

# El Cajon Valley Lions

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29 Members and 0 Guest

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## No Meeting Monday, Memorial Day

### From the Top ...

Lion President Gary looked fresh and relaxed after skipping last week's meeting while he basked in the warm sunshine of his Cabo villa. Everything got off to a great start at today's gathering. Lion Gary smiled and happily announced there were only five more meetings under his watch and the group broke out in spontaneous applause. But then the unthinkable happened. Lion Sims was escorted unceremoniously out of the meeting in handcuffs by what appeared to be local and federal authorities. Some in the room suspected it was a ploy because he really wanted to spend the day at the track at Del Mar betting on the ponies. Which is kinda strange because racing season doesn't open until July. Others among us thought he was being extradited to the empty cell in Saginaw, Michigan previously occupied by the fugitive mom from Carmel Valley. Is he in fact the actual suspect in that case some wondered? And just what is our presidents real name anyway others mused- Marie, Susan or is it really Gary? Hmm. Nonetheless, Lion PP Bruno jumped over the table as the feds left the room and assumed the role behind the podium as acting LION president. Lion Bruno scanned the room with those beady eyes of his and quickly focused on the task at hand. He had PP Jerry Hollingsworth lead us in song with a rendition of My Country 'Tis of Thee that brought the house down. Mr. Excitement, Lion Al Buki started off the Pledge and Lion PP Guy Duffin stood tall and asked His blessings for our Club, our families and our troops stationed around the world protecting the freedoms we enjoy.

### Guests Overboard

There were no guests today. But we could have used some here today since the majority of the CLUB it seemed was down in Mexico fishing the warm waters of Punta Colorada. Early reports from that trip indicate they got all of the man-eating fish out of the ocean they wanted. Included in the booty were several marlins that were taken onboard. Also, large caches of dorado and rooster fish



were caught in abundance as well...among those landing marlin were PP Ron Snow, (his marlin is pictured above), PP Mark Clifton, PP Dick Rogers, PP Trent, PP Tom Normandie and a few others that paid to remain anonymous in hopes of avoiding a hefty fine next week. Although the paper originally agreed to keep those names under wraps from the rest of the CLUB, that group was said to include Lions PP Tom Hoban, Ron Black, Bob Acker and PP George Hurst. This came to light only after they refused to share any of the man-eating fish with this reporter as they originally promised. A good time was had by all -even the rattlesnake that showed up on the shoreline patio one evening at dinner failed to detract from it. However, some of the events may be a little fuzzy to PP George it was said. It seems even though he was a rookie of sorts on this trip, he quickly developed an affection for the sauce they served on this outing that may have clouded most, if not all, of his memory. ... With the possible exception of PP George, all had a memorable time -welcome back mates...

### Around the Room...

The world according to PP Elmer: "Middle- age: When a narrow waist and a broad mind exchange places." And he continued by offering this insight " When a man has a birthday, he takes the day off. But when a woman has a birthday, she takes a year off." Lion PP Elmer chuckled quietly to himself and sat down to enjoy another glass of water... PP Ron Paris reported on the details of the Presidential Steak Fry dinner scheduled for Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup> at Benny Montijo's Wood Art Village on old Highway 80. It's the same place it's been for the last several years and will kick off around 5:00 pm. It is only for CLUB members- no spouses, significant others, siblings or others. It celebrates the conclusion of the current Lion president's year in office- where ever he may be at this time. More details to follow but there is talk they are planning to reprise the events that occurred at PP Grant Theim, Jr's place about 10 or 12 years ago at that Steak Fry. Hmmmm, I wonder. Whip cream anybody? ...Spring Roar is upon us. Please try to sell a few more tickets was the plaintiff wail from 1<sup>st</sup> VP Wally, er, Walt. We are woefully short on ticket sales. Cowboy Walt also reported sign up sheets are still going around for the installation dinner for incoming officers. Not sure why it is so early this year but the event is scheduled for Friday evening June 5<sup>th</sup>. So mark your calendars. It is a cowboy theme so get your chaps and spurs out and show up around 6:00pm right here in this room. Just a thought, some of you should probably wear more than just chaps and spurs...Free concerts start this Friday night in El Cajon at the Prescott Promenade on Main Street. They begin at 6:00 pm each evening and run through September 4<sup>th</sup> every Friday. Oh, and our very own PP Ed Waymire is back as the Master of Ceremonies again for those events. Lots of free fun for the family...Lion 1<sup>st</sup> VP Wally gave out the ECPD's Volunteer of the Year award on our CLUBs behalf at the El Cajon Police officers awards banquet. Well it really wasn't a banquet because of budgets constraints, but plenty of donuts were served even though they were kept under the watchful eye of officer Rich Agundez. It appeared he might have arrived early for that duty...we are dark next Monday because of the Memorial Day holiday. Honor America and those that have and do serve this great country by flying your flag proudly.

### Fines and Happy \$\$

Nice to see Lion John Galkowski back in the fold and joining us for lunch today. Seems he was a raffle prizewinner at the recent La Mesa Lions spaghetti dinner even though he was not in attendance. So Lion John kicked in \$40 into the tail twister basket to make up for that and any indiscretions from the last couple of years he said.... We were also lucky enough to get a card from our beloved Rev. Mac recently who sent his regards to us along with a nifty donation to our CLUB as he approaches his 91st summer. Thank you and God Bless You Reverend Mac.... Lion Ray Ridlon gave a happy \$20 for a recent visit to Irvine to catch up with family and friends...Lion Warren McKenna paid handsomely for being spotted on TV during the seventh inning stretch behind the dugout at the Padre game last Saturday...Lion PP Phil Smith and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Marlene were conspicuously absent again. Perhaps another \$5 fine is in the works for each....



### Attendance drawing

Congratulations go out to Lion PDG Len Blottin for winning the big bucks today. He plans to take the winnings and treat his lovely bride PDG Bucky to another 10-day cruise in the Bahamas.