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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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**MELINDA LANKFORD  
COD**

Although she grew up in Montana and Wyoming, MELINDA came to California for college and has lived in the Long Beach community for most of the past 24 years. MELINDA began working with The Salvation Army seven years ago, first with the Divisional Headquarters overseeing all of Southern California and then since April of 2017 she's had the pleasure of serving in her local community as Long Beach Corps Capital Campaign Director and Community Programs Director. The Long Beach Corps and Community Center serves Long Beach, Lakewood, Signal Hill, Hawaiian Gardens and Avalon.

**DAN GARRETT**

Lieutenant Dan was born and raised in Chicago. After graduating from high school, he attended Indiana State University. Shortly after college, he decided to enlist in United States Marine Corp, where he proudly served our country as a Heavy Equipment Mechanic. After his service in the military, his life began to spiral, which lead him on a dark path. For many years he lived a very tough life. However, in 2005 he was called by God and discovered his calling to become a Pastor. In 2017 he graduated from The College for Officer Training at Crestmont, and became an Salvation Army Officer. He was then commissioned and appointed to lead in the Adult Rehabilitation ministry. ARC ministry is leading men who have suffered from some form of addiction, learning to live clean and sober lives, and teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Funding for the program comes from the local Salvation Army Thrift Stores, in which Lt. Dan also oversees. The program relies on donations of clothes, household good, vehicles, and more from the local community. In January 2018 he became the Administrator of the Long Beach ARC. Lieutenant Dan is very excited about serving here in Long Beach and is reminded everyday as he drives into the office, the need in this community to have an ARC program.



**Guests  
welcome!**

MELINDA has been married 24 years to Chris, Lead Pastor at Long Beach Alliance Church. They have two daughters, Jessalyn (18) a Millikan graduate who just finished her first year at Simpson University in Redding, and Makayla (15) who will be a Sophomore this fall at Millikan playing girls water polo (go Rams!).



A graduate of Biola University with a BA in Business Administration, MELINDA focused her education on non-profits and has loved working with various nonprofit organizations through the years. Although her favorite pastime is connecting those who care with those in need, she also loves cycling with her Long Beach Lightning Velo team and encouraging other women in their spiritual lives. MELINDA became a Lion earlier a year ago and has enjoyed being part of Downtown Lions and seeing all the good that can be done when people care enough to do it.



## RETROSPECTIVE, JUNE 14, 2018—CHINESE DINNER AND AUCTION

Early analysis ("uninhibited by facts or knowledge") it appears this effort yielded over a \$1,000 in funds for our eyeglass programs. We want to thank the "Team": GARTH PHILLIPS, DENNIS and LESLIE DRAG, NANCY VOILS and LEANN JOHNSON.

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Thanks, guys!



## July 13—Mathew Faulkner, Community Hosp.

Program Manager— PP LINCOLN ODELL

July 20—LB Health

Mercedes Perez Chica

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Have you done the survey yet? Don't miss out! Be heard! You should get an email from Survey Monkey or there will be a hardcopy with your dues invoice.

**Don't miss it!**

### COMING UP...

- BBQ! Aug. 11

## 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