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**DOWNTOWN
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DOWNTOWN
LIONS CLUB
CHARITIES
ANNUAL MEETING**

**PETROLEUM CLUB
3636 LINDEN AVE.
562-427-7966**
Presiding: VAL LERCH
Invocation: CHARLIE
QUAIFE

VAL LERCH PRESIDING
VAL graduated from adult
night school (Wilson High
School in Long Beach) in
1973. He graduated from
UWLA in 1982 with three
certificates: Legal Assis-
tant, Litigation Specialist and Cor-
porations Specialist.

**No guests
please!**

- Call to Order, VAL LERCH presiding
- Elections of Club and Charities Board of Directors—**ROGER POWELL**
 - Financial Status: Club, DLCI—**STEVE HUHTA**
- Investment Committee—**MEL NUTTER**
- Charities Report—**MERLIN THIMLAR**
- Membership, **LINDA WEINGARTNER**
- BBQ—**MARILYN BITTLE**
- Results of Election—**ROGER POWELL**
- Closing Remarks—**CAL**
- Adjournment
(Agenda subject to change.)



VAL served in the US Coast Guard from June 23, 1969 through March 1993. He spent 12 years on active duty and another 12 years in the reserves. VAL has been married since 1971 to Janet. They raised two children in North Long Beach, a daughter, Vicki Ann and a son Anthony (Tony) Lee. They have 3 grandchildren ToriAnn, Briana and Christian. VAL is active in North Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area Committee (Vice-Chair); North Long Beach Neighborhood Association Deforest Park Chapter (Vice-President); North Long Beach Business Association (Board Member); North Long Beach Community Action Group (Vice President); Citizen Police Complaint Commission (Commissioner); Long Beach Strategic Plan Task Force (Community Safety); Long Beach Veterans Day Parade Committee (Logistic Chair, Committee Chair); Academic Up-rise Education Board (Board Member); U.S. Veterans of Cabrillo (Board Member). In 2011, VAL was appointed to the LA County Housing Commission by Supervisor Don Knabe.



RETROSPECTIVE, MARCH 23, 2018

The Petroleum Club, VAL LERCH presiding. Invocation: CHARLIE QUAIFE. Song/salute: MARILYN RUSSELL BITTLE. Piano: ROB NICHOLS. Announcements: VAL welcomed guest ART LUNA, running for 2NDVDG. ART shared extensive remarks on his aims in that role. PP LINCOLN ODELL noted that memorial services for ED MACIAS would be held on Saturday the 24th. PP GENE JOHNSON related Greta MACIAS is currently at Catered Manor, 4010 Virginia Rd. She'd love visitors. PP ED BARWICK reminded all the next Student Speaker contest will be (was) held at the Bellflower Theater. PCC ROGER POWELL reminded all of the Club/Charities Business Meeting on Apr. 6. STEVE HUHTA has agreed to run for president-elect and PPs ED, PDG DENNIS DRAG and PP YOURS TRULY will run for the board, leaving two empty slots. ROGER called for additional nominations. There being none he placed his name in nomination. He also noted the next district meeting is Apr. 7 at the Artesia Community Center. That will also be the next step of the Student Speaker contest. The District Convention will be at the Quiet Cannon, Montebello, May 19 and 20. The meeting will commence at 9AM Saturday. There 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. ROGER has enrollment forms. PP MERLIN THIMLAR urged ticket sales for Night at the Theater. We need red and white 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. MARILYN reminded all of the Chinese Dinner and Auction. It will be Jun. 14 at the Petroleum Club. The cost will be \$40. Raffle prizes needed. PP LINDA WEINGARTNER encouraged sign ups for volunteering at the Salvation Army (food sorting and stocking and more fun!) Please lend a hand. She also asked for ideas for a new membership motto. Got any? GENE noted that Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation gave our club 900 pairs of glasses (and hearing aids). Our club has never donated money to LSHF. We should. Tail Twister ROGER fined VAL \$5 for appearing on local TV and extracted Happy Bucks from MERLIN (Purdue doing well); CHARLIE (BEV is hanging in there); MELINDA LANKFORD (daughter is home from college and will be an RA next year); GEOFF GATLEY (grandson going to UC); RICK PINSON (spring training trip was great but Michigan State is gone from the tourney); MARILYN (granddaughter has five universities to chose from); VAL (granddaughter finished second in swim although she has only one hand and only three fingers on the other); ROB (also had a fine Arizona spring training trip); LINDA (go Loyola!). The 50/50, run by SAM KELLY, was won by Alice SEXTON. COD MEL NUTTER noted he got the club a front page mention in the LA Times. He paid fines for that and everyone else! He then intro'd Steve Shaw, Development Manager for CenterCal Properties, developer of 2ND and PCH. Steve related how they expect to bring a new class of tenant to Long Beach, incorporate local art, reinvigorate the southwest entry to the city and calm the traffic. We trust they are right.

Apr. 13—Habitat for Humanity
Program Manager— PP LINCOLN ODELL
Apr. 20—Bill Smith, LB Transit

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.



CALENDAR

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
11—Board meeting
25—Christmas
31—New Years Eve