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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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**MERCEDES PEREZCHICA  
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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 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.

**PETROLEUM CLUB  
3636 LINDEN AVE.  
562-427-7966**

Presiding: VAL LERCH  
Invocation: CHARLIE QUAIFE  
Program Chair: PP LINCOLN ODELL

**PP LINDA  
WEINGARTNER  
COD**

Linda was born in Mississippi and the family moved to Evanston, IL, when she was 13. She attended Evanston Township High School and received a degree in English from Roosevelt University, the same university attended by our former member Len Lovett. She has one brother, two sisters, two sons, two grandsons and a granddaughter. She has one deceased brother. Linda taught school in Chicago for a short time before moving to California. She left the workforce to care for her two sons until they entered school. She then went to work at General Electric followed by General Dynamics, Northern Telecom and Northrop Grumman. All positions were in either telecommunications or network design. She was a Manager at Northrop Grumman's Corporate Office and with Northrop Grumman's Information Services Division. Linda's greatest memory while at Northrop Grumman was working at the B-2 Division. During her time there, she frequently visited Air Force Bases and came to appreciate the intensity of their mission. When Northrop won a Collier Award for the B-2 design, Linda was asked to participate in an acceptance tape. This tape was shown during the acceptance ceremony in Washington, D.C. Linda enjoys traveling, reading, fishing, dancing, gardening and her time with Al and the Wesley and Weingartner families.

**Guests  
welcome!**



**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.**

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## RETROSPECTIVE, JULY 13, 2018

Petroleum Club, VAL LERCH presiding. Invocation: CHARLIE QUAIFFE. Song/salute: MARILYN RUSSELL BITTLE. Piano: ROB NICHOLS. Announcements: VAL intro'd the new phone policy: OK to check for emergencies; if you need to talk, please step out. VAL also intro'd guest Mona Gupta and Miryam Houssels. Both have relocated to Long Beach and are considering transferring to our club. MARILYN gave a "final" report on the Chinese Dinner: we made about \$1,200 for our eyeglass program. We now need raffle items for the BBQ. Aug. 11. JUDITH OLMSTED POWELL announced she is no longer the Tail Twister but is the LCIF Liaison. Her goal is to increase our LCIF donations to \$10,000. This will earn us a rebate of \$1,200. She would also like to see us be a "100%" club (every member gives \$20 or more), but this seems challenging for our club. VAL announced we will have a board meeting on the second Friday of the month at the Petroleum Club at 11:30. All are welcome. PCC ROGER POWELL announced that HILDA GAYTAN has been appointed to the Environmental Sustainability Commission. Congrats! VAL recognized PDG DENNIS DRAG for his efforts last year and presented him with a certificate. DENNIS recognized the July birthdays. Birthdays and anniversaries will now both be honored on the 3rd meet-

ing of the month. CLAUDIA HARDEN stepped forward as the Tail Twister. She started with the announcement that hubby PP JIM had passed. Happy Bucks were forthcoming from MARILYN (g'daughter safely away to college); PP LINCOLN ODELL (home from g'son's wedding in Yosemite); PP MEL NUTTER (it is Friday the 13th and nothing bad has happened); DENNIS (\$5 for JIM); PP MERLIN THIMLAR (DOLORES b-day, went to Solvang); MELINDA LANKFORD (hubby's b'day, went to Dodger game); PE STEVE HUHTA (for JIM); ROB (wearing FELIX' badge, g-daughter swam around the Sea Beach pier); RICK PINSON (going on a French river cruise); guest Mona (new friends); VAL (JIM); PP YOURS TRULY (JIM and FELIX); guest Miryam (also new friends). 50/50: Run by DONNA KELLY and won by MELINDA. COD SANDY GJONOVICH had fun and raised money with questions about Community Hospital. She then intro'd Mathew Faulkner, ED of the Community Hospital Foundation. Mathew outlined how an ER/ICU/critical surgery facility could open on the current (but revised) site in 6-9 months. The naming of NVM as the operator has enhanced the possibilities. A mental health facility, pharmacy and SART (Sex Abuse Response Team) would be needed or helpful.



Aug. 3—Jess Romo,  
LB Airport

Program Manager— PP LINCOLN ODELL  
Aug. 10—Board meeting, Petroleum Club,  
11:30

### CLUB SURVEY

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!**

### NEW PHONE POLICY

No ringing, answering, texting, gaming or emailing on phone during meetings. Some of us need to check our phones, a quick look is ok and if you need to, please step out.

### JULY ANNIVERSARIES

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| 7 | HILDA GAYTAN   |
| 7 | VICKI PHILLIPS |

**BBQ!**  
**AUG.11 1PM-5PM**  
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## CALENDAR

### August

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

### September

3—Labor Day  
10—Salvation Army project  
7—Board meeting

### October

2—Membership Committee  
8—Salvation Army project  
12—Board meeting

### November

6—Membership Committee  
9—Board meeting  
12—Salvation Army project  
22—Thanksgiving  
23—Dark! Thanksgiving

### December

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

### January

11—Board meeting  
14—Salvation Army project  
21—King Day

### February

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

### March

5—Membership meeting  
8—Board meeting  
17—St. Patrick's Day

### April

2—Membership meeting  
12—Board meeting

### May

7—Membership meeting