

El Cajon Valley Lions

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40 Members and 0 Guests

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OPENING

It was another stunning day with the sun giving the perfect warmth to East County as the El Cajon Lions gathered at our favorite place; mumblings were heard throughout the room with the Lions that attended the installation dinner about the stalker that finished off the night. You wouldn't believe (Well, Probably would!) all the one liners that came up over that. Another amazing piece of information about today's meeting was that our illustrious President started the meeting with the BELL. Lion Dick Nasif approached this reporter Saturday night offering his services as a go-between for the safety of the bell. I was going to report that in today's newsletter, but gladly don't have to go that route now. Thank you Lion Dick anyway, and we do miss you at the meetings. Come back soon. After our President rang the bell for about 5 minutes with that joyful grin on his face (reminding me of my grandson getting his first toy) Lion Jerry Hollingsworth started us off with "My Country, Tis' of Thee". Lion David Keen handled the pledge and as usual Lion Guy Duffin gave such a up-lifting invocation we were proud to gird our loins (?)

WORK IN PROGRESS

As I mentioned earlier, President Mike was so happy to have the bell back that every opportunity that arose, he hit that bell. He started off by bringing up the fact that I was in the Union paper on Saturday highlighting El Cajon's Concert on the Green. I tried to tell them I got them a picture of me in my Lions shirt and mentioned the Lions 10 times during the interview, and they didn't put that in the article but the club just didn't believe me and so I threw in \$5 to the basket. (Would I lie to the club?) President Mike then announced to the club our Lion of the Year, Lion Donna Anthony. Lion Donna got up and gave credit to all members from throughout the year. But we all agree, Lion Don, you truly deserved it. Congrats!! Lion Secretary Gary took over Lion George's Tail Twisting chores and Lion Bob Acker took this opportunity to announce that Lion George would be willing to make up the difference in the basket up to Five Hundred dollars. Thanks Lion George. President Mike then informed the club that it's that time of year and you need to up-date the directory for Lion Bruce Boorman so we have accurate information for this up-coming year.

Lion's Board Meeting this Thursday at Hoban's starting at 6. This is an important meeting as we will be talking about how to disperse our money for the year. If you want to put in your 2 cents worth, you need to be there.

Lend a Hand Day is having a set-up day this Saturday. I need help as we will be setting up the home for our main event for June 28. It will be from 8 to noon. If I can get a good showing, it won't last more than a couple of hours. Contact me at edwaymire@hotmail.com and let me know you will help.

President Mike then asked Lion Mike Raney to come up and accept his permanent badge. Lion Mike has done a lot with the Leo's and we appreciate all you do! Thanks Lion Mike.

In-coming President Lion Gary Sims talked a little about the Day at the Races. Sign-ups will be on the table the next couple of weeks. It will be August 15 and tickets go for 20 dollars.

Steak-Fry is on Saturday, June 28. All are encouraged to attend and there will be a 10 dollar charge. It's a fun night with a lot of storytelling and camaraderie. Please put it on your calendar and sign up now.

HAPPY DOLLARS

Lion Al Jones knew he wasn't going to be here today, so Saturday night at the installation dinner he gave Secretary Gary 100 dollars and made sure Lion Gary put it in the basket in honor of his lovely wife Donna's birthday. Lion Dan Harley gave for his wife Agnes being home from the hospital and doing well. We are all glad to hear that. You have been in our prayers, Agnes, and hope to see you soon. Lion Walt gave 10 dollars, \$5 for the Padres short winning streak and \$5 for an excellent dinner on Saturday night. Lion Guy Duffin gave for his wife's birthday. She wanted to go some place expensive, so he took her to a gas station. J Lion Donna Anthony gave for the Lion of the Year award and thanked the club for all their support throughout the year. Lion Stoney gave for 54 beautiful years with Bonnie. Lion Mike Wasyliv gave for him becoming a grandfather and spoke about Helen Keller and how she is why he joined the Lions. Lion Mike Raney gave for his niece graduating from El Cajon High. Lion In-coming President Gary gave for Saturday's party and his son winning soccer in Chino. Lion Roger Stebleton gave for his trip to Amsterdam and bicycling. Lion Bill Sturgeon gave again for surviving another hard ball game. And President Mike gave for having to leave early today. I figured a total of about \$186.00 were gathered in the basket. Lion George you owe \$314. Thanks Lion George.

PROGRAM

We had the honor of having our very own SDSU Football Coach, Chuck Long with us today. He was a good speaker and gave us the insight into his background and they way he is building his program. It was very encouraging and hopeful for the future. Thanks. Coach Long.

Joke

Ralph and Edna were both patients in a mental hospital. One day while they were walking past the hospital swimming pool, Ralph suddenly jumped into the deep end. He sank to the bottom of the pool and stayed there. Edna promptly jumped in to save him. She swam to the bottom and pulled him out. When the Head Nurse Director became aware of Edna's heroic act, she immediately ordered her to be discharged from the hospital, as she now considered her to be mentally stable. When she went to tell Edna the news, she said, 'Edna, I have good news and bad news. The good news is you're being discharged, since you were able to rationally respond to a crisis by jumping in and saving the life of the person you love. I have concluded that your act displays sound-mindedness. The bad news is Ralph hung himself in the bathroom with his bathrobe belt right after you saved him. I am so sorry, but he's dead.' Edna replied, 'He didn't hang himself, I put him there to dry. How soon can I go home?'

