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Presiding: VAL LERCH  
Invocation: CHARLIE QUAIFE  
Program Chair: PP MERLIN THIMLAR

**PP LINDA  
WEINGARTNER  
COD**  
LINDA was born in Mississippi and the family moved to Evanston, IL, when she

Born and raised in Long Beach, Blair attended Cubberley, Marshall and Millikan schools. He studied business/marketing at USC and began his event planning experience booking shows for local bands out of his dorm room. Blair worked for a number of event planning companies and was involved in organizing events of all kinds including fundraisers, sport expos, and corporate events. For six years he worked organizing national educational seminars and conferences for school teachers.

In 2001, Blair was a co-founder of International City Racing that organizes the annual Long Beach Marathon and remains as a consultant to a number of sporting events including the Annual Tour of Long Beach, City of Cypress 5K/10K, and was Cycling Competition Manager for the Special Olympics World Games held in Long Beach.

Currently, Blair is the Executive Director of the Bixby Knolls Business Association which has helped to revitalize the business corridors and neighborhoods of Bixby Knolls.



**Guests  
welcome!**

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.



**RETROSPECTIVE, OCT. 5, 2018**

Petroleum Club, VAL LERCH, presiding. Invocation: CHARLIE QUAIFFE. Song/pledge: PP MARILYN RUSSELL BITTLE. Piano: ROB NICHOLS. PP YOURS TRULY called for the last of the Peace Poster ballots. VAL reminded all of the Diabetes Expo, November 10 and the Bellflower, Visitation, Oct. 1. The Pasadena Host visitation, intro'ing the Rose Bowl Queen will be an evening event, Dec. 7, 6:00pm. The cost will be \$40.00. More information forthcoming. PCC ROGER POWELL encouraged more participation on the International Board Visit. PE STEVE HUHTA and MARILYN are coordinating. We need one more person on Saturday afternoon. CLAUDIA TORRES, B&G Club, reminded all of the Thanksgiving dinners Nov. 14, 15. Please help! The 50/50 was won by BONNIE BARWICK,

who gave it to The Boys & Girls Club. YOURS TRULY announced the Peace Poster winner: Erika Calaycay. The District level judging will be on Nov. 4. Happy Bucks were volunteered by: VAL LERCH (Dodgers win); MARILYN (insurance paid for dental repair); ROB (Ducks won); ROGER (for all the tiny schools that also play football); PDG JUDITH OLMSTED POWELL (Illini game); PP MERLIN THIMLAR (lots of grandkids birthdays); PP GENE JOHNSON (company relocating, re-election to Sight & Hearing Foundation board); RICK PINSON (in memory of his dear, departed Cubs); PP LINDA WEINGARTNER (sports teams in general). Our speaker was delayed in traffic, the meeting was adjourned.

*Thanks to Linda and PP MEL NUTTER for this retrospective and Happy Bucks.*



**Oct. 26—Halloween Celebration**  
 Program Manager— PP LINCOLN ODELL  
 Nov. 2—PP MEL NUTTER:  
 Film: Saving the Bolsa Chica Wetlands

**CALENDAR**

**November**

- 4—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
- 28—Chinese dinner

**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
- 12—Board meeting

**August**

- 6—Membership Committee
- 9—Board meeting

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

2	SAM KELLY
6	MEL NUTTER
14	JOHN ROUSE
22	CLAUDIA HARDEN
31	MELINDA LANKFORD

**OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

6	PE STEVE HUHTA
10	PP KIRK DAVIS
35	PP GENE JOHNSON
37	SKIP BASIL
41	ANDY CHOY
47	CAL FARMER
51	PP JIM SULLOS