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**PDG JUDY POWELL  
CO-COD  
HALLOWEEN**

JUDY was president of this club in 2004-5. Did we have fun? Yep, and we danced - a couple of times.

**PETROLEUM CLUB  
3636 LINDEN AVE.  
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Presiding: JERRY CALIGIURI  
Invocation: CHARLIE QUAIFFE  
Program Arranged by:  
PP ED BARWICK

**CLAUDIA HARDEN  
CO-COD  
HALLOWEEN**

CLAUDIA was born in Elgin, IL and raised in Arlington Hgts. She graduated from Northwestern University with a BS in Speech ("yes, that's

**Guests  
welcome!**

what they called it then.") She and PP JIM were wed in 1966 and moved to California.

JUDY graduated from Blue Island Community Hi (BICHS) in Illinois and matriculated at the University of Illinois where she was one of the 2% of non-music majors to make the band. Sensing brighter horizons she relocated to Long Beach, earning a Masters degree from CSULB. She then taught until retirement in LBUSD.

JUDY served for six years on the Cal. St. Teachers Retirement System Board of Trustees, is active in the Assistance League and the Naples Neighborhood Improvement Association. She has been recognized by this club and the community many times for her service to both. She was elected to two terms on the Long Beach City College Board of Trustees.

JUDY served as District Governor in 2008-09 and has also served as Club Membership Chair, District Historian and many other vital roles in Lionism. JUDY and husband PCC ROGER live in Long Beach along with Tom, who just thinks he's a Lion. The most surprising thing about JUDY is her sponsor was CAL FARMER, not hubby ROGER.



Her career years were spent mostly in radio and TV including owning KNAC radio in Long Beach with JIM. She spent the last sixteen years at the Aquarium of the Pacific in their Education Department.

Claudia served on both the Boys and Girls Club Board and the Board of Cedar House. She was the first female president of the board when the Boys and Girls Club was only "The Boys Club". After serving on the Board of Directors of Cedar House, she was Executive Director for three years, guiding them from a grass roots local organization to one with a larger footprint in the child abuse treatment field in Los Angeles County.

CLAUDIA has two amazing adult daughters, Jana and Julie, a sweet little dog, Clyde, and a rotten cat, Dexter, who thinks he's smarter than CLAUDIA.

**Celts Were in Costume 2000 Years Ago!**

On November 1st over 2000 years ago, in what is now known as the United Kingdom, Ireland and northern France, the Celts celebrated their new year. This date marked the end of the harvest season and the beginning of the cold, dark winter season, often associated with death. It was Celtic belief that on the night before the New Year the veil between the land of the living and the land of the dead became blurred. This night they celebrated Samhain. Celts believed ghosts haunted the land and damaged crops. This night was also thought to allow the Druids and Priests to possess a heightened ability to predict the future. For the commoner, these predictions would be a comfort and an insight into the coming dark winter that lie ahead.

Druids built large bonfires where the people would gather to sacrifice crops and their animals to ancient deities. The Druids also wore costumes consisting of animal skins and animal heads to mark the celebration and to spread their prophecies. When the celebration subsided the Celts would re-light their home fires from the celebration bonfire to protect their homes with the worshipped god's help during the coming dark winter.



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## RETROSPECTIVE, OCTOBER 13, 2017

Petroleum Club, JERRY CALIGIURI presiding. Invocation: PE VAL LERCH. Song/salute: PP MARILYN RUSSELL BITTLE. Piano: ROB NICHOLS. Announcements: JERRY intro'd guests Mary Anne Corlett (SANDY GJONOVICH) and Wilkin Mes (Carnaval). He also welcomed LESLIE DRAG and Pat ODELL. PDG DENNIS DRAG recognized the October birthdays. JERRY read a thank you letter for our assistance with the Ventura County Stand-down. We lent PP KIRK DAVIS (who drove the Eyemobile), STEVE HUHTA and \$1,000 to this effort. Sixty-nine vets received check ups from optometrists. New member MELINDA LANKFORD was inducted by DENNIS with the assistance of PP LINDA WEINGARTNER, Membership Chair. PP GARTH PHILLIPS noted the Bellflower Family visitation has been cancelled. The Pasadena visitation will cost \$40. A signup will be ready soon. The date is Nov. 7. That evening will be the Artesia/Cerritos Thanksgiving dinner. LINDA passed out descriptions of Salvation Army opportunities to serve. Select what interests you and return to LINDA or MELINDA. The kettle sign up will be ready soon. VAL encourage participation on the Vets Day parade in North LB. The



parade will form in Harding Park at Atlantic Ave and South St. at 10am, Nov. 11. PP GENE JOHNSON confirmed that the B&G Club Thanksgiving dinners will be Nov. 14 (Harte school) and 16 (McKinley). The co-chair this year is President JERRY. Tail Twister CLAUDIA HARDEN extracted Happy Bucks from herself (Big 10 football rules); VAL (go Dodgers!); RICK PINSON (go Cubs! Also Michigan St. beat Michigan!); JIM HARDEN (son-in-law now a citizen); DONNA KELLY (dog won a competition); DENNIS (go Cubs!); GARTH (US Navy birthday); BARB HALLER (glad JIM is out of hospital); Pat ODELL (three glorious weeks of vacation, last single grandchild engaged). The 50/50, run by DONNA was won by MARILYN. COD PP LINCOLN ODELL had fun and raised money with questions about Carnaval Cruises. He then intro'd Carlos Torres de Navarra, VP, Carnaval. Carlos described how getting the boot from the Port of Los Angeles has worked well for Carnaval. LB officials understand their business better than LA did. He also described the major investments Carnaval is making in Long Beach and their fleet. The #1 project is to recreate the waiting area like a park, not an airport.



## Nov. 3—VDG JOHN NELSON, 2VDG GARY HALL

Program Manager— PP ED BARWICK  
 Nov.10—Chris Campbell-Jay, Red Cross

### HALLOWEEN PARTY

We will celebrate Halloween this year at the Club meeting today. There are eight categories for entry: Femme Fatale, Macho Male, Best Animal, Most Creative, Most Colorful, Least Effort, Sports Fanatic, Best Lion. All non-participants will be fined a penny. As are many days of celebration, Halloween (Oct. 31) is a "cross-quarter day" midway between the autumnal equinox (Sept. 22) and the Winter solstice (Dec 23—almost Christmas...)

### COMING UP...

Nov. 14 and 16, B&G Thanksgiving Dinner.  
 Holiday Party, Dec. 10, LB Yacht Club.  
 Chinese Dinner and Auction, Feb. 22  
 Night at the Theater, April 26.

### OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

5	STEVE HUHTA
9	PP KIRK DAVIS
34	PP GENE JOHNSON
36	SKIP BASIL
40	ANDY CHOY
46	CAL FARMER
50	JIM SULLOS



Last year's winners

## CALENDAR

### October

27—Halloween meeting

### November

4—2nd district meeting  
 7—Membership Committee  
 11—Vets Day Parade  
 15—Board meeting  
 14—B&G Club T'giving dinner, Harte  
 16—B&G Club T'giving Dinner, McKinley  
 23—Thanksgiving  
 24—Dark

### December

10—Christmas Party, LBYC, 4pm  
 12—Board meeting  
 22—Dark! Christmas  
 25—Christmas  
 29—Dark! New Years

### 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  
 22—Chinese Dinner and Auction

### March

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

### April

3—Membership Committee  
 10—Board meeting  
 26—Night at the Theater

### May

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

### June

5—Membership Committee  
 12—Board meeting

### July

3—Membership Committee