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**VALENTINE'S DAY**  
**Bubbly! Chocolate!**  
**Flowers! Love songs**  
**(thanks to Musical**  
**Theatre West!)**  
**Bring your sweetie!**

**PETROLEUM CLUB**  
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Presiding: JERRY CALIGIURI  
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Program Arranged by:  
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**PP AL WEINGARTNER**  
**COD**  
Born in Mansfield, Ohio, AL  
spent most of his youth in  
San Gabriel, migrating to  
Long Beach in 1981. He at-  
tended Pasadena City College,  
Cal State L.A. and earned his  
B.A. from UCLA.

Once again let us share the tale of St. Valentine. Admittedly, much of this tale may be myth. The Roman Catholic Church booted him off the liturgical calendar several years ago, there is just too little known about him. In addition, there are several of them and their stories overlap and conflict. The one we're going with is that Valentine was a Roman priest, dedicated to spreading the practice of Christianity. At that time Emperor Claudius banned marriage, feeling it made young men too concerned for their safety when waging war. Clandestinely Valentine agreed to marry any two young lovers if they would adopt Christianity. When Claudius caught wind of this he hauled Valentine in and demanded he renounce his religion. Valentine refused and was martyred. It is claimed as he was led off his last act was to cure his jailor's daughter's blindness.



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 and owns several apartment buildings.

AL is a former member and past president of the board of "For the Child" located in Bixby Knolls, dedicated to treating and preventing child abuse. 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 All Conference Donor.



AL and LINDA were married in Ojai 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, PP LINCOLN ODELL and DAVE WOOD of the undefeated and internationally known Lions Tennis Club.



## Retrospective Jan. 27, 2017

The Petroleum Club, JERRY CALIGIURI presiding. Invocation: RUDY HEDGREN. Song/Spirit: SANDY GJONOVICH. Piano: ROB NICHOLS. Announcements: JERRY said "Hi!" to HAYWOOD EPPERSON and welcomed PP JIM HARDEN back from the ER. JIM intro'd the January anniversaries and thanked them for their service. PP GEORGE MILLER announced Flag Day on Feb. 8 at Lincoln Elementary (see column right). He also announced the Student Speakers Contest. The club date is Feb. 17 and the Zone will be Mar. 1 at the Adult High School. CLAUDIA HARDEN reminded all of the Valentine project. Feb. 10th is the last day to donate. JERRY thanked CLAUDIA for the fine set of Feb. programs. He reminded all of "Bonos Pizza" day, Feb. 20. PP MERLIN THIMLAR reminded all of the Theater Night on Apr. 27. PP YOURS TRULY said the last shipment of polo shirts was here. PDG DENNIS DRAG presented a fourth MELVIN JOSE Fellow pin diamond to PP LINDA WEINGARTNER and Member Support pins to MYRA KREMEN and STEVE HUHTA. He also reminded all of the MELVIN JONES luncheon on Feb 24, same location as last year. RSVP now! MARILYN reminded

all of the Chinese Dinner and Auction and need for nice gifts and/or money. Tail Twister PDG JUDY OLMSTED POWELL started another Heads/Tails game, with no winner (money carried over). Happy Bucks came from JIM HARDEN (out of hospital, saw a Frontier repair truck, is help on the way?); MERLIN (DELORES sister is doing better); PP GARTH PHILLIPS (SC beat UCLA in basketball); LINDA (Mom doing better); BARB HALLER (surgery was completely successful); JUDY (just need to be happy). The 50/50, run by DONNA KELLY was won by MYRA who gave \$25 to Charities. COD MYRA had fun and raised money with questions about the Press Telegram then intro'd Rich Archbold, PT Community Liaison. Rich shared his personal journey to newspapers and Long Beach. He explored the evolution of print and digital media and outlined his parent company, Digital First Media. He offered his view on the nature of government/press relations these day: diminished mutual respect. He then removed his dress shirt to reveal first a Superman shirt and then a Cubbie's World Series victory shirt.



## Feb. 17—Student Speakers

Program Chair—STEVE HUHTA

Feb. 24—DG MANNY SANCHEZ

## CALENDAR

### February

- 7—Membership Committee
- 8—Flag Day, Lincoln Elementary, 1175 E. 11th
- 10—MD4 Convention
- 17—Student Speakers contest, "Is the right to privacy a threat to our nation security?"
- 20—Lions Day at Bono's Ocean Blvd.
- 21—Board meeting
- 21—Zone A meeting
- 26—MELVIN JONES Luncheon, Monterey Hills Restaurant

### March

- 1—Student Speakers, Zone, Adult High School
- 4—MD4 Leadership Institute
- 6—Charities Committee
- 14—Board meeting
- 16—Chinese Dinner and Auction
- 21—Zone A meeting

### April

- 3—Charities Committee
- 4—Membership Committee
- 8—District Meeting 8AM
- 11—Board meeting
- 18—Zone A meeting
- 27—Theater Night

### May

- 1—Charities Committee
- 2—Membership Committee
- 4—Night at the Theater
- 9—Board meeting
- 19—4L2 Convention
- 23—Zone A meeting
- 27—Dark! Memorial Day
- 29—Memorial Day

### June

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

### July

- 4—Independence Day

## COMING SOON!

- Flag Day is Feb. 8
- The MD4 convention is Feb. 10.
- Student Speakers is Feb. 17
- Lions Night at Bono's Pizza is Feb. 20.
- The Melvin Jones luncheon is Feb. 26.
- The Chinese Dinner and Auction is March 16.
- Theater Night is Apr. 27

## 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!

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- |    |                      |
|----|----------------------|
| 6  | LEANN JOHNSON        |
| 13 | PP LINDA WEINGARTNER |
| 14 | LANCE ADAMS          |
| 18 | PCC ROGER POWELL     |
| 18 | BASSEL ZAAZAA        |
| 19 | STEVE LEWIS          |
| 19 | PP MERLIN THIMLAR    |
| 23 | FRED GERLACH         |
| 23 | VAL LERCH            |