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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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**DANNY SIMON, CEO
RAZOR ELECTRIC SCOOTER**

A representative of Razor on Thursday said the company is upgrading its fleet of 150 electric scooters with new tracking capabilities two weeks into its Long Beach pilot program after some were lost or found scattered in other cities.

The Cerritos-based company was the first to ride into Long Beach on Aug. 2 as part of a four-month program to test out scooter rentals in the city.

Long Beach was originally dotted with 150 scooters. As of about 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, the Razor Share app showed about two dozen in the city and another two dozen at the company's Cerritos headquarters.

Danny Simon, chief operating officer, declined to say how many have been lost or stolen, but said the company is taking the remaining scooters off the streets temporarily while it upgrades the tracking and recovery capabilities. He said most of the fleet will be back on the road within 48 hours.

"We're still very excited to be in Long Beach, we just want to make sure our scooters are meeting the needs of the city," he said.

While the scooters are equipped with a GPS device, Simon said the company realized it needed to adapt after some riders were found taking the scooters on the trains and into other cities.

"We've found our scooters spread far and wide across the Southland," he said.

Razor is one of six planned electric scooter companies to participate in Long Beach's pilot program.

Sprouting from the dockless bike-sharing craze, electric scooters are invading cities across the country, and the feedback has been mixed as officials struggle with how to regulate them.

In Los Angeles, residents have complained about scooters littering the sidewalks and blocking walkways, as novice riders zip along the streets paying little attention to traffic laws.

In some cases, people have taken matters into their own hands, tossing the scooters into the ocean, throwing them in trees or covering them in dog feces.

Faced with growing complaints, San Francisco this year passed an emergency ordinance to better regulate the scooters, while other cities, like Miami, Beverly Hills and West Hollywood have banned them outright.



**PETROLEUM CLUB
3636 LINDEN AVE.
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Presiding: VAL LERCH
Invocation: CHARLIE QUAIFE
Program Chair: PP MERLIN THIMLAR

**Guests
welcome!**

**STEVE HUHTA
COD**

STEVE was born in Redondo Beach, CA and grew up in Lomita. He moved to North Long Beach in 1999 and then to Lakewood in 2002. He moved back to Lomita in 2016.

STEVE attended Narbonne High School in Harbor City, CA. He then went to Long Beach City College and Cal State Long Beach for a Bachelor's degree in Real Estate, Finance and Law. He also earned an MBA from CSULB. He won awards with the Students in Free Enterprise Club and Delta Epsilon Ki competitive business club.

STEVE was awarded the Senate Star from LBCC for achievements while on student senate. He also garnered the Presidential Student Service award presented by then President George W Bush.



STEVE worked in the movie industry for many years as an electrician and grip. He has managed an aftermarket Harley Davidson shop and run a live event and video production company for about 7 years. He is currently owner of Big Bob's Parts; buying selling and restoring vintage high performance auto parts.

Besides Lions, STEVE is active in the Ventura County Standdown and a Veterans committee board member in California Employers Advisory Council. He has been awarded a Veterans Advocate of the Year award for 2014.

He is in a 20+ year relationship with Cristin Harrigan.

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RETROSPECTIVE, SEP. 21, 1018

Petroleum Club, noon. Presiding: VAL LERCH. Invocation: CHARLIE QUAIFFE. Song and Pledge: PP MARILYN RUSSELL BITTLE. Piano: ROB NICHOLS. VAL introduced guest Shirley Vaughn of Gold Star Manors and thanked her for contributing used eyeglasses. PP GARTH PHILLIPS announced upcoming visitation to the Paramount Lions Club. PDG JUDITH OLMSTED POWELL reported a \$1136 grant is available to our club from LCIF. Also, she urged each member pledge \$20 to LCIF to make our club 100%. VAL reported that the Lions International Board and President are meeting in Long Beach Oct. 18-20, and we need volunteers to help host. PDG MIKE BRASSARD, Bellflower Noon Lions, announced their annual car show Oct. 29 and raffle for a new car or \$20,000 cash. Tickets \$100. He also announced a new sight program for

kids. We need to figure out how this fits with our club's sight program. MYRA recognized the Sept. birthdays and GARTH recognized the Sept. anniversaries. ROB encouraged everyone to think of something happy and collected happy bucks from all. COD GARTH fined most in attendance for wrong answers regarding WWII internment of Japanese-Americans. He introduced Ken Nakagawa, Poly graduate and former special education teacher. Ken's parents and grandparents, along with some 120,000 other Japanese-Americans, were evacuated from the Pacific coast states in Feb., 1942, and endured personal and property losses. Ken is proud to be an American. He is proud that Japanese-Americans served in the military, and that the Japanese-Americans who had been interred could return to a productive life.



Oct. 12—Board meeting

Program Manager— PP LINCOLN ODELL
 Oct. 19—Blair Cohen, Bixby Knolls Business Improvement Association

HOW TO DONATE YOUR IRA MINIMUM TO LIONS

PP GENE JOHNSON suggested this might be helpful. Check with your tax person first:
<https://money.usnews.com/money/retirement/iras/articles/2017-12-04/how-to-donate-your-required-minimum-distribution-to-charity>

CALENDAR

October

2—Membership Committee
 5—Peace Poster judging
 8—Salvation Army project
 12—Board meeting

November

3—District meeting
 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
 8-10-MD4 Convention
 11—Salvation Army project
 12—Board meeting
 14—Valentine's Day
 18—President's Day

March

8—Board meeting
 17—St. Patrick's Day

April

2—Membership meeting
 12—Board meeting
 25—Theater Night

May

10—Board meeting
 17-19 4L2 Convention
 24—Dark, Memorial Day
 27—Memorial Day

June

4—Membership Committee
 14—Board meeting

July

5—Dark! Labor Day