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**STUDENT SPEAKERS**  
When District 4 was split  
into five sub-districts in  
1937, Fred Smith (later  
International President)  
became the first District  
Governor of District 4-C.


**PETROLEUM CLUB  
3636 LINDEN AVE.  
562-427-7966**  
Presiding: VAL LERCH  
Invocation: CHARLIE QUAIIFE  
Program Arranged by:  
STEVE HUHTA

**PDG JUDITH OLMSTED  
POWELL  
COD**  
JUDY requested two gifts for  
her sixth birthday: piano  
lessons and a two-wheeled  
bike. She got them both. At  
age eight in third grade she

His district ran from Stock-  
ton down to the southern end of  
the San Joaquin

**Guests  
welcome!**

started on the flute as the district was  
rebuilding its instrumental music pro-  
gram, which had fallen into disarray after  
her dad's departure from that job. She




**PIP FRED W.  
SMITH**

Valley. He realized that  
the clubs in his new district  
had nothing more in com-  
mon than they did with the  
clubs in San Francisco or  
San Diego. He expressed  
this thought to the other  
officers in his district and  
asked for suggestions. One  
of his Deputy District Gov-  
ernors, Frank Coiston, Su-  
perintendent of Schools in  
Oxnard, suggested a Stu-  
dent Speakers Contest for high school  
students in the district. The idea was ap-  
proved.

was entanced by the French horn, but her dad  
talked her into choosing the flute, an instru-  
ment he'd always admired. Her first instruction  
on flute embouchure was to make a note in an  
empty 7-Up bottle. In retrospect she feels Dad  
was right as the flute is a lot easier to carry  
and the embouchure lasts long than that for  
brass!

The following year James Hodges, Dis-  
trict Governor from Covina, proposed to  
the Council of Governors that Fred's  
speech contest become a project for all of  
District 4. The proposal was adopted and  
the contest has been one of our district's  
principal projects ever since. During the  
past sixty years, many groups and clubs  
have followed our lead by engaging in  
joint service activities. It is one of the  
stars in our MD-4 crown.



JUDY's love for U of I began  
when she went to All-State  
Band there in the 7th grade.  
This was also her first time  
being a small fish in a big pond.  
Having been the star in her  
hometown, she learned that  
there were a lot more accom-  
plished flutists out there in  
Illinois alone. Beginning that  
same year, she attended Sum-  
mer Youth Music Camp at UI until her gradu-  
ation from high school. During that time, Aunt  
Meta, Mom and Dad purchased of her own flute  
for her, which she still has all these years later,  
and she began lessons with former Chicago  
Symphony flutists Dr. Emil Eck, the "go-to" guy  
for flutists in the northern Midwest. By the time  
she was 13, flute eclipsed piano in her studies

A speaker who wins out to the state  
(MD4) level will earn over \$20,000 in  
scholarships!

JUDY says the reasons she brags about mak-  
ing the UI Concert Band are because it was the  
top of three bands at the time, one had to  
audition up through three levels, and only 2%  
of non-music majors made it that far. She adds  
that her love for UI is easy to understand when  
one realizes that between All-State Band, Sum-  
mer Youth Music and earning her B.A., she  
actually went there every year for 11 years.

## RETROSPECTIVE, JANUARY 19, 2018

Petroleum Club, VAL LERCH presiding. Invocation: CHARLIE QUAIFE. Song/salute: PP MARILYN RUSSELL BITTLE. Piano: ROB NICHOLS. Announcements: PP ED BARWICK reminded all of the visitation to Lakewood (Jan 25, 6:30pm, Weingart Center). VAL also reminded all of the MELVIN JONES Luncheon, Feb. 25, 1pm, Rio Hondo Country Club. PP LINCOLN ODELL announced Flag Day for Feb. 5 at Burbank Elementary, 4th and Junipero, 8am. MARILYN reminded all of the Chinese Dinner and Auction, to be rescheduled to early June. The cost is \$45. It is still okay to bring your gift items now. PCC ROGER POWELL presented the club with an award for raising the most money among the participating service clubs from the Salvation Army kettles. The total was over \$1,000. VAL read a letter from a LB grandmother thanking the club for replacing her grand-

son's broken eyeglass frames. His schoolwork is returning to normal. Tail Twister PDG JUDITH OLMSTED POWELL had no game but collected Happy Bucks from MYRA KREMEN (Kiwanis raised \$6,000 at their Theater Night, ROB played "Lions Spirit"); CHARLIE QUAIFE (BEV in hospice); VAL (recommended movies: *The Darkest Hour*, *Marshall* and *The Post*) and PP LINDA WEINGARTNER (flowers from her hubby—yes, that's right, PP YOURS TRULY). The 50/50, run by DONNA KELLY, was won by MELINDA LANKFORD. COD MARILYN had fun and raised money with questions from the *Lion* magazine. She then intro'd John Thomas, leading Long Beach historian and specialist in the many fine examples of Art Deco in our fair city. He showed many of excellent examples. John donated \$500 to our eyeglass campaign.

**Feb. 9—Doug Haubert,  
 City Prosecutor**  
 Program Manager— STEVE HUHTA  
 Feb 16—TBA

### COMING UP...

Flag Day, Burbank Elementary, 8am, Feb 5.  
 MELVIN JONES Luncheon, Feb. 25, 1pm, Rio Honda Country Club.  
 Night at the Theater, April 26.  
**Chinese Dinner and Auction, rescheduled to date to be announced.**

## CALENDAR

### February

2—Student Speakers  
 5—Flag Day, Burbank Elementary, 8am  
 6—Membership Committee  
 9—11—MD4 Convention, San Diego  
 13—Board Meeting  
 14—Valentines Day  
 19—President's Day  
 25—Melvin Jones Luncheon

### March

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

### April

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

### May

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

### June

5—Membership Committee  
 12—Board meeting  
 29—July 3—International Convention, Las Vegas

### July

3—Membership Committee  
 4—Independence Day  
 6—Dark!  
 10—Board meeting

### August

7—Membership Committee  
 14—Board meeting  
 31—Dark!

### September

3—Labor Day  
 4—Membership Committee  
 11—Board meeting

### October

2—Membership Committee  
 9—Board meeting

### November

6—Membership Committee  
 13—Board meeting

