

THE DOWNTOWN LIONS CLUB
wishes to thank the following advertisers for
their support



kw
Keller Williams Realty

Barbara Irvine-Parker
562.208.9726

BarbaraIrvineParker4@msn.com
Barbara4RealEstate.com

Real Estate Consultant
CARRIS-20111402

1883 S. Spring Street, Suite 100
Long Beach, CA 90804

See Office Independently Owned and Operated

JOHN NELSON ELECTRIC



For all your
electrical needs

(562) 804-9412
E-mail: jnpr99@yahoo.com

Cal State
#477512

THIS SPACE AVAILABLE
CONTACT AL WEINGARTNER
562-706-1343
ALWEIN246@YAHOO.COM

Sharp HOA Management, Inc.



Bonnie J. Sharp, CEO
Homeowner's Association Management

2500 Via Cabrillo Marina Drive, Suite 104
San Pedro, California 90731

Office: (562) 437-4277 (43-SHARP) • (310) 514-1377
Fax: (562) 437-5377 • (310) 514-1577
Email: Bonnie@SharpHOA.com • www.SharpHOA.com

Century 21
ASTRO

Jeanette Vogel
Licensed Real Estate Salesperson
BRE # 01766828



Office: 562.924.3381
Cell: 562.896.4444
Fax: 562.924.5951
jeanette.vogel@aol.com

11365 183rd
Cerritos, CA 90703

Equal Opportunity and Equal Housing Opportunity

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.

CLUB OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS
Mailing address: 4712 East 2nd Street #434
Long Beach, California 90803. Telephone: (562)
477-3286 and fax: (562) 439-7174
www.longbeachlions.org

President Val Lerch
President-elect Val Lerch
First Vice President Roger Powell
Second Vice President Merlin Thimlar
Secretary Dennis Drag, PhD
Treasurer Steve Huhta
Tail Twister Judy Powell
Lion Tamer Charlie Quaife
Membership Chair Linda Weingartner
Directors Ed Barwick, Marilyn Bittle, Sandy
Gjonovich, Barbara Haller, Claudia Harden, Steve
Huhta, Roger Powell, Charlie Quaife, Linda Weingartner

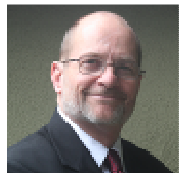
INTERNATIONAL AND DISTRICT OFFICERS
President, Lions Clubs Int'l Naresh Aggarwal
District Governor, 4-L2 Tessie Prumatico
1st Vice District Governor John Nelson
2nd Vice District Gov. Gary Hall
Cabinet Secretary Mary Jane Patton
Cabinet Treasurer Gene Johnson
Chair, Bay Region Woody Hughes
Zone A Chair, Bay Region Ed Barwick

Long Beach Downtown Lions Club
4712 East 2nd Street #434
Long Beach, California 90803



Vol. 94 Friday, Mar. 30, 2018, noon No. 36

RANDY STEIN
LIONS SIGHT AND HEARING FOUNDATION
RANDY has 30 years of executive level nonprofit experience. He is presently leading Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation of Southern CA ("LSH") as CEO. The Foundation has roots going back to 1959, starting in Santa Monica, CA.



The current service area covers 48,000 square miles of Central and Southern CA. It includes 22Mil constituents. Programs include the funding of awards for (1) sight restorative surgeries and (2) the return of hearing through the dispensing of new digital hearing aids, both programs administered through geographic provider relationships. The populations served typically are living on an annual adjusted gross income of \$15,000 to \$25,000.

In the most recent completed fiscal year, LSH:

- Provided service value of approximately \$700,000
- Grew completed cases by 38% year-over-year
- Decreased the annual per case cost by 11% year-over-year
- Improved In-Kind Service value to \$646,348
- Reached Volunteer Hours value of \$248,655
- Increased annual completed cases by 340% between 2012 and 2017
- Generated impacts 2012 to 2017 that directly and indirectly affected more than 12,500 constituents

PETROLEUM CLUB
3636 LINDEN AVE.
562-427-7966
Presiding: VAL LERCH
Invocation: CHARLIE QUAIFE
Program Arranged by:
PP LINCOLN ODELL

Guests welcome!

PP GENE JOHNSON
COD
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 Coastwise 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, MARCH 17, 2018

The Petroleum Club, VAL LERCH presiding. Invocation: CHARLIE QUAIPE. Song/salute: MARILYN RUSSELL BITTLE. Piano: A. Capella. Announcements: VAL welcomed guests PDGs LARRY WEHAGE and MIKE BROUSSARD. He also welcomed Region chair WOODY HUGH, candidate for 2NDVDG. WOODY shared his thoughts on what he hopes to accomplish in that role. PP ED BARWICK recapped the Zone Student Speaker contest. Our entry lost. The next round is at the Bellflower Theater, Bellflower, Mar. 28 at 6:30PM. PP MERLIN THIMLAR urged ticket sales for Night at the Theater. We need red and wine for gift baskets. Please help. VAL reminded all of the Interservice Club meeting, May 15 at the Assistance League HQ. The cost will be between \$30 and \$35. PP LINDA WEINGARTNER asked all to inspect the Salvation Army activity lists and sign up for those that interest you. The 4th quarter District meeting will be in Artesia on Apr. 7. The club will pay the attendance fee. PCC ROGER POWELL announced that we have a candidate for President-Elect (STEVE HUHTA). Candidates for the board are PDG DENNIS DRAG, PP GARTH PHILLIPS and PP YOURS TRULY. We still need two candidates for the board (one two year and one one year slot.) Please

consider running. The District 4L2 convention will be May 19 and 20 at the Quiet Cannon in Montebello. The meeting will commence at 9AM Saturday. The will be a dinner that evening. We meet again on Sunday AM for breakfast and election results. ROGER reminded all that a candidate might need a quorum on 2nd and later rounds. Don't leave until a winner is announced. PP GENE JOHNSON asked if anyone wanted to see "The Temptations" (cover) at the Petroleum Club, Wednesday, the 18th, noon to 3PM. MARILYN confirmed the Chinese Dinner and Auction will be Jun. 14 at the Petroleum Club. Meal price is yet to be determined. The BBQ will be Aug. 11 at the EL DORADO Senior Center. DENNIS intro'd the March birthdays and explained why cupcakes will be on the 30th. The 50/50, run by DONNA KELLY, was won by MARILYN. COD PP LINCOLN ODELL had fun and raised money with questions about Ireland and the Irish. Pat ODELL, PP JIM HARDEN, LINDA, YOURS TRULY and WOODY shared tidbits of their Irish heritage. LINCOLN intro'd singer Ken O'Malley, who wowed with a medley of folk and other songs. True to form he concluded with *Danny Boy* and *When Irish Eyes Are Smiling*.



Apr 6—Annual business meeting (No guests please)

Program Manager— PP LINCOLN ODELL
Apr. 13—Habitat for Humanity

COMING UP...

- Night at the Theater, April 26.
- District Convention, May 19-20
- Chinese Dinner and Auction, June 14.

DISTRICT CONVENTION MAY 19-20

Quiet Cannon, Montebello:
9AM Saturday, Banquet Saturday night, breakfast and closing ceremony Sunday.

CLUB BOARD ELECTIONS

Mar 30: Nominee speeches
April 6: Annual business meeting, board elections (no guests, please)

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

4	LEON DONJUAN
4	CLAUDIA HARDEN
31	HAYWOOD EPPERSON
41	FRED GERLACH
60	LES BRYANT

(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

March

23—Board nominees opened
30—Board nominee speeches

April

3—Membership Committee
6—Annual business meeting ** No guests, please**
7—District meeting; Student Speaker District contest
10—Board meeting
26—Night at the Theater

May

1—Membership Committee
8—Board meeting
14—District Student Speakers, Bixby School, 6pm
19-20—District 4L2 Convention
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
22—Thanksgiving

December

4—Membership Committee