committee
 9—Board meeting
 17—Zone A meeting
 27—Dark! Memorial Day

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

| | |
|----|-------------------|
| 1 | CLAUDIA TORRES |
| 18 | PP MARILYN BITTLE |
| 20 | ROB NICHOLS |
| 35 | FELIX FRANKLIN |
| 40 | BOB SOBEL |

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.

GETTY TRIP SIGN UPS

After Jan 8, sign ups for this trip will be opened to all. Please sign up beforehand to ensure yourself a seat. You can sign up at a Friday meeting or by emailing BARB HALLER (GREATGB1@GMAIL.COM).

Don't forget, the bus leaves promptly at 9am from the Petroleum Club. If you arrive at 9:01, plan on finding another means of transportation.

