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**LANA E CALDWELL  
MY SERVICE VISIT TO  
KENYA**

LANA E Caldwell is 16 and will be a Junior at Poly High School. She is in the PACE program, runs cross country and is on the varsity swim team. She plays in the symphonic winds orchestra. LANA E loves to read, write stories and poetry, draw, and study languages. She would like to major in linguistics and public policy. She is one of our Leos. By the way she has a special place in her grandmother's heart.

**PETROLEUM CLUB  
3636 LINDEN AVE.  
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Presiding: JERRY CALIGIURI  
Invocation: RUDY HEDGREN  
Program Arranged by:  
MARILYN BITTLE

**PP MARILYN BITTLE  
COD**

Past-president 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

LANA E went to Kenya under the auspices of Tumaini International Ministries. A bit of their story is:

Tumaini was born and raised in Kenya by Christian parents. The last born in a family of 10, he had the responsibility of taking care of the few family animals—a couple goats, sheep and cows—a chore that delayed the start of his schooling. A ctually, he didn't get a chance to start school until he was 12 years old. Although it has been many years now, he still remembers the excitement he felt when he was told that he could join school.

In October 2000, Tumaini lost a brother to AIDS. His brother left behind a wife and eight children. A year later, he lost a brother-in-law to the same disease, and in 2005 yet another brother who left four children behind.

This family tragedy opened his eyes into the plight of myriads of AIDS orphans who were not as fortunate to have an extended family help meet their basic needs. Orphans as young as eight years old were helping care for their dying parents, and these children were quickly becoming "parents" to their younger siblings.

He felt the Lord calling him to respond in some tangible way, and that is when he founded Tumaini International Ministries as a conduit to garner support from friends and churches in the US and Kenya to assist these children.



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

MARILYN 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.

MARILYN 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.

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



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Each one, reach one



## Retrospective August 5, 2016

The Petroleum Club, President JERRY CALIGIURI presiding. Invocation: RUDY HEDGREN. Song/spirit: PP MARILYN RUSSELL BITTLE. Piano: A. Cappella. Announcements: JERRY intro'd guest Bill Nicolai (PP GENE JOHNSON). Bill is not a Lion but has given generously every time we have a matching program. In honor of his contributions, Bill was awarded a MELVIN JONES Fellowship. Tail Twister PDG CLAUDIA HARDEN extracted Happy Bucks from GEORGE MILLER (happy to be home), PP MEL NUTTER, (spoke with RAY KELSO who is doing well), MARILYN (for GENE and all he does for us), GENE (visited the Reagan Library). Fines were levied on GENE, who appeared in LION magazine. GENE bought one of the Toss 'N' Towel games in lieu of the fine. CHARLIE QUAIFFE was pictured in the Gazette, winning the Golden Lion. PP LINCOLN ODELL outlined the parameters of the Skirball visit Sep. 30. GEORGE reminded all of the Area meeting, Aug 27, 5:30,

Spires Restaurant. The 50/50, run by DONNA KELLY, was won by PP YOURS TRULY. COD JERRY had fun with questions about LB Transit and intro'd Karissa Selvester of LB Transit. Karissa gave a short history of the organization which is a non-profit enterprise owned totally by the City of LB. Ridership pays about 25% of the operating income. The rest is subsidized by the federal government and the state, county and city. Ridership is growing younger. A large portion come from CSUDH, CSULB, LBCC and middle and high school students as LBUSD no longer provides them with "yellow buses". Transit has just taken delivery of its first zero emissions bus. It is running various routes as a kind of test. CNG remains the cleanest fuel. Their hybrid program is not doing well, especially as the vendor has gone out of business. The number one objective is to become diesel free. Surveys show high levels of customer satisfaction and on time performance.



**Aug. 26—Jocelin Padilla, LB Port**  
Program Chair—STEVE HUHTA  
Greeter—TBA  
**Sep. 2—Dark! Labor Day**

## CALENDAR

### August

16—Zone A meeting  
24—CSAC Meeting  
27—District meeting, 8AM

### September

**COMING SOON!**  
On September 24 we go to the races.  
On September 30 we go to the Skirball Museum.  
On October 8 we partner with Lions Friends In Sight for our 3rd(?) Health Fair. Both sponsors and volunteers are needed.

2—Dark! Labor Day  
5—Labor Day  
6—Membership Committee  
6—Charities Committee  
13—Board meeting  
15—USA/Canada Forum  
20—Zone A Meeting  
23—Dark, Day at the Races  
24—Day at the Races  
30—Skirball Museum tour

### October

4—Membership Committee  
4—Charities Committee  
**8—Health Fair, Friends In Sight**  
11—Board meeting  
18—Zone A Meeting  
26—CSAC

### November

1—Membership Committee  
1—Charities Committee  
5—North LB Veterans Day Parade  
8—Board Meeting  
12—District Meeting, 11:30AM  
15—Zone A Meeting  
24—Thanksgiving  
25—Dark!

### December

6—Membership Committee  
6—Charities Committee  
13—Board meeting  
20—Zone A Meeting  
23—Dark! Christmas  
25—Christmas  
30—Dark! New Years

### January

1—New Years  
3—Membership Committee  
3—Charities Committee  
10—Board meeting  
14—MD4 Leadership Forum  
17—Zone A Meeting  
21—District Meeting, 8AM

