

El Cajon Valley Lions

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36 Members and 2 Guest

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OPENING

Another beautiful day as we all gathered at the Ronald Reagan Community Center to eat and be merry at our weekly meeting. President Gary started the meeting at precisely 12:30 by the ringing the bell and calling the club to order (which is not an easy task knowing this club). Lion PP Jerry Hollingsworth knew we would have no problem when he announced *God Bless America* as our song today. Lion Frank Galkowski led us in reciting the pledge with Lion Mercy completing our opening with a lovely invocation.

GUESTS



We had 2 nurses, Wendy Vaughan and Rose Eliert, from the Cajon Valley Unified School District with us today. They came here today to accept a check of \$13,203.87 from the club and foundation for equipment sorely needed in the school district. This equipment will allow them to act quickly with the needs of the children in regards to sight and hearing. This is what this club is all about and we are proud to be able to make this kind of difference for the school district.

MEETING

PDG Len Blottin started off by talking about the Cabinet Meeting from last weekend with all the golf, sunshine and food. It was also mentioned that the District Convention is coming up on May 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in Ontario. We need people to go up there and vote for Susan Hatch from the La Mesa Lions for Vice District Governor. Contact Lion Secretary Gary for more information on all that is needed. Lion Lesa reminded all that the Boys and Girls Club is having their annual ball this Friday, and seeing as how this newsletter is arriving around that time, contact Lion Lesa for more information. President Gary talked about the up-coming calendar. May 25th we will be dark because on May 30th is our Spring Roar Opportunity Drawing. Also on June 5th is our Installation Dinner for the new president and incoming board. (Just a note, we will have our very own PDG Len Blottin handling the inductions that night). Lion John Raymond spoke about trying again with the Habitat for Humanity on April 4th. The rainy season is over and we should be able to complete the task this time. Sign-up sheets are on the table or you can contact Lion John with any questions. Lion 1st VP Walt spoke about the opportunity drawing and how we must start now because of the economy. This is our major fundraiser and will determine on how much we can give back to our community. **SELL-SELL- SELL!!** Lion PP Ron Paris will

be setting up visitations to other clubs to sell tickets. This is an excellent opportunity for new members to check out other clubs and see why I keep saying that our club is the best in the organization. Contact Lion Ron for more details. Also, the silent auction which is so much work will be handled again by Lion Sheri Hoops. She needs help badly because she is working now and doesn't have a lot of time for this. If you want you can just give her the money and she will make a basket for you but you have to give it to her now so she has time to deal with it. Again, anyone that would like to donate a little time to help her out please contact Lion Sheri. 3rd VP Don talked about a program called Adopt-A-Street and it is much like the Adopt-A-Freeway program. He asked for volunteers and plenty of hands were raised. If you are interested, just e-mail Lion Don and let him know. Lion Treasurer Paul spoke about the City of Hope trip coming up in two weeks on March 29th. It is an excellent opportunity to get a lunch and tour of the hospital. New members and any other member that has never gone will only have to pay 20.00 for the trip. All others the tickets are 40.00 Lion Mike Carleton spoke for Lion Mike Raney with the school golf tournament coming up. Lion Mike wants to get a foursome together. Again, contact Lion Mike Carleton or Lion Mike Raney for more information on this. We had two Entertainment books left so President Gary thought about auctioning them off. Lion PP Ray Hackworth and Lion Treasurer Paul both paid 25.00 for them.

PRAYERS

Before President Gary ended the meeting he announced that Lion Tom Hoban's beautiful wife Anita, who has done so much for our club, was admitted into the hospital this weekend for emergency surgery on her back. She is having a rough time right now and our prayers go out to Anita and her family. Get well soon, we need you.

ATTENDANCE DRAWING

On the third try, Lion PP Bruno won the attendance drawing. He was so excited saying this is the first time he ever won that he wasn't sure what he was going to do with the wind fall. I'll keep you posted.

EL CAJON VALLEY HOST LIONS BOARD MEETING MARCH 12, 2009

LOCATION: HOBAN PROPERTY MANAGEMENT TIME: 6:04 pm adjourned 7:25 pm

ATTENDANCE: President Gary Sims, 1st VP Walt Simmons, 2nd VP Marlene Coyne, 3rd VP Don Anthony, Secty Gary Robinson, Treasurer Paul Tremblay, Tailtwister PP George Hurst, Greeter Earl Irely, Director John Raymond, Publicity Warren McKenna, PP Mark Clifton, PP Ray Hackworth, PP Tom Hoban, PP Mark Krause.

TREASURER'S REPORT: General Account, \$12,763.55; Activities Account, \$2,675.25; City of Hope, \$599.30; Members Current Account, \$8,344.00; Total Assets, \$24,382.10

COMMUNICATIONS: Ear of the Lion Hearing Foundation sent a letter of thanks for receipt of 17 hearing aids, Lions John Raymond, Martin Jaquez, and Greg Robertson are being honored by the Cajon School District for their work with the district on March 19.

VICE PRESIDENT / COMMITTEE REPORTS: 1st VP Walt Simmons - Lions Spring Roar- We have a lot of tickets and more emphasis will be placed on the sale to help fund our projects. Expect visitations to Lions clubs, car shows and the appearance of our Smart Car prize at various functions. 1. Slate of Officers for next year is being worked on. Elections are just a few weeks away. 2. Casino Night is coming along, but this is a fundraiser for next fiscal year. 3. Installation is going to be June 5. The theme is western.

2nd VP Marlene Coyne - 1. Annual District Convention will be held May 1-2-3 at the Doubletree Hotel in Ontario, CA Secty Gary will have applications or you can download from the District newsletter. Remember, each person attending must register. The club will have 8 votes for the upcoming election. We will need delegates. The club will pay for your registration if you attend.

3rd VP Don Anthony - Flag Day will be the first week of June. Sight and Hearing- John Raymond - The presentation of the check to the Cajon School District for the Sight and Hearing Program will be Monday March 16.

Camp Jack-PP Ray Hackworth - Camp Jack is requesting \$10,000 from the El Cajon Valley Lions Foundation. The cost is \$375 per camper, and there will be 72 campers each week. The El Cajon Valley Lions Club will make the request at a special meeting of the Foundation. Transportation may be problematic this year, the Probation Dept. may not be able to furnish the busses as in the past. Board approved.

City of Hope-Paul Tremblay - The trip to the City of Hope will be Sunday March 29. A table of ten has been reserved, but we can arrange for more if necessary. There will be a special discounted price for "First Timers". This is a very interesting trip and it is a great opportunity to see how your donations are being used to combat cancer and diabetes.

OLD BUSINESS - Habitat for Humanity building project will be held on Saturday April 4. See John Raymond.

NEW BUSINESS - 1. Heartland Lions Club annual Fashion Show will be Saturday March 28 at the Elks Lodge. We support this fundraiser by serving as wine servers. See Pres. Gary or Secty. Gary if you would like to join us. The board approved the sponsorship of four tables for a donation of \$100. 2. Gator by the Bay-PP George Hurst will advise them we are not interested unless we receive a larger cut of the profits. 3. Adopt-a-Street- Don Anthony This is a proposed program to clean a designated area of El Cajon clean on a regular basis. Don will get more information and report back to the club.

