

# El Cajon Valley Lions

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40 Members and 0 Guest

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## OPENING

Another Monday with all our members coming from all reaches of the county to join together in fellowship and with the express desire to follow our motto that "WE SERVE". President Gary started the meeting on time and immediately handed the reins to PP Jerry Hollingsworth for our opening song. Lion Jerry stated that we were going to do God Bless America and I couldn't tell if the room groans or if everyone was clearing their throat. But I am pleased to announce that Lion PP Mark Krause was back today and Lion Trent had tears in his eyes. Their harmonious tone was perfect and you couldn't tell that they have been apart for the last couple of months. Good to see you, Lion Mark! Lion Bob Acker led us in pledge with Lion Treasure Paul handling the invocation.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER COMMOTIONS

President Gary started off by announcing that the La Mesa Lions is having their Spaghetti Dinner this Thursday Night starting at 5:30. It's at the La Mesa Community Center and you can buy tickets at the door. Lions Learning Day is going to be in June but the Prez wasn't sure when. Don't you just love it when he is on top of things? 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Lion Don Anthony stood and spoke about Trash Day this last Saturday. He thanked the following people for showing up and helping out. Lion PP Mark Clifton, Lion PP Bruno Cirello (and his son a future Lion) Nick Cirello, Lion John Raymond, Lion Warren McKenna, Lion PP Mike Mortellaro, Lion PP Jerry Hollingsworth, Lion Lisa Mitchell, Lion Felina Balistereri, and PDG Len Blottin. Lion PP Ron Paris spoke about the Steak Fry that will be on Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup>. This is an annual tradition and all members should show. This is where the outgoing President thanks all the members for all they did during his term. Mark it on your calendar and don't forget.

## HAPPY DOLLARS

Lion Sheri started off by donating a dollar for having our Righteous Brothers back with us today to which the room mumbled "right on"! Lion Earl gave twenty for just being happy and then later amended it for a trip he's going on to Laughlin. (I think he's trying to avoid a fine when he gets back) I gave a happy two for the Concerts on the Green starting in two weeks. Free Concerts from 6 to 8 every Friday for the whole summer at the Park across the street here in downtown El Cajon. Lion Marlene gave 5 for 3 days in Palm Desert. Just staying in bed and not answering the cell phone or computer. Lion PP Phil gave 5 for 3 days in Palm Desert. Just staying in bed and not answering the cell phone or computer. Everyone started laughing and wondering about those two. Lion Dr. Keen gave 5 saying he had the room next to Phil in Palm Desert. Lion Bill Sturgeon gave 5 for being nowhere near Palm Desert. President Gary gave 5 for moving the Board Meeting up a week because he was going fishing and he wanted to be there and then he cancelled the trip and still didn't make it to the board meeting till the last five minutes. Lion Al Jones gave a 5 for the ship that he served on came to port here in San Diego. Lion Felina gave a happy ten for a very nice Mother's Day.



## VP REPORTS

3<sup>rd</sup> VP Don didn't really have anything else to announce so he said PROGRESS.

2<sup>nd</sup> VP Marlene when asked by President Gary if she had anything, she said "NO".

1<sup>st</sup> VP Walt never having a loss of words (like me) spoke about the Opportunity Drawing coming up on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Just 3 weeks away and we only sold 150 tickets so far. **IF YOU'RE DOING BASKETS OR DONATIONS YOU MUST CONTACT LION SHERI NOW!** You're really putting her into a crunch if you wait any longer. Installation Dinner is on Friday June 5<sup>th</sup>. Western theme and a lot of fun so sign up now and welcome the new board for the up-coming year. Night in Monte Carlo (Casino Night) is on July 25<sup>th</sup>. More will come as we get closer to that date.

By the way, while Lion Walt was talking, his phone went off not once but twice. Lion Tail Twister George immediately grabbed a pink slip and handed it to Lion Walt.

## PROGRAM

We had Catherine Butler from the Guide Dog of the Desert with us today with Wanda the ambassador dog and also Carl Ruiz with his companion Trooper. Catherine spoke about the program and then handed the mike over to Carl to talk about the impact having his companion with him. By the way Carl is PP of the Hiway Lions in Lakeside. It was an informative program and gave us an insight of what our money does for their program.

## ATTENDANCE DRAWING

After about 5 pulls, Lion 1<sup>st</sup> VP Walt was announced the winner of the drawing. As Lion Treasure Paul was handing the money over to Lion Walt. Lion Tail Twister George swooped down and grabs the money right out of Lion Walt's hand. Lion Walt just shrugged his shoulders and said "Keep it on account". When Lion George and Lion Paul asked "on account" Lion Walt said yea, on account that I'm going to be losing money for the next year!

### EL CAJON VALLEY HOST LIONS BOARD MEETING, MAY 7, 2009

LOCATION: HOBAN PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

TIME: 6:30 PM ADJOURNED 7:53 PM

ATTENDANCE: 1<sup>st</sup> VP Walt Simmons, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Don Anthony, Secty. Gary Robinson, Treasurer Paul Tremblay, Greeter Earl Irely, Directors David Keen, John Raymond, Tailtwister PP George Hurst, Bull Ed PP Ed Waymire, Leos Liaison Mike Carleton, Publicity Warren McKenna, Arnold Martin, President Gary Sims (very late arrival)

TREASURER'S REPORT: General Account \$ 8,353.25; Activities Account \$ 9,051.25; City of Hope \$841.35; Members Current Account \$11,372.50; Total Assets \$29,618.35

VICE PRESIDENT/COMMITTEE REPORTS: 1<sup>st</sup> VP Walt Simmons - Spring Roar-Opportunity Drawing: We will be selling tickets and showing the Smart Car at the El Cajon Cruiser events. We will be there this Wednesday May 13 from 5pm until 8pm. We can really use your help in selling the tickets. Installation June 5 Western Theme and BBQ dinner sign up sheets are on the tables. Casino Night-"A Night in Monte Carlo" David Keen presented a sponsorship letter and asked for recommendations in the presentation. The board approved printing costs for the sponsorship letters.

2<sup>nd</sup> VP Marlene Coyne (absent)

3<sup>rd</sup> VP Don Anthony - Adopt a Street this Saturday May 9 Clifton Mercedes Repair. Flag Day Program Tuesday June 16 Greenfield Middle School. Be there no later than 10:15 am. Program will last 50 minutes.

Leos-Mike Carleton - Scholarship funds request and recommendations- Lion Mike asked the Board for 2x\$500 scholarships for Fabiola and Imara. The scholarships will be awarded May 21 at 6:00 pm at the Senior Awards Night. Lion Mike Raney and Jan Thruston are also giving funds for scholarships for graduating Leos that night.

OLD BUSINESS - Walker Estate funds- PP George Hurst will be talking to Ted Walsky in regard to tax issues and how we should handle this contribution. Warren McKenna wanted to make sure these funds were separated from the Foundation since they were specified for the El Cajon Valley Lions Club. Camp Jack- The Foundation received the request for \$10,000 from the Lion's Board. The Foundation must pay out \$8400 and they will be at their donation limit for the current year. The Foundation would have to approve an additional \$1600 (not approved). The Lions Club will need to fund the \$1600.

NEW BUSINESS - Request for sponsorship of the Senior Breakfast at El Cajon Valley High School. Cost would be between \$600 and \$1000. The board denied the request. Lion Mike Carleton said the Leos would be taken care of through Leos Club funds for the breakfast. Chinese Student Exchange Program, not associated with Lions, seeking families to host these students for two weeks. The board said the request would be presented to the club members and those interested can get the information. Royal Family Kid's Camp through Faith Chapel in Spring Valley was requesting funding for camperships. Board denied request. Request for the Foundation-Rescue Task Force \$1000 Request denied. Request for the Foundation-Wings-Pregnancy prevention program for Guatemala \$1000 Request denied. President Gary finally showed up as Walt is closing the meeting.