



The Lions Pin

Oxnard Noontimers Lions Club

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Mayor Holden Speaks Up

Mayor Tom Holden spoke to us last week. He discussed the "State of the City". Did you know that \$85 million is committed to street repairs? Oxnard's homicide rate has dropped from 22 per year to 9 per year most recently? Not a single homicide was related to gang violence in the past 18 months? That one I find hard to believe. Riverpark has sold approximately 1/3 of the residential real estate?

Mayor Holden also spoke about the redevelopment of the city including Wagon Wheel, Carriage Square, Seabridge at Victoria and Hemlock, the 101 and Rice Interchange and College Park. A lot of things going on in Oxnard.

Thanks Mayor Holden for all your input.

El Rio Lions Visitation

We came, we saw but alas we did not conquer. The El Rio Lions told us the last group that tried to steal the bell found out El Rio doesn't take kindly to that. They warned us the last guy was chased down the street, tackled by the biggest member of the club, and the bell retrieved. Well, Lion Otto figured he was big and fast enough to accomplish the feat but did not succeed. The El Rio Lions had the bell guarded like Fort Knox. El Rio had 12 members attend and the Noontimers had eight members show up. NOT BAD! Noontimers who attended were Lions Mike, Dick, Pat, Otto, Andy, Carlos, Toby, and Ross. Thanks guys for making this visitation a success. They guys enjoyed good food (bbq tri tip of course) and a good time.

Toby's Bits & Bytes

Board members, don't forget the bored meeting is at Lion Todd's place next Wednesday, January 30, at 6 PM. Among the items to be discussed is that Lion Chris Pachana is resigning as Treasurer because of the issues with his baby. We have a volunteer who will reluctantly take the job. If any Noontimer wants it, please let me know before the board meeting. Another item to be discussed will be planning for our annual Valentine's Day meeting. Start thinking and planning.



President Lion Toby Scott

We had a visitation to El Rio last night, but because this has to be written before Thursday evening, I don't know who attended. I do know that those who attended had a great time because a visitation to El Rio is always a great time.

The District Convention will be April 18-20 at the Casa Sirena. We are the sponsoring club. Please plan on making time that weekend to help out. We will have a hospitality room Friday evening and will be working on the food fair Saturday at Noon. We'll need help at other times, too. It's a great event and a great way for new Noontimers to learn about our district and for old Noontimers to renew acquaintances. But no, we will not be planning the women's luncheon entertainment this year. The district still remembers.

Winners

FREE FINES: Lion Dave Tapie AGAIN. Let's see if he remembers this time!
GREETER: Lion Todd Rehanek
ATTENDANCE: Lion Ross' number was drawn. Any bets on if he's here on time that he will win the \$5?
LOTTO: Lions Byron and Carlos were the lucky winners.



Marble Malarkey

Lion Todd tried his luck at winning the \$116 pot but was unsuccessful. Once again the pot continues to grow.

Guest...New Member?

Lion Chris introduced his guest, Mr. Greg Wilson. Lion Chris indicated Greg might be a new member of the Noontimers. Good work, Lion Chris!

Congresswoman Capps Gives Update

On January 4, 2008, Congresswoman Lois Capps spoke to the Noontimers. She provided an update on happenings in Washington DC and how they affect her district. She talked about environmental issues and answered questions from the Noontimers regarding immigration.



Valetine's Day Lunch

This was briefly mentioned in Lion Toby's *Bits and Bytes* but here's the lowdown on what's happening for the new members. Once a year the Noontimers are encouraged to invite their wives and/or girlfriends (not both) to come to the meeting/lunch in February to celebrate Valentine's Day. It looks like February 15 for this year but the Board will make that decision next week. During this meeting all members observe Code 3 behavior (meaning watch the language, watch the jokes, and act like you enjoy having your spouse/girlfriend with you). This year's event will assuredly be the best yet. Each member that attends February 1 meeting will get a small handout/invitation to take to their loved one. Let's see if we can fill the room.

Checklist of "TO DO" Items

Plan Valentine's Day Meeting by January 31, 2008



Get Student Speakers Contest contestant by February 5, 2008



Implement "Do You Know Your Members" profiles starting in February 2008. Lion Ross is doing.



Plan a fundraiser for the Summer 2008. Chili Cook Off maybe, something to celebrate the 4th of July maybe, Wine Tasting Party maybe.



Schedule a "Just For Fun" outing for members for March 2008. Suggestions welcomed.



See if Lion Rick G will do Golf Tournament and Poker Tournament again to raise money for scholarships

calendar

Jan 30 Board meeting at Lion Todd's home
Feb 1-3 MD4 Meeting in Modesto
Feb 8-9 District Meeting in Paso Robles
Feb 18 Club Speaker Contest Deadline