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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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**TOM MODICA**  
**BELMONT AQUATIC CENTER**  
Long Beach Assistant City Manager Tom Modica serves in an executive management role to



**PETROLEUM CLUB**  
**3636 LINDEN AVE.**  
**562-427-7966**  
Presiding: JERRY CALIGIURI  
Invocation: CHARLIE QUAIFFE  
Program Arranged by: PP LINCOLN ODELL

**VAL LERCH**  
**COD**  
VAL was raised in Northern California. In 1969, he came to Long Beach with a sea bag on his shoulder and stayed. VAL graduated from Wilson High adult school in 1973. VAL has AA in Business Administration from LA Harbor College. He graduated from UWLA in 1982 with three certificates: Legal Assistant, Litigation Specialist and Corporations Specialist.

assist the City Manager in guiding and facilitating department projects, leading special initiatives, solving problems, continuing the City's innovation and technology efforts, and maintaining Long Beach's position as a regional leader on municipal issues. Tom is responsible for assisting the City Manager in operating the municipal enterprise, including oversight of City departments. Tom has worked for the City of Long Beach since 2002, and has served as Assistant to the City Manager, Government Affairs Manager, Director of Government Affairs and Strategic Initiatives, and Deputy City Manager.

**Guests welcome!**

VAL served in the US Coast Guard from June 23, 1969 through February 23, 2012. He spent 12 years on active duty (June 1969 to March 1981) and another 31 years in the reserves. VAL has been married since 1971 to Janet. They raised two children in North Long Beach, a daughter, Vicki Ann and a son Anthony (Tony) Lee. They have 3 grandchildren ToriAnn, Briana and Christian. VAL was active in North Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area Committee (Vice-Chair); North Long Beach Neighborhood Association Deforest Park Chapter (Vice-President); North Long Beach Business Association (President); North Long Beach Community Action Group (Vice President); Citizen Police Complaint Commission (Commissioner); Long Beach Strategic Plan Task Force (Community Safety); Academic Uprise Education Board (Board Member).



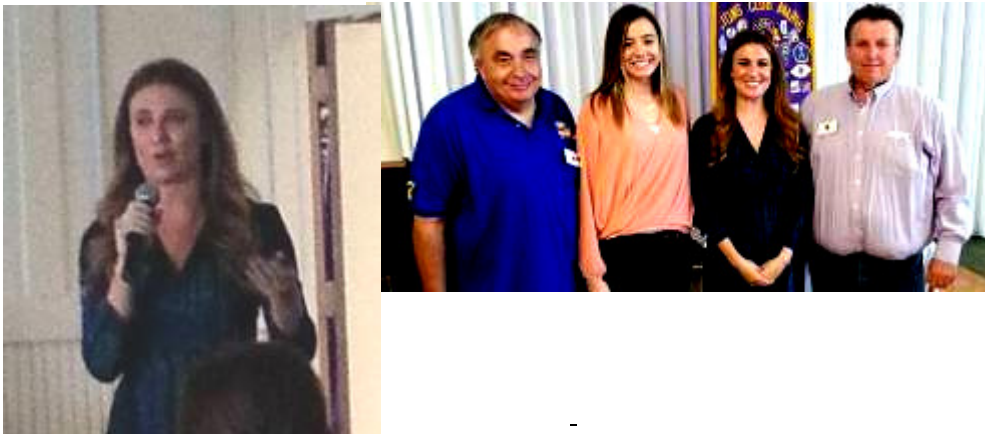
He is presently: The Chair of the Long Beach Veterans Day Parade Committee; board member of the U.S. Vets at Cabrillo; member of the Military Advisor Council for Habitat for Humanity; board member of the Veterans Independent Day Celebration at the LB VA Medical Center; advisory member for the Compton Stand Down; chair of the North Long Beach Good Neighbors Breakfast Meeting; and is president elect of the Downtown Long Beach Lions Club.

**REMINDER**  
At the conclusion of today's meeting we will be applying postage to COA (Christian Outreach in Action) invitations to their annual fundraiser. Join us if you can!

## RETROSPECTIVE, AUGUST 25, 2017

Petroleum Club, JERRY CALIGIURI presiding. Invocation: CHARLIE QUAIFFE. Song/salute: PP MARILYN RUSSELL BITTLE. Piano: ROB NICHOLS. Announcements: JERRY intro'd speaker Stephanie Gillete and co-worker Alex Rockwell of Signal Hill Petroleum. PP JIM HARDEN recognized the August anniversaries and thanked them for their service. JERRY reminded all of JACK MACDONALD DAY at the RACES, Sep. 16. PP MERLIN THIMLAR reported a fire at our storage space. None of our equipment was damaged but there is, for now, no access. RICK PINSON called for volunteers to help make calls for his eyeglass project. Contact RICK if you can help. RICKPINSON@YAHOO.COM. PP GENE JOHNSON also reminded all of the Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation (LSHF.org). They can help the needy with all kinds of eyesight and hearing needs. Tail Twister CLAUDIA HARDEN wrested Happy Bucks from herself (in honor of Jackie Bunker our recent

speaker); ROB (just happy, don't know why); Our speaker, Stephanie Gillet (happy to be here); PDG DENNIS DRAG (\$5, for celebrating his 50th wedding anniversary on the Baltic Sea); PP GARTH PHILLIPS (implants and teeth are in!); PP LINCOLN ODELL (grandson, who has been dating a woman for five years is now engaged); MARILYN bought a Powerball ticket and won \$21!). The 50/50, run by DONNA KELLY, was won by MYRA KREMEN. COD STEVE HUHTA had fun and raised money with questions about oil and oil recovery. He then intro'd Stephanie Gillet of Signal Hill Petroleum. SH Petroleum is the principal owner of the Long Beach field, the first west coast "super giant". Their current key focus projects are a) Well beautification, b) More extensive use of native plants and c) the "moral" case for fossil fuels. Eighty percent of the currently extracted crude goes to one form or another of transportation. It creates 1.5million American jobs.



## Sep. 22—Osher Life Long Learning Center

Program Manager— PP LINCOLN ODELL  
 Sep 29—CSULB Village—Provost Brian Jerky

### COMING SOON!

Day at the Races is Sep. 16  
 The Health Fair has been rescheduled to May, 2018

### JACK MACDONALD DAY AT THE RACES

Day at the Races At The Races will be on Saturday, September 16, at the Los Alamitos Race Track, 4961 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, 12:30 PM, first post at 2:00 PM. The cost is \$15 for entry. Advanced payment is preferred. Please RSVP contact Roger/Judy Powell at 562-433-7271 or kpow@charter.net by Monday, September 11. Join your fellow Lions for a fun and entertaining event. It is great way to enjoy the fellowship of your fellow Lions.

### MORE BBQ THANK YOUS

Please add Kalani Caldwell and Teri Collins to our most appreciated list.

## CALENDAR

### September

12—Board meeting  
 16—Day at the Races

### October

5—Membership Committee  
 10—Board meeting

### November

4—2nd district meeting  
 7—Membership Committee  
 14—Board meeting  
 23—Thanksgiving  
 24—Dark

### December

5—Membership Committee  
 12—Board meeting  
 22—Dark! Christmas  
 25—Christmas

### January

1—New Years  
 5—Membership Committee  
 9—Board meeting  
 15—King Day

### February

6—Membership Committee  
 13—Board Meeting  
 14—Valentines Day  
 19—President's Day

### March

6—Membership Committee  
 13—Board meeting  
 16—St. Patrick's Day

### April

3—Membership Committee  
 10—Board meeting

### May

1—Membership Committee  
 May 8—Board meeting  
 25—Dark  
 28—Memorial Day

### June

5—Membership Committee  
 12—Board meeting

### July

3—Membership Committee  
 4—Independence Day  
 10—Board meeting