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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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GREG ODELL
THE LB HISTORY OF
SYNCOATED
DRUMMING

Greg Odell, son of LINCOLN ODELL, speaks about a unique part of Long Beach history; its importance, influence and unfortunate decline in activity.

PETROLEUM CLUB
3636 LINDEN AVE.
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Presiding: PP LINCOLN ODELL
Invocation: RUDY HEDGREN
Program Arranged by:
PP LINCOLN ODELL

PP ED BARWICK
COD

ED was raised in Long Beach and served seven years in the Navy as an electrician aboard nuclear submarines during the cold war. After the Navy he and his

Guests welcome!

wife Lion BONNIE returned to Long Beach. During the next five years ED worked at Douglas Aircraft and then the



This historic part of Long Beach is known as Syncopated Drumming. Syncopated Drumming was indeed the soundscape of Long Beach for many years, popularized by MARVIN MARKER'S "Thunder Drummers" of the Long Beach Junior Concert Band.

Naval Shipyard while attending CSULB where he earned both his BA and MA degrees in Economics.

ED worked for over 25 years with the U.S. Customs Service and served in many management positions here in the Long Beach area and as a foreign advisor. ED worked with the Ministers of Finance in both Egypt and Trinidad & Tobago where he improved revenue collections without any increase in customs duties and made additional improvements in each countries customs operations.



ED received the Golden Lion award in 2007 and was President of this Club in 2007-08. As an active member he ran the Harlem Ambassadors fund raiser, was the BBQ Committee

Find out how the Society for Syncopated Drumming plans to help preserve the historic music of Long Beach and promote this important heritage to a new generation.

Greg was born and raised in Long Beach, attended Wilson High School and studied music and sociology at LBCC and CSULB. He now lives in Portland, OR where he directs the Last Regiment of Syncopated Drummers, a successful drumming performance group modeled after the classic syncopated drummers of Long Beach.

chair and is always ready to help with special events.

He has worked with many other local service groups and is active in his church. ED served on Mayor O'Neil's Ethics Review Task Force and has been a candidate for the Long Beach City Council in the 5th District.

ED and Lion BONNIE both are Melvin Jones Fellows. They have been married over 50 years and have 3 adult children and two grandsons. They met while members of the LB Junior Concert Band. ED and BONNIE enjoy golf and traveling.



Retrospective March 11, 2016

The Petroleum Club, PP LINCOLN ODELL presiding. Invocation: RUDY HEDGREN. Song/spirit: MARILYN RUSSELL BITTLE. Piano: ROB NICHOLS. Announcements: LINCOLN reminded all of the Eyeglass cans, to be generous and our cell phone policy. CLAUDIA HARDEN noted the St Patrick's Day cupcakes in honor of the saint himself and PP JOHN CRONIN. MARILYN reminded all of the Chinese Dinner and Auction, April 14. We need your gifts and/or money. CLAUDIA encouraged sign ups for the Aquarium trip we will take on the 29th. She will give special tours to 20 people who sign up first. The rest get lunch and access to the Aquarium. PDG DENNIS DRAG recognized the March birthdays. GEORGE MILLER JR encouraged sign ups for the Montebello visitation. The 50/50, run by GEOFF GAT-

LEY, was won by RUDY. GEOFF asked what this day was? Ans.: The 90th anniversary of the Long Beach Earthquake. Tail Twister Rich Stanley collected Happy Bucks from himself (\$3 bucks, SC defeated UCLA in basketball three times in a year for the first time since dirt was young); RUDY (thanks for the excellent singers from Musical Theatre West); CHARLIE QUAIFFE (expecting tenth great-grandchild) and ROB (Angels game in Arizona was excellent). COD RICH intro'd guest Harrison "Scotty" Scott. Scotty related the building of the Ridge Route and its historic role in uniting California as a single state. He also reviewed his ten year struggle to get the route designated a Historic Site, to be preserved in perpetuity. You can drive a good deal (but not all) of the original route.



Apr.1—Pulse Point, Lbfd

Program Chair—PP LINCOLN ODELL
Greeter—PP GARTH PHILLIPS
Apr. 8—Annual business meeting
(No guests please!)

CALENDAR

March

25—CSAC

April

5—Membership Committee
5—Charities Committee
8—Business meeting (no guests please)
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
18—Interservice Club Meeting, The Queen Mary
19-21—District 4L2 Convention
20—Dark! 4L2 Convention
25—CSAC
27—Dark! Memorial Day
30—Memorial Day

June

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

July

1—Dark, Independence Day
5—Membership Committee
5—Charities Committee
12—Board meeting
19—Zone A meeting
28—CSAC

August

2—Membership Committee
2—Charities Committee
9—Board meeting
24—CSAC Meeting
31—Dark! Labor Day

September

5—Labor Day
6—Membership Committee

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

The Chinese Dinner and Auction will be on April 14 at the Petroleum Club. Theater night is April 21. The Interservice Club Meeting is May 18. The 4L2 convention is May 19-21.

CHINESE DINNER AND AUCTION

We gather again this year on April 14 at the Petroleum Club, 6pm. Adult beverages are available from the bar. MARILYN has personally taste tested the cuisine and deemed it excellent. We do need your gift items (and/or) checks! Don't miss the fun!

SPECIAL MEETING, APRIL 29

Thanks to CLAUDIA HARDEN we go "off campus" for a special meeting and lunch at the Aquarium of the Pacific. For the first twenty who sign up, ten will get a special "pre-meeting" tour of the Aquarium with CLAUDIA and another 10 will get a "post-meeting" tour. Everyone else has the full Aquarium to explore. Included for all is an excellent buffet lunch of sandwich, veggie wrap and salad plus desert! Be among the first to sign up. Cost: \$24. Parking is not paid.

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

2	PATTI MARTIN
2	LEON DON JUAN
2	CLAUDIA HARDEN
21	HAYWOOD EPPERSON
39	FRED GERLACH
58	LES BRYANT