

# El Cajon Valley Lions

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47 Members and 3 Guests

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## OPENING

It was a beautiful day with the sun shining and the temperature in the mid 70's. When I arrived I found Lion Earl's immaculate smile with a Lion's welcome, greeting all that passed through our door. Tail Twister Lion George sat down at our table, mumbling about how he had to sit at a table with people he didn't want to talk to. But for the whole half hour he didn't shut up!

As I was getting my lunch I noticed the room filling up to near capacity. It was a beautiful sight to see. Lion President Mike started the meeting at 12:30 and naturally asked Lion Jerry Hollingsworth to lead us in Grand Ole' Flag. As we were singing in perfect harmony I noticed our very own duet, Lion PP Trent Huls and Lion PP Mark Krauss, singing right into the ear of Lion PP Ray Hackworth. Lion PP Ray had a napkin stuffed in his ear but I don't think it helped by the look on his face. Lion PP Stoney had the honor of leading us in the Pledge and Lion 3rd VP Marlene gave an outstanding invocation to carry us through the day.

## GUESTS

Lion IPP Bruno introduced our guests today, starting with Bill Nolan who came with Lion Beard Hobbs. We also had Jim Brown as a guest of Lion John Raymond. We had Peter Oliver with the organization "Gator by the Bay" who spoke to use later in the meeting about their up-coming event. Lion IPP Bruno questioned why Mike Lawler wasn't on the list and he was informed the Mike had put in his application today. I'm sure the board will take that up this coming Thursday and we will be able to call him a member next Monday.

## READERS DIGEST VERSION

There is a board meeting this coming Thursday at Hoban Management starting at 6:30. If you get this newsletter after the fact, it's not my fault! You know we meet the 2nd Thursday of every month. Lion John Raymond read us a letter from Paula Ingram, head nurse for the Santee School District thanking us for our assistance with the eye glass program. A big Kudos's go to Lion John for the excellent job he is doing. Just goes to show you we have the right man at the helm! Lion Treasure Paul spoke about the up-coming trip to the City Of Hope. That's on March 30th and again will meet at Parkway Plaza to caravan up there. All new members SHOULD go and to encourage you the club will pick up part of the tab for the luncheon. Tickets are \$45.00 but anyone that has never gone only has to pay \$20.00. Such a Deal!!!

The Club wants to give a standing ovation to a Lion that is in the background but is always there when you need him. Lion Dan Harley has come forward and told the club that we can store our float at his place. Thank You...Thank You...Thank You. The club nominated and elected Lion PP Mark Clifton the honor of driving the float over there J Thanks Mark!

## HAPPY DOLLARS

Lion PP Tom Hoban started off by apologizing for last week failure to ante up for the boat he just purchased. He said he gave \$10 but when Tail Twister George looked closer and saw that it was \$100. Lion Lesa gave \$10 for a skiing trip and not getting hurt. Lion John Raymond gave for a surprise birthday party celebrating his 70th birthday. Lion Paul Tremblay gave \$100 for his Mom's 87th birthday and his retirement from his old company but still working with his new company? Lion Bill Sturgeon gave

\$10 but I didn't quite catch what it was but I know he was happy that his blue shirt matched President Mike's shirt. I might add at this point that Tail Twister George had to pay a twenty because his phone kept going off in the middle of the guest speaker talking.

## VP REPORTS

3RD VP Marlene didn't have anything to report other than to thank Lion Dan Harley for stepping up.

2nd VP Walt asks the club to think about if we want to do the golf tournament and if we do, we need a new chairman. Anyone wants to step up.

1st VP Gary asked if there was interest in the Day at the Races this year. Quite a few hands went up, so it looks like it will be around August 15th. More to come on this event.

## GUEST SPEAKER

We had Rotarian Don Parent, introduce the COO from SDG&E speak on a number of areas that's just too numerous to write about here. Very, Very informative!

## ATTENDANCE DRAWING

Talk about Karma! Lion Dan Harley won the attendance drawing, winning a week's vacation in Las Vegas. OH, never mind that's another drawing that I entered.

## UP-COMING SPEAKERS

March 17 – Business meeting.

March 24 – Chris Rutgers of Outdoor Outreach Program, a non-profit organization in San Diego County

March 31 – Eileen Zeidler of the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency. Eileen is Special Agent and Public Information Officer. She will speak on challenging issues relating to drug enforcement.

April 7 – Christina of the El Cajon Community Development Corporation (CDC) relating to The Lend a Hand program. This is an excellent opportunity for us.

April 14 – Normally, a business meeting, but the speaker is from Seattle WA and will be in San Diego. The speaker is Mark Reeves of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) speaking on traffic control and other topical issues.

## JOKE OF THE WEEK

### MY LIVING WILL

Last night, my friend and I were sitting in the living room and I said to her, "I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug." So she got up, unplugged the TV, and threw out my wine. She's such a bitch!

