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This Week's Event/Speaker

See *International* has nothing to do with our favorite candy. It has everything to do with sight throughout the world.

Last Week's Event/Speaker

See Page Two for a complete recap of the topics presented. **Lions Toby Scott** and **Rick Smith** presented some good information regarding Club growth and energizing the Student Speaker Program.

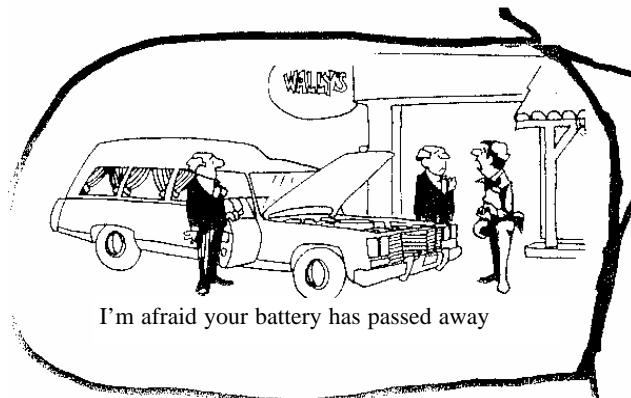
Next Week's Event/Speaker

As of print time, no speaker has been announced but we have plenty of items to discuss.

Lion Loyal Frazier Gives Info

Lion Ev Batey reported that **Lion Loyal** has provided his effective solicitation letter for White Cane Day donations and that it will be available on the Club's website so you can download it and bring in some bucks.

Cartoon Corner



Otto's Epitaphs

COULD YOU REPEAT THAT, I DIDN'T HEAR YOU.....



President Otto Schimmel

The LionsEar Hearing Aids is a response to the global problem of hearing impairment. Lions Clubs throughout the world are making low-cost, quality hearing aids available to people who could not otherwise afford them. The Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project is for low-income people both in developing nations such as India and developed nations such as the United States.

Lions are actively involved in assisting hard of hearing people obtain hearing aids. The Lions of Mississippi are giving hearing aids to those who were caught in Katrina; Lions in France have given LionsEar aids to people in Tunisia; and the Lions in Turkey have placed aids on 180 children. In Mexico approximately 500 people annually receive aids in a joint venture between a Michigan Lions District and the local Lions. Several Lions' hearing aid banks, foundations, clubs, districts and 11 Lions state organizations are using the LionsEar. Several states agencies, such as the Department of Rehabilitation, are referring people to Lions for the LionsEar hearing aids.

All LionsEar hearing aids are distributed in cooperation with participating Lions and hearing care professionals. The hearing aid is ordered by Lions clubs, districts and hearing programs. It is then shipped to hearing care professionals who have a relationship working with these Lions entities. The LionsEar is available through both existing and new Lions hearing programs. New Lions hearing programs are those that are interested in distributing the LionsEar hearing aid, but don't have an existing structure in place. LCIF will assist Lions clubs and districts that wish to begin distributing the hearing aids.

Winners

Lion Ev Batey has free fines AGAIN. **Lion Bedford Pinkard** is today's Greeter. **Lion Toby Scott** will win \$15 this week if he is present. **Lions Carlos Martinez** and **Sig Askvik** were the big Lotto winners.

Marble Malarkey

Lion Steve Sabedra tried his luck at picking the winning marble but alas did not win.

Campaign SightFirst II

Lion Ross Olney, Noontimer's liaison to the Campaign SightFirst II, presented an overview of the program. The Campaign hopes to save sight in 37 million adults and thousands of children worldwide. Former President Carter, who is the spokesperson for the Campaign, was a former Lions District Governor. We know he will follow the Lions motto TO SERVE and help keep the Campaign alive.

Honoree Among Us

Do you know that **Lion Bedford Pinkard** tooted his own horn and are we glad he did. **Lion Bedford** has received BAPAC's "Lifetime Achievement" Award for his years of volunteer work. BAPAC held their 28th Annual State Convention and Political and Religious Hall of Fame Awards Banquet in Los Angeles recently. **Lion Bedford** was nominated and chosen for the Lifetime Achievement Award because of his relentless service to volunteerism and helping individuals and groups. We knew he worked hard but we didn't know how hard and for so many years. Congratulations **Lion Bedford!**



CONGRATULATIONS!

Canada International Forum

"Wrong Way" **Lion Toby** gave an explanation as to what happened on the way to the Canada International Forum and a summary of meetings he attended. Lions Clubs that do projects and get people involve, THRIVE. Those who don't, DON'T SURVIVE. In other words, we need to get more involved in our community and find "new projects". The forum emphasized that increasing the membership is not the goal, but increasing the *effectiveness* of the Club is more important. Thanks to **Lion Toby** for attending the conference and bringing back new ideas.

The Energizer is coming

Let's get the Student Speaker Contest fired up again. **Lion Rick Smith** presented information on getting the program restarted and energizing the contest. He reported the winner can receive up to \$50,000 in scholarship money in the nationwide contest. The following members volunteered to get the program started in various high schools:

Lion Will Berg	Santa Clara High School
Lion Bedford	Hueneme High School
Lion Mike Plisky	Oxnard High School
Lion Rick	Pacifica High School

Hopefully we can have a report next month on how things are shaping up.

White Cane Days Information

Since **Lion Toby** will be missing his first White Cane Day event since joining Lions Club due to his upcoming trip to China, he has asked for volunteers to join him today at Vons (ask him which one) to solicit White Cane donations. Let **Lion Toby** know if you will help.

Lion Ev reported last week that White Cane Days will be held on October 20 and 21, 2006. The events will be at McDonald's on Friday afternoon, 10/20, and Vons at Shopping at the Rose on Saturday, 10/21. **Lion Ev** will announce the exact locations this week so LISTEN UP. Remember if you don't participate, you pay but that's not really what it's all about.

Free Vision Screening at OLG

Lion Rick announced the District will be conducting a free vision screening at Our Lady of Guadalupe (OLG) on Sunday, 10/15/06 in conjunction with the Southern California Eye Institute. Any volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

calendar

October 13
October 20
October 20 & 21
October 25
October 25

White Cane Day Event at Vons. See Lion Toby for details.
President Lion Otto Schimmel's Birthday
White Cane Day Events at McDonald's & Vons. See Lion Ev for details.
Lion Sigbjorn Askvik's Birthday
Board Meeting at Lion Todd Rehanek's Home