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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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STUDENT SPEAKERS HISTORY BY PID DWIGHT STANFORD

When District 4 was split into five sub-districts in 1937, Fred Smith (later International President) became the first District Governor of District 4-C. His district ran from Stockton down to the southern end of the San Joaquin Valley. He realized that the clubs in his new district had nothing more in common than they did with the clubs in San Francisco or San Diego. He expressed this thought to the other officers in his district and asked for suggestions. One of his Deputy District Governors, Frank Coiston, Superintendent of Schools in Oxnard, suggested a Student Speakers Contest for high school students in the district. The idea was approved.

PETROLEUM CLUB 3636 LINDEN AVE. 562-427-7966

Presiding: PP MEL NUTTER
Invocation: RUDY HEDGREN
Program Arranged by: PP MEL NUTTER

Guests welcome!



PP LINCOLN ODELL COD

Past President LINCOLN is a genuine son of Long Beach, born and raised here and graduating from Wilson High and LBCC. He went on to earn his B.S. degree in engineering at UCLA.

For thirty eight years LINCOLN worked as an engineer at McDonnell Douglas, retiring in June of 1994. He's been a member of the club since 1987 and has served on the Board of Directors and as Lion Tamer and program chairman. For the past several years he's been a member of the BBQ committee and with a major assist from wife Pat, has put together a well-organized and impressive array of drawing prizes. LINCOLN was president of this club in 2002-3 and a winner of the "Golden Lion" for 2005-6.

LINCOLN has also been a regular at White Cane Day, but his acknowledged favorite pastime with Lions is the tennis "team" with SANDY GJONOVICH, RICH STANLEY, AL WEINGARTNER and DAVE WOOD.

LINCOLN's other interest is his real estate investments. He and Pat have four children and six grandchildren.

Guests welcome!



The following year James Hodges, District Governor from Covina, proposed to the Council of Governors that Fred's speech contest become a project for all of District 4. The proposal was adopted and the contest has been one of our district's principal projects ever since. During the past sixty years, many groups and clubs have followed our lead by engaging in joint service activities. It is one of the stars in our MD-4 crown.

A speaker who wins out to the state (MD4) level will earn over \$20,000 in scholarships!

This year's topic is **Liberty and Justice For All—What Does It Mean to You?**



Retrospective January 29, 2016

The Petroleum Club, PP MARILYN RUSSELL BITTLE presiding. Invocation: RUDY HEDGREN, Song/spirit: MARILYN. Piano: A. Cappella. Announcements: Guests: MARILYN intro'd PDG BILL WALTERS (Montebello) who intro'd fellow Lions: ANN and DAN KEWES, CHRIS OHRMUND, AMELIA ALVAREZ and wife Isabel. They encouraged participation in their Las Vegas Night and pancake breakfast. MARILYN also intro'd Marvin Cummings (PP YOURS TRULY) and new members SAM and DONNA KELLY. Tail Twister RICH STANLEY gave a HAPPY BUCK (still walking eight miles a day); PP MERLIN THIMLAR (thanks to BARB HALLER and PE JERRY CALIGIURI—great Getty Villa trip); CHARLIE QUAIFFE (DELORES is cancer free); MYRA KREMEN (successful Kiwanis Theater Night, birthday); PP GARTH PHILIPS (new great-granddaughter). MERLIN encouraged all to sign up for our Night at LB State Basketball, Feb 20. PP GEORGE MILLER reminded all of Flag Day, Feb 10 and the Bell Gardens visitation, Feb 17, 6:30pm. MYRA has tickets for the Zone Night at the Theater, Apr 21. IPP LINDA WEINGARTNER noted that BARB HALLER has fallen and is experiencing severe back pain. She also announced that Musical

Theater West is sending two singers and a pianist to our Valentines meeting Feb 5. CHARLIE announced SANDY MACDONALD is recovering from serious illness, PERRY MAXSON is in home hospice care and ROB PETKE is working in Irwindale. MARILYN reminded all of the Chinese Dinner and Auction, March 14. Please donate raffle items or money. Admission will be \$35. PP JIM HARDEN honored the January Anniversaries and thanked them for their service. MYRA, running the 50/50 for GEOFF GATLEY, thanked CLAUDIA HARDEN for sitting in for PDG DENNIS DRAG who is sitting in for BARB at the Welcome Desk. BILL WALTERS won the 50/50 and donated part to the Club in honor of DELORES. MARILYN had fun and raised money with questions about Mardi Gras. She then intro'd the Angel City Dixieland Band (Les Benedict, John Kurnik and Chris Tedesco). They played great renditions of famous works including *Hello Dolly!* and *It Don't Mean a Thing*. They also shared that a soprano tuba is also a flugelhorn and a tenor is also a euphonium (although the Internet seems to cloud this.)



Feb. 19—GEOFF GATLEY, LB Earthquake

Program Chair—PP MEL NUTTER
Greeter—PP GEORGE MILLER JR
Feb. 26—Karen Austin, Space and Missile Systems Center

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Flag Day is Feb. 10. CSULB Basketball Night, Feb. 20. 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. The 4L2 convention is May 19-21.

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.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

6	LEANN JOHNSON
13	PP LINDA WEINGARTNER
14	LANCE ADAMS
18	PCC ROGER POWELL
19	STEVE LEWIS
19	PP MERLIN THIMLAR
23	FRED GERLACH
23	VAL LERCH

MELVIN JONES RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

The details of the luncheon are available at the District web site:
LIONS4L2.ORG

CALENDAR

February

9—Board meeting
10—Flag Day
12—Student Speakers
14—Valentines Day
15—President's Day
16—Zone A Meeting
20—CSULB Basketball Night
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
19-21—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

1—Dark, Independence Day
5—Membership Committee
5—Charities Committee
12—Board meeting