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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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KALANI CALDWELL POLY HIGH: AVID
Kalani Caldwell has been at Poly High School for 27 years. She is a counselor, teacher and the head of the women's swim program at Poly. She is also the AVID coordinator. Kalani is a product of Long Beach Schools and a graduate of CSULB. Kalani's daughter attends Poly in the PACE program. Kalani enjoys running, swimming, and biking.

THE PETROLEUM CLUB
3636 Linden Ave.
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Presiding: PP MARILYN BITTLE
Invocation: RUDY HEDGREN
Program Arranged by:
MARILYN BITTLE

MARILYN BITTLE COD
Past-president 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

Guests welcome!

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, has chaired the Membership Committee for some time and sits on the Charities Committee. She also runs – marvelously we might add – the Chinese Dinner and Auction.



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The mission of AVID is to ensure that all students capable of completing a college preparatory

path:

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- Will enter mainstream activities of the school.
- Will increase their enrollment in four-year colleges.
- Will become educated and responsible participants and leaders in society.

AVID is an excellent program for students who could make it in a challenging curriculum with some support. The AVID program plans to place its students into accelerated, honors, and AP classes as they are ready.

MARILYN is an outspoken advocate for children and one terrific "do anything asked" person.



Retrospective December 18, 2015

The Petroleum Club, Presiding: PCC ROGER POWELL. Invocation: RUDY HEDGREN. Piano: A. Cappella. Song/spirit: PP MARILYN RUSSELL BITTLE. Announcements: ROGER reminded us of cel phone fines and the canisters for collecting funds for eye exams and glasses for students and adults. So far this year we have provided eyeglasses for 60-70 people plus those given out by the Rescue Mission. PP JIM HARDEN recognized the December anniversaries and thanked them for their service. RUDY reviewed the results of the Kettle ringing and thanked all those who rang. He also noted that ROGER, PDG DENNIS DRAG, PE JERRY CALIGIURI and RUDY distributed gifts to the women at Cabrillo Village the day before. ROGER recapped PP BRADE PHILLIPS' retirement party, noting that BRADE said he would "try" retirement. We received Christmas cards from 2ndVDG TESSIE PRUMATICO and the Toshiba Golf Tournament. PDG JUDITH OLMSTED POWELL recapped the Christmas dinner, noting we collected three boxes of toys, really good stuff. Thanks to all who donated. PP YOURS TRULY encouraged sign ups for the King Day Parade route clean up, Jan 9, 8am. ROGER reminded all to sign up for the Getty Villa trip on Jan 22. MYRA KREMEN

announced Night at the Theater for April 21. The play is *Around The World In Eighty Days*. MARILYN reminded all of the Chinese Dinner April 14. Consider "regifting" that less than perfect Christmas gift. Tail Twister RICH STANLEY got \$5 from VAL LERCH who outlined his reasons for NOT naming the new North LB Library after Michelle Obama. Other Happy Bucks came from JIM HARDEN (various school victories), PP ED BARWICK (grandson's birthday: each of these is a bit of a miracle); JUDY (nothing on her calendar for the rest of the year); PP LINDA WEINGARTNER (grandson's flag football exploits, other grandson's school's "Elders Day"). RICH also read thank you letters from Get On The Bus and from an eyeglasses recipient, "How good to see!" The 50/50, run by GEOFF GATLEY, was won by VAL. GEOFF also noted an article from a Parisian publication honoring the CSULB student killed in the recent terrorist attack (in French). ROGER intro'd COD RUDY, expressing his appreciation for all RUDY (and the Army) do for the community. RUDY outlined the many efforts the Army executes for the needy, especially at this time of year. He thanked the Lions for the 97 welcome kits and \$300 for furnishings this year.



DENNIS adds Judge TUCKER's leaf to Los Amigos Tree of Life.



Jan. 15—TBA

Program Chair—PP MARILYN BITTLE
Greeter—PDG DENNIS DRAG
Jan 22—Getty Trip

CALENDAR

January

5—Membership Committee
5—Charities Committee
9—King Parade Clean Up, 8am
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—CSAC
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
21—Night at the Theater (Around the World in Eighty Days)
27—CSAC

May

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

June

7—Membership Committee

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

5	NANCY VOILS
5	SKIP BASIL
7	RAY FUJII
8	PDG DENNIS DRAG
13	DARRYL SEXTON
20	FELIX FRANKLIN
21	PATRICK NEBO
28	HAROLD ESSEX
29	MYRA KREMEN
30	SANDY GJONOVICH

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. Theater night is April 21.

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.