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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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HEALTH**

Mercedes is the Aging Services Program Manager for the City of Long Beach Department of Health & Human Services. She is responsible for managing and overseeing the Long Beach Healthy Aging Center and convening an Age-Friendly Consortium Steering Committee that brings to-

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**LEANN JOHNSON
COD**

LeAnn was born in Red Lake Falls, Minnesota. Her family moved to Tacoma, Washington when she was eight.

Guests welcome!

LeAnn is the oldest of four brothers and a sister. Her dad was a carpenter and they moved often



together City Departments, local area agencies and advocates serving older adults to identify strategies for strengthening and coordinating older adult health and social services in the City through cross sector projects and initiatives.

Mercedes has more than 15 years of experience in the non-profit, philanthropy, government and health sectors. She has worked in various systems change efforts in the areas of early identification and intervention, community advocacy and population health. Mercedes previously served as Program Officer for First 5 Los Angeles where she managed a portfolio of public health funding initiatives and strategic partnerships. Prior to joining First 5 Los Angeles, Mercedes worked in the non-profit sector and managed various programs focused on establishing and strengthening Los Angeles County's safety net system for vulnerable, underserved populations, including older adults. Mercedes received her undergraduate degree from Brown University and her Master's degree in Public Health from UCLA.

as he followed the jobs. She attended five different grade schools and three high schools. She went to work as an accounting clerk for Weyerhouser Timber Company the summer she graduated from high school. There she met Gene. He was her first boss! They married in 1954 and moved to California in 1964. They have four children, ten grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.



LeAnn was a stay at home mom until the children were grown and they started their own business in 1977. She then went to work at their new company as the secretary/treasurer. She now watches the company's money and enjoys the time they

spend together. LeAnn also enjoys working at the Assistance League Thrift Shop, reading, traveling and time with family and friends.

LeAnn is past president of Long Beach Civic Light Opera Woman's Guild.

RETROSPECTIVE, JUNE 29, SALVATION ARMY CENTER

An intimate group of interested Lions met for lunch and a tour of The Salvation Army's Long Beach Adult Rehabilitation Center and Thrift Store Friday, June 29. Lunch was served by the ARC and included Caesar salad, shrimp pasta, and dessert. President Val opened the lunch meeting thanking everyone for coming and turned it over to Melinda Lankford who was the COD. Melinda asked Lt. Dan Starrett, commanding officer of the ARC, to pray for lunch. She then introduced Captain Sergio Garcia from the Long Beach Corps and Community Center, as well as Lts. Dan and Taneya Starrett of the ARC and encouraged conversation and questions while everyone ate. About half way through lunch, Melinda gave a background explanation of how the different facets of The Salvation Army work together to best serve the community, including an explanation of how Thrift Stores work alongside the Adult Rehabili-

tation Centers to fund their programs. She also explained how the Corps and Community Center supports the men going through the ARC, as well as their families who need extra help and support while their dads/fathers go through the six month program. Following the overview, Melinda shared the bio for Lts. Dan and Taneya Garrett. Lt. Dan oversees the business operations (Thrift Store), while Lt. Taneya oversees the Programs (the men in the ARC). Lt. Taneya then took the group on a tour of the Rehabilitation Center as well as the Thrift Store operations, including behind the scenes work as well as the Thrift Store itself. Questions were asked and answered as the group toured. Everyone seemed to enjoy the day and gained new insight and understanding of the work of The Salvation Army in the Long Beach community.
Thanks to Melinda Lankford for this retrospective.

July 27—Downtown LB Association,
 Adam Carillo
 Program Manager— PP LINCOLN ODELL
 Aug. 3—Jess Romo,
 LB Airport

CALENDAR

- 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
- March**
 5—Membership meeting
 12—Board meeting
 17—St. Patrick's Day
- April**
 2—Membership meeting
 9—Board meeting
- May**



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