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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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**STEVE GOODLING
LB CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU**

Steve joined the Long Beach Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) in 2001 and over the past two decades, the CVB has become interwoven into the fabric of our community. Participating not only in the business and economic well-being of our city, the CVB is also an enthusiastic supporter of our cultural and charitable



groups, providing marketing and promotional expertise and making vital connections with business leaders. As the City of Long Beach's marketing agency for conventions and tourism, the CVB is a vital part of Long Beach's economic health. Overnight visitors generate more than \$300 million annually and support nearly 7,000 local jobs. But competition for convention attendees is fierce

between cities across the country and Long Beach must pursue an energetic strategy to maintain market share.

The vision for Long Beach is to be an "innovation leader" in the evolving hospitality industry, bringing prestigious regional and national conferences to our city. Current trends show that the meeting of the future is evolving into a more casual atmosphere, with spaces for people to work alone if they wish, or gather in informal groups. Long Beach is in the vanguard of this evolution, and the success of this strategy is supported by the dramatic growth of Long Beach's convention & tourism revenue.

As the host city for the prestigious TED Conference for five years, Long Beach had the opportunity to study one of the most innovative meeting formats in the world. Expanding on TED's "Three C's: Connect, Collaborate, Community," the CVB and SMG, managers of the Convention Center, worked closely with city management and elected officials to design a creative "campus" that includes the Long Beach Convention Center, nearby hotels and the city's compact downtown waterfront.

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

Presiding: JERRY CALIGIURI
Invocation: RUDY HEDGREN
Program Arranged by:
CLAUDIA HARDEN

PP LINDA WEINGARTNER COD

LINDA was born in Mississippi and the family moved to Evanston, IL, when she was 13. She attended Evanston Township High

School and received a degree in English from Roosevelt University, the same university attended by our former member Len Lovett. She has one brother, two sisters, two sons, two grandsons and a granddaughter. Her passions are AL and her grandchildren.

LINDA taught school in Chicago for a short time before marrying and moving to California. She left the workforce to care for her two sons until they entered school. She then went



to work at General Electric followed by General Dynamics, Northern Telecom and Northrop Grumman. All positions were in either telecommunications or network design. She was a manager at Northrop Grumman's Corporate Office and with Northrop Grumman's Information Services Division. LINDA's

greatest memory while at Northrop Grumman was working at the B-2 Division. During her time there, she frequently visited Air Force Bases and came to appreciate the intensity of their mission. When Northrop won a Collier Award for the B-2 design, LINDA was asked to participate in an acceptance tape. This tape was shown during the acceptance ceremony in Washington, D.C. LINDA is a participant with Christian Outreach in Action in Long Beach Whose purpose is to feed and shelter those in need..

She and PP AL were married in Sep. 2009. LINDA loves her new life in Long Beach and being a Lion. Her hobbies are traveling, reading, fishing, dancing, gardening and football.



Retrospective Dec. 16, 2016

The Petroleum Club, JERRY CALIGIURI presiding. Invocation: RUDY HEDGREN. Song/spirit: PP MARILYN RUSSELL BITTLE. Piano: ROB NICHOLS. Announcements: JERRY intro'd guests Brent and Patti Baden, owners of the Giltcomplex Antique Store in Bixby Knolls. PP JIM HARDEN intro'd the December anniversaries and thanked them for their service. PDG DENNIS DRAG recognized the December birthdays. CLAUDIA HARDEN outlined the January programs. RUDY thanked all who rang the bell and announced the winners (Signal Hill, \$2,300; Downtown, \$1,400; Rotary, 3rd). Tail Twister PDG JUDITH OLMSTED POWELL wrested Happy Bucks from PCC ROGER POWELL and JUDY and SAM KELLY for various good deeds; from CLAUDIA for the Adult Holiday party; PP GENE JOHNSON for St. Anthony playing for the CIF championship); PP MERLIN THIMLAR for

granddaughter's birthday; LESLIE DRAG \$5 for over months with sciatica; DONNA KELLY for their wedding anniversary; PP LINCOLN ODELL for grandson getting a 3.8 in his first year in college; from MARILYN for granddaughter has highest GPA of all runners; from VAL LERCH (granddaughter is seven.) CHARLIE QUAIFFE won the 50/50 run by DONNA KELLY. CHARLEY gave \$10 back to the club. MARILYN hoped that some good souled Lion would find a new giant stuffed lion for the club. COD NANCY VOILS noted the centerpieces and who gets to take them home. They were based on the Winter Solstice, Christmas, Hanukah, poinsettias and dreidels. NANCY intro'd Brent and Patti Braden. BRENT offered insight as to what makes an antique and what gives one value. He then offered appraisals for all the items present.



VALENTINE'S PROJECT

Downtown Lions are participating in special Valentine's gifts for women, men and teens in our community who would love a little pampering. Please bring new toiletry items - lotion, after shave, cologne, body wash, soaps, etc. to our meetings between now and Feb. 10. All of our gifts will be given to the Salvation Army for their families in need. A good use for all those coupons in the Sunday paper!



Jan. 20—Jim Michaelian, LB Grand Prix

Program Chair—CLAUDIA HARDEN
Jan 27—Rich Archibold,
Press—Telegram

COMING SOON!

The next District meeting is Jan. 21
The MD4 convention is Feb. 10.
Theater Night is March 6.
The Chinese Dinner and Auction is
March 16.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

3	TINA SABOL
5	SKIP BASEL
6	NANCY VOILS
7	RAY FUJII
8	PDG DENNIS DRAG
13	DARRYL SEXTON
20	FELIX FRANKLIN
21	PATRICK NEBO
28	HAROLD ESSEX
29	MYRA KREMEN
30	SANDY GJONOVICH

CALENDAR

January

10—Board meeting
14—MD4 Leadership Forum
17—Zone A Meeting
21—District Meeting, 8AM
25—CSAC

February

7—Membership Committee
10—MD4 Convention
14—Board meeting
21—Zone A meeting

March

4—MD4 Leadership Institute
6—Charities Committee
6—Night at the Theater
14—Board meeting
16—Chinese Dinner and Auction
21—Zone A meeting

April

3—Charities Committee
8—District Meeting 8AM
11—Board meeting
18—Zone A meeting

May

1—Charities Committee
9—Board meeting
19—4L2 Convention
23—Zone A meeting
27—Dark! Memorial Day
29—Memorial Day

June

5—Charities Committee
13—Board meeting
20—Zone A meeting
30—100th International convention

July

4—Independence Day
11—Board meeting

August

5—BBQ!
8—Board meeting

September

1—Dark! Labor Day
4—Labor Day
5—Membership meeting
12—Board meeting

October