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The Downtown Lions Club meets every Friday at noon at the Petroleum Club,  
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are noted either on the web site or this weekly bulletin.

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**MUSICAL THEATRE WEST**  
Will sing love and theater tunes for us  
**Joey Abrego** was born and raised in Sonoma County right in the middle



of wine country, California.

He moved down to Southern California when he attended UC Irvine and received his BFA in theater. Since then Joey has had the pleasure of working on three incredible productions at Musical Theater West (Evita, Carousel, and In the Heights), as well as productions with McCoy Rigby Entertainment and South Coast Repertory.

**Amanda Leigh Jerry** is an actor and musician born and raised in St. Louis, MO, loving life as an Angeleno! You may recognize her as Girl in Once the Musical (South Coast Repertory), Julie Jordan in Carousel (Musical Theatre West) or Winifred Banks in Mary Poppins (Musical Theatre West). You can see more of Amanda and her original music at you-tube.com/amandajerrymusic or on Instagram @mandajerry.



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

**Guests welcome!**

**PP GENE JOHNSON COD**  
**SOME FLASHES FROM GENE 's PAST:**  
May 22, 1948 took the gold medal at State of Washington Track meet setting state record. Graduated high school

June 1948.  
June 21, 1948 6:00 pm to midnight climbed Mt. Roberts near Juneau, Alaska to experience the sun never setting on the longest day of the year.  
Enlisted in Navy August 1948 and graduated Electronic School January 1950 as ET3.  
Fall of 1950 started college at University of Puget Sound and work for Weyerhaeuser.  
April 1951 passed the entrance exam in Coast-wise Navigation and the Pilot Rules of the United States and was admitted to the U.S. Power Squadron. Taught piloting and small boat handling to Sea Scouts.  
May of 1952 completed Boy Scouts of America 3 year training program and received the Scouters Award.  
June 1954 married LeAnn.  
From October 1957 an article in the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. National Magazine: "Everett-Persistence paid off with a BA degree in Business Administration for Gene Johnson, Pulp Tabulating supervisor":  
In the fall of 1950 Johnson enrolled at College of Puget Sound, and started working part time in the accounting and statistical department, sales company, Tacoma office. He carried a full academic load.  
He had to stay out of school two semesters and when he was transferred here in 1955 he found himself seven semester hours short of a degree. He was able to complete his Hours at the University of Washington Evening Division and received his diploma this summer.  
(Con't on Pg.3)



## RETROSPECTIVE, FEBRUARY 2, 2018

Petroleum Club, VAL LERCH presiding. Invocation: CHARLIE QUAIFFE. Song/salute: PP MARILYN RUSSELL BITTLE. Piano: A. Capella. Announcements: VAL welcomed PDG CHRIS OHRMUND, Chair of the Student Speaker Foundation, 1stVDG JOHN NELSON and Pat ODELL (PP LINCOLN.) Lincoln also reminded all of Flag Day Feb. 5 at Burbank Elementary, 4th and Junipero, 8am. PDG DENNIS DRAG encouraged all to join us for the MELVIN JONES Luncheon, Feb. 25, 1pm, Rio Hondo Country Club. Reservations are suggested. MARILYN reminded all of the Chinese Dinner and Auction, scheduled for June 14. The cost is \$45. Location is TBD. It is okay to bring your gift items now. PP GARTH PHILLIPS outlined the parameters of the Toshiba Classic.

Basically, working a shift earns the club \$50. If you are interested, see him. The tournament runs from Apr. 7 to 11. Days needing coverage are the 9th, 10 and 11th. The 50/50, run by DONNA KELLY, was won by RICK PINSON. COD PDG JUDITH OLMSTED POWELL outlined the procedures and rules for the Student Speaker Contest. The three contestants, all from Poly High, spoke. The three entrants were Max Dopulos, Dana Kriebel and Joy Rowden. The winner was Dana. We want to thank judges (Logan Esdale, Nick Gipp, Jan Hawk, Joslyn Semichy); Tellers (PP MEL NUTTER, PCC ROGER POWELL); Time Keepers (PP ED BARWICK, STEVE HUHTA, PP MERLIN THIMLAR) and Door Monitor BARB HALLER.



## Feb. 23—Ron McCoy, KNAC

Program Manager— STEVE HUHTA  
 Mar. 2—MIKE LIEPPMAN—Eye, Health care today

### COMING UP...

- Signal Hill Lions Student Speaker, Wilson High, Room 309, Feb 22, 6:30PM\*
- MELVIN JONES Luncheon, Feb. 25, 1pm, Rio Honda Country Club.
- Night at the Theater, April 26.
- Chinese Dinner and Auction, June 14.
- \*CHRIS OHRMUND hopes we can attend, she might be the only Lion there!

(Con't from Pg 1)  
 Johnson's wife is the former LeAnn Noel who also had worked in the sales company, Tacoma office. They have three children, Don, Lori and Jerry." Sheri joined us later.  
 April 1958 helped found the Active 20/30 Club of Everett, WA.  
 Moved to CA. August 1964 as Manager of the Security Bank Building at First & Pine.  
 Joined Lion's October 1983, 100% President 1991-1992. Was club Treasurer for 27 years. Currently LSHF President, on the District 4L2 Budget and Audit Committee and 4L2 District Treasurer.  
 Awarded the Lion's International Presidents Award 1991-1992.  
 June 1991 climbed Ayers Rock in central Australia and met my first Coral Snake in Fiji  
 Melvin Jones fellow with 7 diamonds.  
 Golden Lion 2000, 20003 & 2005.  
 Married 63 years, 4 children, 10 grandchildren and 5 great-grandsons and 1 great-granddaughter.

## CALENDAR

### February

13—Board Meeting  
 14—Valentines Day  
 19—President's Day  
 22—Signal Hill Student Speakers  
 25—Melvin Jones Luncheon

### March

6—Membership Committee  
 8—Montebello Pancake Breakfast  
 13—Board meeting  
 16—St. Patrick's Day

### April

3—Membership Committee  
 7—District meeting; Student Speaker District contest  
 10—Board meeting  
 26—Night at the Theater

### May

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

### June

5—Membership Committee  
 14—Chinese Dinner and Auction  
 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