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**CHINESE DINNER AND AUCTION
HILDE AND VITO**

Forgive us as we plagiarize ourselves while we remember a couple of our favorite Lions. HILDE

ROMANS was one of the original instigators of the Chinese Dinner and Auction. It is equally impossible to recall HILDE without a thought for PDG VITO. Over his years of dedication to Lionism, VITO encouraged over 200 people to join the cause of "We Serve". VITO was equally dedicated to his third love, Downtown Long Beach Associates, where he labored long hours to help



revitalize our Downtown area. We always take our out of town visitors to see Downtown. No matter how little they know about Long Beach, they always expect to see sailors and tattoo and massage parlors. It is always stunning when you first see the transformation. Many contributed to the renaissance but surely VITO (and HILDE) were players in this drama. Of equal note is the role they played in bringing the Lions Lighthouse for Sight to life. These two will never be replaced.



**PETROLEUM CLUB
3636 LINDEN AVE.
562-427-7966**

Presiding: PP MARILYN BITTLE
Invocation: RUDY HEDGREN
Program Arranged by:
PP MARILYN BITTLE

Guests welcome!

**DINNER CHAIR
PP MARILYN
RUSSELL BITTLE**

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. MARILYN graduated

from Compton High School, Compton Community College and CSULB. She taught in Bellflower for over 30 years.

MARILYN has been a Lion since 1997 and, in addition to being a past-president, is chief BBQ floor and bottle washer. MARILYN is an outspoken advocate for children and one terrific "do anything asked" person.



Retrospective April 1, 2016

The Petroleum Club, PP AL WEINGARTNER, presiding. PP YOURS TRULY pulled a bit of an April Fool prank on the members present. Invocation: RUDY HEDGREN. Song/spirit: PP MARILYN RUSSELL BITTLE. Piano: PDG JUDITH OLMSTED POWELL. Announcements: AL intro'd guest Cornelis van Stuggeren (PP LINCOLN ODELL). The following candidates for the Board gave speeches: MARILYN, BARB HALLER, STEVE HUHTA, and GEORGE MILLER. 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. YOURS TRULY encouraged all to go to the Theater Night, April 21. PE JERRY CALIGIURI hoped all would go to the baseball game May 3 between the CSULB Dirt Bags and UCLA at Blair Field. PDG DENNIS DRAG asked for

participation in the District Meeting April 9. This is also the next stage of the Student Speaker contest. JERRY announced that Assemblyman Patrick O'Donnell has nominated our own MARILYN as a Woman of Distinction. She will be recognized at Keesal Young and Logan on April 22. Come honor our own. JUDY gave a Happy Buck for Steven Sample, illustrious President of USC and graduate of U of Illinois. GEOFF gave because his granddaughter's goat had twins. The 50/50, run by JOE ANN GATLEY, was won by CHARLIE QUAIFFE. GEOFF GATLEY gave a spirited review of Long Beach history including the Fun Zone Zoo, run by the Lions Club and including a real lion, the first Indian casino in California and the spectacular flood of 1930, submersing most of the state of California.



Apr. 22—John Keisler, City Innovation Officer

Program Chair—PP AL WEINGARTNER
Greeter—PP MARILYN BITTLE
Apr.29—Aquarium visit/lunch

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Theater night is April 21. The Interservice Club Meeting is May 18. The 4L2 convention is May 19-21.

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.

NIGHT AT THE THEATER

We go theater tripping on the 21st. The theater is the LB Playhouse on Anaheim. The play is Around the World in 80 Days. The cost is \$25/per. See Myra Kremen for tickets this Friday!

DIRT BAG/UCLA BASEBALL GAME

On May 3 we gather at Blair Field to watch two strong squads go at it head to head. Don't miss it! Depending on tickets sold the price will range from a "dirt" cheap \$5 to an exorbitant \$7. Bring a friend! Your family! The grandkids!

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

- 2—Membership Committee
- 2—Charities Committee
- 3—Dirt Bag/UCLA baseball game
- 9—Board meeting
- 12—Scholarships (Thursday evening)
- 13—Dark!
- 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