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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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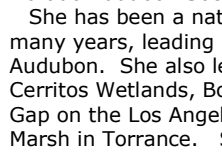
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NATIVE BIRDS AND THEIR HABITATS
MARY PARCELL
EL DORADO AUDUBON SOCIETY

Mary is President of the El Dorado Audubon Society. She reminisces that her love of birds and other wildlife began with



family hikes, picnics and camp-outs. As a Girl Scout her troop went hiking and camping in the local Southern California mountains, Yosemite, Big Sur and Death Valley. She discovered El Dorado Nature Center in Long Beach and eventually El Dorado Audubon Society.



She has been a nature center volunteer for many years, leading bird walks there for Audubon. She also leads bird walks at Los Cerritos Wetlands, Bolsa Chica, Dominguez Gap on the Los Angeles River and at Madrona Marsh in Torrance. She served on the LB 5th Council District, "Lakes, Ponds and Wetlands Task Force," Aquarium of the Pacific Citizen Science Symposium Steering Committee and the Southeast Area Development Improvement Plan (SEADIP) Advisory Committee.

"Birds matter", she says, "because they are the window on the environment that everyone can relate to. Birds are outside our apartment and condo windows and in our yards." Mary's professional background includes experience in public relations, marketing and advertising for manufacturing and consulting firms.

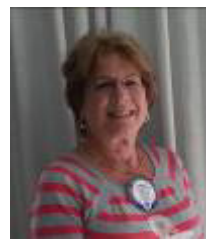
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Presiding: VAL LERCH
Invocation: CHARLIE QUAIFFE
Program Arranged by:
PP MEL NUTTER

Guests welcome!

SANDY GJONOVICH COD

SANDY was born in Saint Louis Missouri but came to California at an early age and spent most of her life in the Long Beach Lakewood area. She attended Lakewood High School, LBCC and graduated Chapman University with a Master's Degree in Health Science.

As a Registered Nurse she helped open Lakewood Regional Medical Center, was a Health Educator for CIGNA Health plan and a High School Nurse for Santa Ana Unified School District. She volunteered at the American Cancer Society teaching Non Smoking Programs for several years and had been part of the medical team for her church. While working as a high school nurse she was very involved in acquiring food, clothing and toys for students as well as medical care. She served in the Army Reserve at the time of Desert Storm and ... the LA Riots of '93. Her first two years were in a Mash Unit and last 4 years in a field hospital. Besides nursing she was trained in shooting a 45, M16 and submachine gun. She was also licensed to drive a duce 1/2 (2 1/2 ton truck). At 5 feet 2 inches that was



tough. SANDY has one son, a math teacher at Lakewood High School and a daughter in law who is a counselor with LBUSD. She has three granddaughters all of whom are beautiful and great athletes.

Her hobbies are bike riding, especially to the beach, swimming, racquet ball, Zumba (exercise to Latin music) and travel. Since retiring she has been to Italy, Alaska, Canada, Turkey, Costa Rica, Tahiti, England, Peru and Machu Picchu. Other fun things are zip lining and horseback riding. She loves watching her grandchildren play sports.

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RETROSPECTIVE, JANUARY 18

Petroleum Club, VAL LERCH presiding. Invocation: CHARLIE QUAIFFE. Song/salute: VAL. Piano: ROB NICHOLS. Announcements: PP LINCOLN ODELL encouraged sign ups for a visit to Los Cerritos. If you are interested and we get enough sign ups, we will have a field trip. The cost is \$20 including a sandwich lunch. Sign up or let LINCOLN know. If we go, it will be April 5. The Chinese dinner has been postponed until PP MARILYN RUSSELL BITTLE has recovered. MELINDA LANKFORD announced our bell ringers raised \$1383 and presented VAL with the winner's plaque. PDG DENNIS DRAG noted the Cypress Women's Club was impressed by our California Friends for Sight program and donated \$200 to our club. ROB thanked all who supported Kiwanis theater night. DENNIS recognized the January birthday LIONS and thanked them for their service. PP GARTH PHILLIPS did the same for the Anniversaries. Tail Twister CLAUDIA HARDEN happily collected bucks from herself (renewed contact with PP ROSS

MCKELVEY's widow; MYRA did a great job on the Kiwanis theater night); PP MEL NUTTER (Long Beach Historical Society will present a program on the Lions Drag Strip Feb. 2); RICK PINSON (Christmas trip for his dad's 90th birthday); PP GENE JOHNSON (happy for sunshine today); PE STEVE HUHTA (Happy New Year); ROB (worked at the Lions Drag Strip as a teen; the Ducks finally won a game); VAL (Happy for the Rams); NANCY VOILS (Happy to receive a birthday card from Lions.) DONNA KELLY sold the winning 50/50 ticket to CHARLIE. COD LINCOLN stumped everyone with questions about Downtown Lions history, DLBA, and PDG VITO ROMANS. He then introduced Downtown Long Beach Alliance officer Austin Metoyer, who introduced his guest James Ahumada. Austin outlined the work of the DLBA and described impressive progress in downtown retail, civic, and residential developments.

Special thanks go to PP Lincoln Odell who did this retro and was COD. Thanks Lincoln!

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SANDY joined Lions club in February of 2014 thanks to SUSANNE RAY, sponsor and dear friend. She has enjoyed every minute of it. She lives in Lakewood with her dog Regent. SANDY has joined the mission team at her church. They recently went to Tijuana to do a medical clinic.

SANDY is now the chair of the club's eyeglass program and the latest member of the undefeated Tennis Team.



Feb. 8—Board meeting

Program Manager— PP MEL NUTTER
Feb. 15—Valentine Special Program

CHINESE DINNER AND AUCTION

The dinner is to be rescheduled due to PP MARILYN RUSSELL BITTLE's illness. We hope to have the word out soon.

RANCHO LOS CERRITOS FIELD TRIP

If at least 15 people are interested, we will schedule a field trip to Rancho Los Cerritos in lieu of our luncheon meeting, Apr. 5. Lunch and tour \$20. Please indicate interest by letting Lincoln know or signing up at Lions.

CALENDAR

February

4—Membership meeting
8—Board meeting
8-10-MD4 Convention
11—Salvation Army project
14—Valentine's Day
17—Melvin Jones Luncheon
18—President's Day

March

8—Board meeting
17—St. Patrick's Day

April

2—Membership meeting
5—Los Cerritos Rancho visit.
6—4th district meeting
12—Board meeting
25—Theater Night
26—Dark!

May

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

June

4—Membership Committee
14—Board meeting
5—Dark! Independence Day
12—Board meeting

August

6—Membership Committee
9—Board meeting
30—Dark! Labor Day

September

2—Labor Day
12—Board meeting

October

10—Board meeting

November

15—Board meeting
28—Thanksgiving

December

9—Salvation Army project
12—Board meeting
25—Christmas

January

1—New Years Day