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**COME "LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL" CELEBRATING THE BEGINNING OF CARNIVAL SEASON! FEATURING THE ANGEL CITY DIXIELAND TRIO FEEL FREE TO WEAR A COSTUME OR AT LEAST A MASK! BRING AN UMBRELLA OR A HANDKERCHIEF FOR THE "2ND LINE" PARADE!**

**PETROLEUM CLUB 3636 LINDEN AVE. 562-427-7966**  
Presiding: PDG JUDY POWELL  
Invocation: RUDY HEDGREN  
Program Arranged by: PDG JUDITH OLMSTED POWELL

**PP MARILYN RUSSELL BITTLE COD**  
PP MARYLIN is a career educator and teacher advocate. For 15 years, she was the Executive Director of the Teachers Association

**Guests welcome!**

of Long Beach as well as past President of the Bellflower and California Teachers Associations and a candidate for the LBUSD School Board

**CLASSIC N'AWLINS "HURRICANES" WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM THE BAR!**

Mardi Gras may be set for February 17 this year, but parades will actually start taking place on January 31 in New Orleans' French Quarter and in nearby Sli-dell with such entries as the Krewe of Bilge, the Krewe of Mona Lisa & MoonPie, the Krewe du Vieux, and the Krewe Delusion, so we're celebrating the beginning of the season at our January 30 meeting.



The origins of Mardi Gras can be traced to medieval Europe with the traditional revelry of "Boeuf Gras" or fatted calf on the last day before Ash Wednesday. The event followed France to what is now Louisiana when on March 2, 1699, French-Canadian explorer Jean Baptiste Le Moyne Sieur de Bienville arrived at a plot of ground 60 miles directly south of New Orleans and named it "Pointe du Mardi Gras" when his men realized it was the eve of the festive holiday. Bienville also established "Fort Louis de la Louisiane" (which is now Mobile) in 1702. In 1703, the tiny settlement of Fort Louis de la Mobile

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MARYLIN 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.

MARYLIN 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.

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

## Retrospective January 15, 2016

The Petroleum Club, PP LINDA WESLEY WEINGARTNER presiding. Invocation: RUDY HEDGREN. Song/spirit: PP YOURS TRULY. Piano: ROB NICHOLS. Announcements: LINDA noted how we were interviewed and photographed by the Press Telegram last Saturday at the King Day parade route clean up only to be identified as Rotarians in the paper! LINDA welcomed guests Donna and Sam Kelly (GARTH and VICKI PHILLIPS) and Stephanie Esperanza (CLAUDIA TORRES.) LINDA reminded all to give to our Eye-glass canisters and to keep donating those eyeglasses, hearing aids and cell phones. She also showed a book of thank you letters from the Boys and Girls kids. It was on display at the back of the room. PE JERRY CALIGIURI reminded all of the details of our Getty Villa trip. PCC ROGER POWELL described the Mardi Gras celebration scheduled for the 29th. PP GEORGE MILLER JR encouraged sign ups for the Flag Day (details column right).

PDG DENNIS DRAG noted that BARB HALLER has fallen and badly hurt her back. A kind word would be appreciated. DENNIS also noted the District meeting Saturday the 23rd. Tail Twister RICH STANLEY wrested Happy Bucks from CLAUDIA and PP JIM HARDEN (being honored at a Northwestern Media School reunion in Palm Springs); DENNIS (Northwestern and Purdue victories); GEOFF GATLEY (NOT winning the Lottery); PP YOURS TRULY (perfect blood test) and ROB (return of the Rams to LA). The 50/50, run by GEOFF, was won by RUDY. LINDA had fun with questions about the health-care (exercise) industry. She then intro'd Emily Sopo who talked about the need to reduce fat and increase muscle and how to do it. Balance is equally important and can be improved with the right exercises. She also intro'd the Life Fitness Center @ The Beach. A new membership in January will be discounted 50%.



## Feb. 5—Valentine's Day

Program Chair—PP MARILYN BITTLE  
 Greeter—PDG DENNIS DRAG  
 Feb. 12—Student Speakers

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

The MD4 Convention is Feb 5-7. Flag Day is Feb. 10. The MELVIN JONES Luncheon is Feb. 28. The Chinese Dinner and Auction will be on April 14 at the Petroleum Club. Theater night is April 21.

### FLAG DAY 2016

We celebrate Flag Day on Wednesday, February 10 at:  
 Bobbie Smith Elementary School  
 565 E. Hill St.  
 8am.  
 Please join us.  
 If you're coming, please tell PP GEORGE MILLER so he can set a seat for you.

### VALENTINE'S DAY

We will celebrate Valentine's Day on Feb 5. It will be special! Bring your main squeeze!

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celebrated America's very first Mardi Gras. In 1875, Governor Warmoth signed the "Mardi Gras Act," making Fat Tuesday a legal holiday in Louisiana, which it still is.

So what IS a "krewe"? It's an organization of people who make a float for Mardi Gras and raise money throughout the year to go for the float and the costumes. And what's the "2nd Line"? The "main line" or "first line" is the main section of the parade, or the members of the actual club & their band with the parading permit. Those who follow the band just to enjoy the music are called the "second line." Second line participants sometimes twirl a parasol or handkerchief in the air. It has been called "the quintessential New Orleans art form - a jazz funeral without a body."

Note: This was good enough for last year. Let's recycle it. So very "green".

## CALENDAR

### January

28—CSAC

### February

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

### 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  
 20-22—District 4L2 Convention  
 23—CSAC  
 27—Dark! Memorial Day  
 30—Memorial Day

### June

7—Membership Committee  
 7—Charities Committee  
 14—Board Meeting  
 21—Zone A Meeting

### July