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LION EYEGLASS PROGRAM:
SANDY GJONOVICH,
BARRY & NAJOUA ATALLA,
DOUGLAS OPTICAL

Sandy: SANDY was born in Saint Louis Missouri but came to California at an early age and spent most of her life in the Long Beach Lakewood High School, LBCC and graduated Chapman University with a Master's Degree in Health Science.

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Presiding: JERRY CALIGIURI
Invocation: CHARLIE QUAIFE
Program Arranged by:
PP LINCOLN ODELL

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

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.

As a Registered Nurse she helped open Lakewood Regional Medical Center. She served in the Army Reserve at the time of Desert Storm and the LA Riots of '93. Her first two years were in a Mash Unit and last 4 years in a field hospital. Besides nursing she was trained in shooting a 45, M16 and submachine gun. She was also licensed to drive a duce 1/2 (2 1/2 ton truck) . At 5 feet 2 inches that was tough.

Her hobbies are bike riding, especially to the beach, swimming, racquet ball, Zumba (exercise to Latin music) and travel. Since retiring she has been to Italy, Alaska, Canada, Turkey, Costa Rica, Tahiti, England, Peru and Machu Picchu. Other fun things are zip lining and horseback riding. She loves watching her grandchildren play sports.

SANDY has one son, a math teacher at Lakewood High School and a daughter in law who is a counselor with LBUSD. She has three granddaughters all of whom are beautiful and great athletes.

SANDY has joined the mission team at her church. They recently went to Tijuana to do a medical clinic.

SANDY is now the chair of the club's eyeglass program and the latest member of the undefeated Tennis Team.

SANDY and her husband recently went to Tijuana to do a medical clinic.

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Retrospective March 10, 2017

The Petroleum Club, JERRY CALIGIURI presiding. Invocation: CHARLIE QUAIFFE. Song/Spirit: PP MARILYN RUSSELL BITTLE. Piano: ROB NICHOLS. Announcements: JERRY announced the Interservice Club meeting will be May 10 at noon at the Grand. He also gave a shout out to EDDIE FLORES. PDG DENNIS DRAG intro'd the March birthdays. MARILYN reminded us of the Chinese Dinner and Auction. RICK PINSON said he had 21 sign ups for the Desmond bridge tour. We are allowed 20. Rick will see if more slots can be obtained. GEORGE MILLER JR recapped the Student Speakers contest and thanked all for the showing of support. Tail Twister PDG JUDITH OLMSTED POWELL extracted Happy Bucks from herself (cataract surgery scheduled); CLAUDIA HARDEN (DELORES THIMLAR brought scrubbies, she was running low); PP MERLIN THIMLAR (also has cataract surgery

scheduled); VICKI PHILLIPS (does not require surgery); PP LINDA WEINGARTNER (both grandsons are on the honor roll); ROB (went to spring training: the Angels are not a good team). The 50/50, run by LINDA, was won by MYRA KREMEN. JERRY intro'd COD LEANN JOHNSON. LEANN had fun and raised money with questions about 911, Social Security and beer stein lids. She then intro'd Jake Heflin, LBFD. Jake outlined the many impressive features of the app PulsePoint. Among these are the ability to find the nearest AED. You can also add an AED to the program's data base. The app already has many successes and is endorsed by the American Heart Association and the Red Cross. JUDY announced the winners of the trivia contest: SANDY GJONOVICH, PP JIM HARDEN, VAL LERCH and PP YOURS TRULY.



Apr. 7—SULLOS Spectacular
Program Chair—PP LINCOLN ODELL
Apr. 14—Dark! Easter

COMING SOON!

The Michelle Obama Tour is Apr. 20
The Walk for Kids is Apr 23
Theater Night is Apr. 27
The Interservice Club meeting is noon May 10 at the Grand.
The 4L2 Convention is May 19-21
The **BBQ** is July 29.

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

3	CLAUDIA HARDEN
3	PATTY MARTIN
3	LEON DONJUAN
30	HAYWOOD EPPERSON
40	FRED GERLACH
59	LES BRYANT

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Barry: Barry Atalla was born on April 1948, in Beirut, Lebanon, the fourth of seven children of a business man and housewife.

Barry graduated from high school in Lebanon and continued his education at the college, after that he started his career in banking.

During the Lebanese civil war (lasting from 1975 to 1990), people there were suffering from this conflict, trying just to survive. There was also an exodus of youngest generation as result of the war. The conflict had forced Barry to leave Lebanon in 1985 and to fulfill his dream to come to the USA.

Barry finally made his way to California where he enrolled at the American College of Optics in Los Angeles. He threw himself into his studies and dreamed of being a certified optician. He was gifted student, "a one" student in the college. After graduating from the college, he continued his education at *California Optical License School in 1991* to become an "American Board Certified Optician".

Najoua: Was born in April, 1971, in Casablanca, Morocco, the youngest of two children of an optician and high school principal. She dreamed of being a business woman, she worked hard to fulfill her dream. She enrolled at the Economic University in Casablanca, after that she was admitted to the business & marketing school. After graduating in 2002, "Master in Marketing" from the school, she continued working as marketing manager until 2011. Since 2012, she was involved with Barry in his optical business and with his continuing education.

CALENDAR

April

3—Charities Committee
4—Membership Committee
8—District Meeting 8AM
11—Board meeting
18—Zone A meeting
20—Michelle Obama Library tour
21—Board nominees announced; nominations open
27—Theater Night
28—Nominees speeches

May

1—Charities Committee
2—Membership Committee
5—Annual meeting
9—Board meeting
10—Interservice Club meeting, Noon, The Grand
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
11—Board meeting

29—BBQ!

August

1—Membership Committee
8—Board meeting

September

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

October

3—Membership meeting
10—Board meeting

November

7—Membership meeting
14—Board meeting
23—Thanksgiving
24—Dark