

El Cajon Valley Lions

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36 Members and 0 Guests

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OPENING

I have been sitting here the last ten minutes trying to figure out how I was going to start this newsletter. I usually start off with something like "It's a beautiful day ...blah ...joke... blah... joke...blah. Well it's been a long day and I just don't have any creative energy left to try to come up with something witty. So, It's Monday, naturally the lions members met at noon and socialized for about a half of an hour while eating a heartfelt lunch. President Mike started the meeting with the BELL for the second meeting in a roll. (I guess I'm not the only one lacking creativity). Lion PP Jerry Hollingsworth started us off with "God Bless America" and PP Secretary Gary Robinson handled the pledge. To end our weekly opening was Lion In-coming 2nd VP Marlene finishing with a nice invocation.

GUEST

We had one of our Leo's Diane McDonald visiting us today. She will be going on the student exchange program in which we sponsored. Lion Mike Carleton asked the club if we could donate the basket today to her for some spending money. The club was in agreement and though I wholeheartedly agree with that motion, it did create havoc for me later in the meeting. Check out the happy dollar section.

THE TRUTH, WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTING BUT THE TRUTH! (Yea, sure)

President Mike started off by announcing that the Golden Triangle Lions is having their Day at the Races. Tail Twister George then started promoting our own Day at the Races. Ours will be on August 15th. By the end of the meeting we had 16 sign-ups so there is only a couple left. Contact Lion Gary Sims if you want in.

Stoney's Kids is having a birthday celebration on August 21st, starting at 5:30 at Sycuan Golf Course. If you have any questions, contact Lion PP Stoney.

ARC is having their Health and Wellness Fair on August 16th and you can contact Lion Mike Wasyliw for more information.

Lend-A-Hand will be on June 28th. We will be finishing the fence and prepping the house for the paint job in Aug. All hands are needed as the prep work is going to be extensive. We want to do it in one day so we don't have to keep coming back. Please contact PP Lion Ed to volunteer for a couple of hours. By the way, I would like to thank the 4 Lions that did show up last Saturday to prep the fence. They were PP Jerry Hollingsworth, PP Secretary Gary Robinson, Lion Mike Lawler with his son, Sebastian and Lion Mike Raney. Job well done guys, thanks.

We talked about the board meeting that we had last week, which brought up the conversation with the Lions Foundation. Lion PP Jerry Hollingsworth gave a small presentation as to where the Foundation is at and how it will operate in the future. Because of the generosity of the foundation and the club, over \$65,000 will be handed out this year.

Lion In-coming 1st VP Walt announced that we are going to have a Padre Night in either August or September. The date will be picked next week after a little input from the club. If you're not going to be there next week and want to put you two cents worth in, give Lion Walt a call. Someone asked Lion Walt who was playing on those dates and Lion PP Trent gave a day by day account of the schedule. Wow, was I impressed!!

A little editor's note. There are so many choices on what goes in the newsletter and what doesn't. If I put everything in and worried about accuracy, you would be receiving a magazine each week. But I was reminded today that a story last week from one of our lions goes to the heart of the basic foundation of our club. We have in our club one member that actually knew and assisted for a short time, Helen Keller. Lion Dan Harley had the honor of escorting Helen Keller when he was a young lad. Maybe someday we can get him to go into a little more detail as to what that was all about.

HAPPY DOLLARS

Now as I stated earlier, Lion Mike Carleton asked that the basket be donated to Leo Diane for her trip. Because of that, practically every Lion chipped in with some excuse so they could throw into the basket.

There was no way in h... that I could keep track of who gave what. I tried to record but by the 4 person I just couldn't write that fast. That's how giving our club is. When all said and done, Leo Diane had a total of \$205 to take with her. Leo Diane, Have FUN!!

INDUCTION

PDG Len Blottin brought Lion Mike Lawler up to give him the official induction into the club. Lion Sponsor and In-coming 3rd VP Don Anthony stood by his side as PDG Len spoke about the history of the club and the responsibility to the community each Lion accepts as they enter the club. PDG Len spoke about the importance of getting involved in our projects not realizing that Lion Mike has volunteered for every project that has come up since he has entered into our club. Lion Don, you have brought in a quality member. Thanks!

ATTENDANCE DRAWING

President Mike pulled three names and none were here so the amount rolled over and the mystery amount will be added to next week.

**EL CAJON VALLEY HOST LIONS CLUB BOARD MEETING
JUNE 12, 2008 LOCATION: HOBAN PROPERTY MANAGEMENT,
TIME: 6:48 PM ADJOURNED 8:42 PM**

ATTENDANCE: President Mike Mixer, 1st VP Gary Sims, 2nd VP Walt Simmons, Secretary Gary Robinson, Treasurer Paul Tremblay, Greeter Earl Irely, Tailtwister PP George Hurst, Liontamer PP Jerry Hollingsworth, Directors Don Anthony, Al Buki, Warren McKenna, Bull Editor PP Ed Waymire, Eyeglass Program Chairman John Raymond.

TREASURER'S REPORT: GENERAL ACCOUNT, \$9,714.82; ACTIVITIES ACCOUNT \$9,351.61; CITY OF HOPE \$692.18; MEMBERS CURRENT ACCT \$12,045.00; TOTAL ASSET \$31,803.61

VICE PRESIDENT/COMMITTEE REPORTS: 1ST VP GARY SIMS – Installation a big success. A lot of good comments on all the fun and entertainment. Lion Don Anthony was proclaimed Lion of the Year by President Mike Mixer. Great choice!! Day at the Races Friday August 15 \$25/person Clubhouse seating in the shade. Sign up sheet starts June 16, or call Gary.

2nd VP WALT SIMMONS – Padre Night will be checking on dates.

3rd VP MARLENE COYNE (absent ill) – Picnic Saturday September 14 at Santee Lakes. More information coming. Don Anthony- Flag storage building is complete at the Elk's Lodge. PP Ed Waymire- Lend a Hand Days Prep day this Saturday June 14. We will be working on fence posts and painting preparation for the Saturday June 28 work day.

EYEGLASS PROGRAM- JOHN RAYMOND – The program has provided 162 pair of glasses for needy students this year. 24 more appointments have been scheduled for this summer. The club has provided \$7900 for the program this year. (The Board and Club are very proud and appreciative of the job John has done with this program and look forward to an even bigger year ahead.)

WEBMASTER-WARREN MCKENNA – Work is continuing on the club website. A calendar has been added, a photo link for adding to the website is new as well. Lion Warren still needs your e-mail address if you would like to receive the bulletin by e-mail. Contact him : warren@gother.com

NEW BUSINESS – PP Jerry Hollingsworth spoke to the club board concerning the Foundation. The Foundation is clearing up some problems with the IRS because statements had not been filed or responded to for several years. Fines levied are \$11,260 but we have received \$2200 back thus far. We have hired an outside source for bookkeeping, Janet Stotler, who also does the bookkeeping for the Boys & Girls Clubs and other non-profit groups. She has filed the missing 11 statements. The Foundation has been classified as a Private Foundation and will have to pay taxes on income earned in the future. The Foundation will need to make a distribution of funds to satisfy some previous years for a total of \$44,000. Checks will be made directly from the Foundation to the following 501c3 groups. Boys & Girls Club of El Cajon \$20,000 for a building project, Camp Jack \$10,000, Stoney's Kids \$5000. San Diego Center for the Blind \$4000, and Habitat for Humanity \$3000.

Don Anthony - At Business Meetings we should have the Foundation Chairperson speak about the direction of the Foundation and where funds are going.

Club allocation of funds for the year: Student Eyeglass Program \$8,500.00; Rescue Task Force \$ 2,000.00; Sonshine Haven \$ 2,000.00; Youth Venture \$ 2,000.00; Canine Companions For Independence \$ 2,000.00; (LPCCI) Leos Scholarships \$ 1,500.00; ARC \$ 1,000.00; City Of Hope \$ 1,000.00; Unallocated \$ 3,500.00; Total Funds Distributed \$23,500.00.