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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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**JOHN NELSON  
VDG;  
GARY HALL  
2VDG**

JOHN, "Johnny on the Spot", was born in Medford, Massachusetts. As an infant his family moved to Long Beach where he was raised with two younger sisters. He completed his high school education at Millikan High School. He has worked in the electrical field since 1978. In 1999, he was invited by his sponsor JIM DUESSENT to become a member of the Belmont Shore Lions Club. He was inducted by District Governor TOM



MAGNER.

Lion JOHN has sponsored 9 new members and is a Proud Lion Sponsor, is a AL OHRMUND Supporter, HARRY J. ASLAN Fellow and a MELVIN JONES Fellow recognized by the Belmont Shore Lions.

JOHN has held numerous offices in his club and at the district level. He has also been recognized many times for his service to Lionism.

Lion JOHN resides in Lakewood with his wife Lion CHERYL. They have 3 children, Stephen (Summer), Cortney and Travis. They are proud grandparents of Savannah and Sonny.

His theme is, "Humble and Kind as we serve our communities".

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

**Guests  
welcome!**

**JERRY CALIGIURI  
COD**

JERRY was born and raised in Long Beach. He attended and earned degrees from

Long Beach City College and California State University

Long Beach. He worked on legislative staff for Long Beach Councilmembers Jeff Kellogg, Rob Webb, VAL LERCH,

and James Johnson. JERRY had also served as Community Liaison in Public Affairs office with Long Beach Airport. He has volunteered for a number of community organizations. He is a graduate of the Neighborhood Leadership Long Beach, Leadership Long Beach, Leadership Los Angeles, and the Southern California Leadership Network. A Lion for 15 years, JERRY served as President and Secretary to the Uptown Long Beach Lions and was a Zone Chair for two years. JERRY was elected president of our club in June, 2016. He also chairs the Fundraising Committee.



## RETROSPECTIVE, OCTOBER 20, 2017

Petroleum Club, JERRY CALIGIURI presiding. Invocation: CHARLIE QUAIFE. Song/salute: PP MARILYN RUSSELL BITTLE. Piano: ROB NICHOLS. Announcements: JERRY called out, Go Dodgers! JERRY intro'd guest Mary Anne Corlett (SANDY GJONOVICH) and indicated Mary Ann intends to join. CLAUDIA HARDEN again reminded all of the Halloween party on Nov. 27th. PP GENE JOHNSON noted the kick off time for the B&G dinners was 5PM not 5:30. JERRY indicated there are sign up sheets for the Pasadena and Artesia/Cerritos visit (and dinner). PP LINDA WEINGARTNER noted that Suzy Ray is more or less housebound and would appreciate a call or two. PP MERLIN THIMLAR that former member Fred Sebring's wife Helen has passed. PP GARTH PHILLIPS noted that ED MACIAS is in the hospital and may be facing a lengthy recovery period. MELINDA

LANKFORD pointed out that the Salvation Army kettle sign ups are in the book. We will man the kettle at the Von's on Ocean on Dec, 9. The WEINGARTNERS and MARILYN volunteered to put together food boxes for the Salvation Army on Dec. 6. Tail Twister JUDY collected Happy Bucks from VAL LERCH (dropped 41 pounds and halved his BP medication and go Dodgers!); PP JIM HARDEN (granddaughter had a baby boy); RICK PINSON (Go Dodgers!); MERLIN (visited new great granddaughter). The 50/50, run by DONNA KELLY was won by RICK. COD PCC ROGER POWELL had fun and raised money with questions about Long Beach. He then intro'd Councilperson Jeannine Pearce who shared the background on how Long Beach enacted the provisions for an Indigenous Peoples Day. It is to share cultures, not to replace Columbus



## Nov.10—Chris Campbell-Jay, Red Cross

Program Manager— STEVE HUHTA  
 Nov. 17—Dinesa Thomas, Habitat for Humanity

### 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.

### GARY HALL 2VDG

GARY is a 37 year member of Lions, having joined the Irwindale Lions Club in 1980 and is still a member of that club. He is a 6 time past president of the Irwindale Lions and has held many other offices there.

In 2011 he became Foothill Region, Zone C Chair and in 2012 became Foothill Region Chair. GARY has served as the District 4-L2 Global Leadership Team Coordinator for a two year term and is very active in all district affairs. Service to MD4 include a five year term on the Youth Outreach Committee, in which the last three years were as Chair. The Youth

Outreach Committee is host to the MD4 Youth Leadership Institute annually.

In addition to Club and District duties GARY also sits on the Board of Directors for Lions Float Inc. He joined the Board of Directors at Lions Camps at Teresita Pines in the spring of 2013 as an Advisor and soon after became a Director. Lion GARY has been married to Lion TERI for 27 years and they reside in La Verne.



## CALENDAR

### November

4—2nd district meeting  
 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**  
 2—Student Speakers  
 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  
 4—Independence Day  
 10—Board meeting