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**PDG BILL WALTERS**  
**EVICTOR/INDUCTOR**  
Lion BILL was born in Nebraska and raised in Bell and Downey, California. He is retired after 40 years from an Industrial Uniform Rental Company where he was a Sales and Service Manager. In 1969 Lion BILL moved to Montebello. He and Isabel have been married 49 years! They have three children and four grandchildren. BILL has been a Montebello Lion for 39 years With 39 years of Perfect Attendance.

BILL has held all the offices in his club: three terms as President, - 100 % President; board member 39 years; Lion of the Year three times and Treasurer 16 years.

District Level Participation: Zone Chairman twice; region chairman; District Student Speaker Chairman; District Year Book Chairman; District Election Chairman; District Convention Chairman 7 years; District Convention Committee 13 years; District Governor 2004-2005; District Chairperson for Campaign Sight First II 3 years.

Multiple District 4 Lions: Convention Management Committee 8 years; International Convention Management Co- Chair 1 yr.

Multiple District Approved Projects: President Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation of Southern California 3 years.

Involved in City Government: Parks and Recreation Commissioner 3 years; Civil Service Commissioner 11 years; Golf Course Commissioner 16 years

Community Involvement: High School Booster Club President for 3 years; YMCA Concert Committee Member; Co/Founder of the Montebello Golden State Basketball League.

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**3636 LINDEN AVE.**  
**562-427-7966**  
Presiding: VAL LERCH  
Invocation: CHARLIE QUAIFE  
Program Chair: PP LINCOLN ODELL

**Guests welcome!**

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## RETROSPECTIVE, JUNE 8, 2018

Petroleum Club June 8, 2018, VAL LERCH presiding. Invocation: CHARLIE QUAIFE. Song and Pledge: PP MARILYN RUSSELL BITTLE. Piano: ROB NICHOLS. Announcements: PP YOURS TRULY intro'd visiting nephew James Stewart from Durham, NC: "A good guy, if a Dukey". I also reminded the team that Salvation Army is this coming Monday. BARB HALLER sent emails and got the attendance for the Chinese Dinner and Auction up to acceptable. Way to go, BARB! PP MEL NUTTER intro'd the June birthdays. CLAUDIA HARDEN collected Happy Bucks: MARILYN (all who helped with the baskets of the dinner); PP MERLIN THIMLAR (family vacation in Japan); VAL (school is out, rich with grandkids); SAM KELLY (granddaughter accepted to three grad schools); ROB (won sweepstakes at bowling league, hot weather coming—at last!);

PP GENE JOHNSON (64th wedding anniversary); SANDY GJONOVICH (granddaughter won a \$20k scholarship); MELINDA LANKFORD (good to be back, 24th wedding anniversary); MARILYN (granddaughter has amassed \$32K in scholarships); GEOFF GATLEY (Dodgers are winning). MELINDA won the 50-50 conducted by SAM KELLY. COD MERLIN collected money and had fun with questions based on our speaker Sam Hall and his company, Laserfiche. Sam outlined the history and accomplishments of Laserfiche. They are in the process of building a new hq on LB Blvd, having cleared most of the area north of Trani's. He then outlined the many apps they have developed for LB (and other municipalities and police departments.) Thanks in part to the effectiveness of these tools, gang arrests in LB are up 760%!



## July 6—Dark!

Program Manager— PP LINCOLN ODELL  
July 13—Mathew Faulkner,  
Community Hosp.

## COMING UP...

- BBQ! Aug. 11

## DISTRICT 4L2 CONVENTION

Testing the "local two day" concept, the convention met on May 19 & 20. It was deemed a success. As expected your club won the **Top Club Large, Visitation Large** (PP GARTH PHILLIPS), **Weekly Newsletter Large** (YOURS TRULY), and **Best Secretary Large** (PDG DENNIS DRAG). Congrats to all!

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- |    |                     |
|----|---------------------|
| 1  | MELINDA LANKFORD    |
| 5  | EDDIE FLORES        |
| 5  | SERVANDO OROZCO     |
| 5  | MICHELE WINTERSTEIN |
| 6  | PHIL BREWSTER       |
| 10 | LANCE ADAMS         |
| 14 | PP GARTH PHILLIPS   |
| 15 | HARVINA ESSEX       |



## CALENDAR

### June

29—July 3—International Convention,  
Las Vegas

### July

4—Independence Day  
6—Dark!  
9—Salvation Army project  
10—Board meeting

### August

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

### September

3—Labor Day  
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  
23—Dark! Thanksgiving

### December

4—Membership Committee  
10—Salvation Army project  
11—Board meeting  
22—Dark! Christmas  
25—Christmas  
28—Dark! New Years  
31—New Years Eve

### January

2—Membership meeting  
8—Board meeting  
14—Salvation Army project  
21—King Day

### February

5—Membership meeting  
11—Salvation Army project  
12—Board meeting  
14—Valentine's Day  
18—President's Day