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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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**DOWNTOWN
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CHARITIES
ANNUAL
MEETING**

**PETROLEUM CLUB
3636 LINDEN AVE.
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Presiding: PP AL WEINGARTNER
Invocation: RUDY HEDGREN
Program Arranged by:
PP AL WEINGARTNER

**PP AL WEINGARTNER
PRESIDING**
Born in Mansfield, Ohio, AL spent most of his youth in San Gabriel, migrating to Long Beach in 1981. He attended Pasadena City College, Cal State L.A. and

**No guests
please!**

earned his B.A. from UCLA. Now "almost" fully retired, AL was a computer consultant, owning his own firm, NPG Systems, for almost ten years. Prior to that he worked for Minolta Imaging Systems and the L.B. Chamber of Commerce. In 1990-91, he owned Town and Country Suzuki in Fullerton. He was employed at IBM in various positions from 1965 to 1990. While with IBM, he spent two years working in Stuttgart, Germany. He has written for the Signal newspaper, owns several apartment buildings and does much of the maintenance himself.

- Call to Order
- Elections of Club and Charities Board of Directors
- FINANCIAL STATUS:
 **CLUB, DLCI, INVESTMENT COMMITTEE—DENNIS DRAG**
- Charities Report - MERLIN THIMLAR
- Membership, BBQ—MARILYN BITTLE
- Community Service - HILDA GAYTAN
- FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE—PE JERRY CALIGIURI
- Results of Election—AL
- Closing Remarks— AL
- Adjournment
(Agenda subject to change.)



AL was a member and past president of the board of "For the Child". He is the Sea Lion editor and printer, was 4L2 cabinet secretary, 2008-2010 and was President of this club in 2005-6. He is a member of the LB Area Red Cross Hometown Heroes committee, the LB Century Club, the LB Historical Preservation Society, the CCEJ and a UCLA Wooden Athletic Fund donor.

AL and LINDA were married in 2009. They live in Long Beach and have five grown sons, three grandsons and four granddaughters. They enjoy travel and have been down the Danube and up Machu Picchu and lots of marvelous places in between. AL's hobbies include auto racing (watching), reading, writing, fishing and now, computers. He is also a member, with SANDY GJONOVICH, RICH STANLEY, PP LINCOLN ODELL and DAVE WOOD of the undefeated and internationally known Lions Tennis Club.



Retrospective March 25, 2016

The Petroleum Club, PP LINCOLN ODELL presiding. Invocation: PCC ROGER POWELL. Song/spirit: MARILYN RUSSELL BITTLE. Piano: A. CAPPELLA. Announcements: LINCOLN reminded all of the Eyeglass cans (please be generous) and our cell phone policy. PP JIM HARDEN recognized the March anniversaries and thanked them for their service. CLAUDIA HARDEN outlined our outing to the Aquarium Apr. 29. Sign up now! Prepay, please. MARILYN reminded all of the Chinese Dinner and Auction Apr. 14. PP GARTH PHILLIPS also needs volunteers to wrap the baskets. Contact him if you can help. PP MERLIN THIMLAR reported about 50 people showed up for the Region Student Speaker contest, won by a Paramount High student. PP LINDA WEINGARTNER called for board nominations. There were none. Candidates for the board are: MARILYN, KIRK DAVIS, BARB HALLER, STEVE HUHTA, GEORGE MILLER, MARLIN and AL WEINGARTNER. LINCOLN welcomed guests Pat ODELL (LINCOLN), Mark Romans and Lara Odell (Greg Odell), Richard Blodgett (BARB HALLER) and Paul KELSO (RAY). The 50/50, run by GEOFF

GATLEY was won by LINDA. Tail Twister RICH STANLEY collected from himself (paying a fine for LINCOLN who forgot that RICH had told him hw would not be present last week); SAM KELLY (enjoying the company of a house guest); MERLIN (support from the club for Student Speakers); GARTH (\$5, 21 years of marriage); KIRK (good to see Mark Romans); LINDA (Oregon's performance in the NCAA play-offs); LINCOLN (having wife and children present). LINCOLN intro'd our co-CODS, PP ED and BONNIE BARWICK. BONNIE intro'd Greg Odell who, with the aid of a video, outlined the history of "thunder" or syncopated drumming and the crucial role of MARVIN MARKER in its evolution and, unfortunately, its gradual demise without his leadership. Greg is collecting memorabilia of the period, hoping to create a museum. Living in Portland, Greg has established a very successful drum corps and hopes to see the same happen in the heartland of the art form, Long Beach. Greg's web site is: syncopateddrumming.org. KIRK reminded all of the next Health Fair, October 8 at Silverado Park. Please help.



Apr. 15—Dark! Chinese Dinner

Program Chair—PP AL WEINGARTNER
Greeter—PP MARILYN BITTLE
Apr. 22—John Keisler, City Innovation Officer

CALENDAR

April

9—District meeting; Student Speakers Contest
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

MISSING CALENDAR?

Need to see more of the calendar?
Check out the web site:
longbeachlions.org
Click on **Special Events**.

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 included.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4	DON FIRST
6	LIONEL GATLEY
16	BONNIE BARWICK
21	ANDY CHOY
21	DONNA KELLY
28	PP ED BARWICK

REVISED MEAL PRICES

The Petroleum Club has raised the price of the full buffet to \$26 and the salad bar to \$18. The price of abstinence is \$3. These are effective April 1. But not a joke. Our club will underwrite the difference until a date to be determined.