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**MARIO GONZALEZ
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Mario Ernesto Gonzalez is the Manager of Community Relations in the Communications and Community Relations Division at the Port of Long Beach, California. He joined the Division in 2009, serving as Senior Community Relations Specialist until being promoted to Manager in 2015.

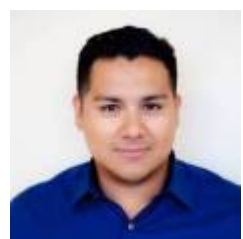
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Presiding: JERRY CALIGIURI
Invocation: RUDY HEDGREN
Program Arranged by:
STEVE HUHTA

**STEVE HUHTA
COD**

STEVE was born in Redondo Beach, CA and grew up in Lomita. He moved to North Long Beach in 1999 and then to Lakewood in 2002. I have moved back to

He is the Port's primary community liaison and manages a team of community outreach professionals, interns and contractors who share the Port's messages about international trade and commerce, education and career opportunities, Port development and environmental initiatives with many audiences throughout the city. Mr. Gonzalez also coordinates special events at the Port, including news conferences, receptions, tours and cruises.



Before coming to the Port, he worked for 11 years with the City of Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services in the Preventive Health Bureau.

He attended CSULB, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Science: Community Health; a Master of Science degree in Public Policy and Administration: Urban Affairs, and a Graduate Certificate in Urban Executive Management. He also holds a Public Relations Certificate from the UCLA.

He is a member of the Public Relations Society of America, Los Angeles and Orange County Chapters, and the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Society of Public Administration. A Long Beach resident, he contributes to his community as a member of the Board of Directors of the Gay and Lesbian Center and as a member of the Workforce Investment Board Youth Council.

Lomita as of 2016. STEVE attended Narbonne High School in Harbor City, CA. He then went to LBCC and CSULB for a Bachelor's degree in Real Estate, Finance and Law. He also earned an MBA from CSULB. He won awards with the Students in Free Enterprise Club and Delta Epsilon Ki competitive business club. STEVE was awarded the Senate Star from LBCC for achievements while on student senate. He also garnered the Presidential Student Service award presented by then President George W Bush.



STEVE worked in the movie industry for many years as an electrician and grip. He has managed an aftermarket Harley Davidson shop and run a live event and video production company for about 7 years. He is currently owner of Big Bob's Parts; buying, selling and restoring vintage high performance auto parts.

Besides Lions, STEVE is active in the Ventura County Stand and is a Veterans committee board member in California Employers Advisory Council. He has been awarded a Veterans Advocate of the Year award for 2014. STEVE serves on our club's Board of Directors and is a program chair for 2016-17. He is a 20 year relationship with Cristin Harigan.

This space available. Contact
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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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Retrospective August 12, 2016

The Petroleum Club, PCC ROGER POWELL presiding. Invocation: RUDY HEDGREN. Song/spirit: PP MARILYN RUSSELL BITTLE. Piano: PDG JUDITH OLMSTED POWELL. Announcements: PDG DENNIS DRAG recognized the August birthdays. PP KIRK DAVIS presented HILDA GAYTAN with her MELVIN JONES plaque. (KIRK was president the year that HILDA qualified for the award.) Also awarded was MYRA KREMEN's and VICKI PHILLIPS 2nd diamond, Leslie Drag's 6th and DENNIS' 8th. CLAUDIA HARDEN asked for a volunteer from the club to serve on a community task force for the Aquarium. After ROGER stepped back due to other commitments, PP LINDA WEINGARTNER stepped forward. Tail Twister ROGER reviewed the details of the Day at the Races (Sep24) and the Skirball Center trip (Sep. 30). ROGER noted that the Teresita Pines Open House was Sep 10 and urged all to attend. Tail Twister JUDY fined YOURS TRULY for an error in the Sea Lion (this could become a major drain on funds). She raised more funds with a game depending on coin flips. One half the pot was won by PP COY HERRING. Happy Bucks were offered by PP JIM HARDEN (recounted his and CLAUDIA's courtship), PP GENE JOHNSON (the Toss and Towel major domo reports jobs have already been generated), GEOFF GATLEY

(granddaughter graduated from high school, his JPL employed granddaughter was recognized for organizing their Special Olympics effort), MYRA (passing of Nino Cristiano), NANCY VIOLS (discovered a brick at CSULB donated by MARILYN) and LINDA (recounted visit to mother, happy to see JOE ANN and GEOFF GATLEY and ADRIENNE BABAR). The 50/50, run by DONNA KELLY, was won by LINDA. GENE noted that "BBQ beer" (Bud and Coors Light) are available at discounted prices. ROGER presented KIRK with his Pres Smith Certificates of Appreciation. COD KIRK had fun and raised money with questions about LBSU soccer. He then intro'd LBS women's head coach Mauricio Ingrassia. Mauricio recounted his challenging migration from Argentina and Argentine soccer to the US and US soccer. He has gone from coaching high school to LBCC to LBSU, with great success at every level. We then broke to open the meeting to vote on the bylaws changes recommended by the Bylaws Committee. Item #1 (removing restrictions on repeat presidents) passed. Item #3 (changing the composition of the Nominating Committee) also passed. Item #2 (Eliminating limitations on board membership) was referred back to the committee.



Sep. 2—Dark! Labor Day
Program Chair—STEVE HUHTA
Greeter—TBA

Sep. 9—Medicare Myths

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.

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

4	RUDY HEDGREN
5	GEOFF GATLEY
21	RAY FUJII
36	DON FIRST



CALENDAR

August

24—CSAC Meeting
27—District meeting, 8AM

September

2—Dark! Labor Day
5—Labor Day
6—Membership Committee
6—Charities Committee
10—Teresita Pines Open House
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