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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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**BILL SMITH
LB TRANSIT**

Bill Smith is a life-long resident of Long Beach having graduated from Wilson, LBCC, and CSULB. Bill went to work at the Press-Telegram (P-T) after receiving his degree in Speech Communication from Long Beach State and worked at the newspaper for 25 years. He took a couple of side jobs along the way when he worked as V.P. of Marketing



for the Riptide Minor League Baseball Club and as the Attraction Sales Manager at The Queen Mary before being recruited back to the P-T. Bill finished his newspaper career as the Marketing Director at the Press-Telegram where he joined Leadership Long Beach in their "Best Class" ever. He then boarded the bus for Long Beach Transit (LBT) and has served for the past nine years as their Community Relations Representative and was named LBT's Employee of the Year in 2016. Bill recently started LBT's Connected Seniors Club (CSC) that helps seniors to use local public transportation and specifically LBT buses.

**PETROLEUM CLUB
3636 LINDEN AVE.
562-427-7966**
Presiding: VAL LERCH
Invocation: CHARLIE QUAIFE
Program Chair: PP ED BARWICK

**Guests
welcome!**

**PDG DENNIS DRAG
COD**

A former vice-president of Mof-fatt & Nichol, with over forty seven years of project management experience, DENNIS has managed many one-of-a-kind projects though out his career. These have included working on

the Saturn II launch Vehicle for the Apollo Program, the development and design of a standard nuclear power plant for the TVA, the John Wayne Airport and numerous projects that have changed the downtown area and Port of Long Beach including the Lions' Lighthouse for Light. DENNIS received his BSCE from Purdue University and a Masters, PhD and business degrees from UCLA. He and his wife, Lion LERSLIE, reside in Rancho Palos Verdes and have two sons. Oldest son Darren is a Doctor of Medical Dentistry and is the Director of Outpatient Clinical Services at Tufts Dental School in Boston. Darren has one son, Riley who is two and one half years old. Devin was a two time first team All American and National Pitcher of the Year his senior year at Chapman University. Devin earned his MBA at the University of La Verne and is now in business. He is married and



has two sons, Calvin who was five in November and Cooper who is two and one half years old. In addition to being active in the Downtown Lions Club of Long Beach, DENNIS was District Governor of our District 4-L2 in 2011/2012, is a District Administrator for Little League Baseball, serves on a Dean's Committee responsible for reviewing curriculum at Purdue University and currently the Stewardship Chair for the UCLA Chancellor's Society. DENNIS has also served our Lions District as a Zone A chair, Treasurer, is currently the Chair of the Budget Committee, previous chair of the Multiple District 4 Constitution and By-Laws Committee and a Director on the Student Speaker's Foundation. He has also been the Club's Secretary for several years. DENNIS is also a Melvin Jones Fellow with eight diamonds.

RETROSPECTIVE, APRIL 6, 2018

The Petroleum Club, VAL LERCH presiding. Invocation: CHARLIE QUAIFFE. Song/salute: MARILYN RUSSELL BITTLE. Piano: ROB NICHOLS. Announcements: VAL took his grandchildren to the Lyon Air Museum and they had a great time. PCC ROGER POWELL called the joint meeting of the Downtown LB Lions Club and Downtown Lions Charities to order. A single meeting will be held with separate minutes to be produced. ROGER reviewed the list of candidates: for President, 2018-19, VAL LERCH. For President-elect: STEVE HUHTA. Board: PDG DENNIS DRAG, MYRA KREMEN, PP GARTH PHILLIPS, PCC ROGER and PP AL WEINGARTNER. It was moved, seconded and carried that the slate be elected by acclamation. STEVE noted the financial statements were not available at this time but would be distributed via email to all members. Financial Chair PP MEL NUTTER reported our current invested balance is \$815,932. We have, however, already spent the 3 1/2%, our guideline for annual charities. There is a process by which we can raise that to 5%. This will be pursued at the next board meeting (the following Tuesday). PP MERLIN THIMLAR reported that charities has already spent its annual allocation and we are three months shy of year end. The primary expenditures were scholarships,



Salvation Army crew

eyeglasses and our commitment to Ronald MacDonald House. PP LINDA WEINGARTNER reported that membership for the year had dropped from 77 to 70. There have been a some drops and some deaths. She also called for volunteers for the Salvation Army project. See column right. ROGER plugged the District Convention, 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, awards 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. Also note the cost for the convention goes up if you don't register by May 4th. ROGER and VAL have enrollment forms. PP MERLIN THIMLAR urged ticket sales for Night at the Theater. We need red and white wine for gift baskets. Please help. MERLIN suggested that we take flyers out to eat with us and ask the facility if they could give us gifts for the raffle. VAL reminded all of the Interservice Club meeting, May 15 at the Assistance League HQ. The cost will be \$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 (money works too). The 50/50, run by DONNA KELLY, was won by PDG JUDITH OLMSTED POWELL. VAL closed with comments on his view of the club's future.

Apr. 27—Assisted Living Legal Issues, Jim Morgan

Program Manager— PP ED BARWICK
 May 4—Doug Kato, Foundr

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. See PCC ROGER POWELL for application forms.

NEW! SALVATION ARMY PROJECT

Commencing on April 9, we began our Salvation Army project. We meet at the Social Services building, 3092 Long Beach Blvd at 10am and work till noon stuffing boxes with canned goods, making small containers of soap and softener from large ones and sorting food into good, bad or maybe. Your assistance is welcome. We meet on the second Monday of every month. If you can join us, contact PP LINDA WEINGARTNER



**In memoriam
 Beverly Quaiife**

CALENDAR

April

26—Night at the Theater

May

- 1—Membership Committee
- 8—Board meeting
- 14—Salvation Army project
- 14—District Student Speakers, Bixby School, 6pm
- 19-20—District 4L2 Convention
- 25—Dark!
- 28—Memorial Day

June

- 5—Membership Committee
- 11—Salvation Army project
- 12—Board meeting
- 14—Chinese Dinner and Auction
- 29—July 3—International Convention, Las Vegas

July

- 3—Membership Committee
- 4—Independence Day
- 6—Dark!
- 9—Salvation Army project
- 10—Board meeting

August

- 7—Membership Committee
- 13—Salvation Army project
- 14—Board meeting
- 31—Dark!

September

- 3—Labor Day
- 4—Membership Committee
- 10—Salvation Army project
- 11—Board meeting

October

- 2—Membership Committee
- 8—Salvation Army project
- 9—Board meeting

November

- 6—Membership Committee
- 12—Salvation Army project
- 13—Board meeting
- 22—Thanksgiving

December

- 4—Membership Committee
- 10—Salvation Army project
- 11—Board meeting