



The Lions Pin

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Last Week's Event

A politician who has been on the scene in Ventura County for over 30 years spoke to the Noontimers. Supervisor Flynn spoke about the Oxnard Harbor and the things people don't realize about the harbor and all its workings. The County Board of Supervisors are the custodians of the harbor. Supervisor Flynn gave a short background about the harbor. The Bard and McGrath families donated the land for the harbor. He spoke of the development of the harbor by Martin V. Smith and Smith's dedication to making the harbor successful. The Peninsula and Fisherman's Wharf were part of that success story. Supervisor Flynn also discussed the harbor's decline and current state. He also spoke about the issues with the Channel Islands Harbor lease. So **Lion Will Berg** and **Lion Mike Plisky** really do have their work cut out for them with the harbor issues.



The Noontimers all agreed that Supervisor Flynn was the "Best Guest Speaker We've Ever Had!"

Otto's Epitaphs

LCIF Recognized Before World Health Leaders



President Otto Schimmel

Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter praised LCIF's efforts against blindness May 19 in Geneva in an important speech at the World Health Assembly. Former President Carter saluted the efforts of The Carter Center, LCIF and other groups in fighting river blindness and trachoma. His audience included ministers of health of many nations and pharmaceutical industry representatives. LCIF's SightFirst program has supported more than 50 million treatments of river blindness in Africa and Latin America since it forged a partnership with The Carter Center in 1999. The partnership also is targeting trachoma, the world's leading cause of preventable blindness. SightFirst is controlling trachoma among 2 million people in three countries.

Meningococcal disease in Sudan - update

From 1 January to 11 March 2007, the Ministry of Health of the Government of Southern Sudan (MoH) reported 6,946 suspected cases of meningococcal disease including 430 deaths (case-fatality rate, 6.19%) in 9 out of 10 states of Southern Sudan. Due to delayed and irregular reporting, these figures should be considered provisional. Currently the most affected counties are Aweil West, Juba, Mundri East, Rumbek, Tonj South, Wulu and Yirol. In a one week period from 4 to 11 March, a total of 1,541 suspected cases including 81 deaths were reported. The Ministry of Health of the Government of Southern Sudan, WHO and its partners have carried out a mass vaccination campaign in 4 counties. A technical team from WHO Headquarters and the Regional Office is currently in South Sudan to strengthen WHO's technical support to the Ministry of Health of the Government of Southern Sudan including surveillance, field investigation, mass vaccination, case management, logistics and coordination.

WORDS OF WISDOM

If you wish to find, you must search. Rarely does a good idea interrupt you.

Excerpt from "The Treasury of Quotes" by Jim Rohn

Winners

FREE FINES: **Lion Ev Batey**
GREETER: **Lion Bedford Pinkard**
ATTENDANCE: **Lion Steve Sabedra's** name was drawn for the huge jackpot of \$2000
LOTTO: **Lion Andy Stay** and 3 time gues Keith Ingram won the Lotto. We did not hear any screams of joy so I guess they did not win the \$25,000 (besides Noontimers don't scream)

Marble Malarkey

Lion Chris Pachana's number was drawn to win but the pot continues to grow.

Welcome to Our Guests

Lion Chris brought Keith Ingram for the third time. Hey, one more time and you almost become an official Noontimer. Keith fits right in with his sense of humor (warped like the other Noontimers).

Lion Ev Batey presented his guest Mr. William Dockery. It seems the base is providing a lot of new members and potential new members. Welcome Mr. Dockery.

The Three Amigos

The Three Amigos listened intently to whoever was speaking. **Lions Mike, Ross Olney** and **Dick Maggio** did not have to take any notes when Supervisor Flynn was speaking.



Elections Are Coming

The Oxnard Noontimers Lions Club is still looking for a few good men. We all have reasons (excuses) for not taking an office but we need to move forward with the Club so SIGN UP, MAKE THE COMMITMENT and MAKE THE NOONTIMERS A BETTER CLUB!!!!

If you want more information about the various offices, contact either **Lion Dennis Amick**, **Lion Will Berg**, or **Lion Ross Olney**. **Lion Toby Scott** also has a lot of material to give out.

Visitations Are Coming!

Any news on any visitations to local clubs? Contact **Lions Mike** or **Dick** to see when and where. It sure would be nice to go and see how other clubs do their meetings. Anyone interested in going to Carpinteria? Pleasant Valley? El Rio? Ventura?

Commitment

com-mit-ment, n 1. a pledge or promise to do something.
The word is not always easy to spell but its not hard to do. Lions all over the world are committed to helping and serving others but it all starts with committing themselves to their home clubs first. Let's make this next year a true commitment to our club. When you sign up for a job or committee, follow through and report the outcome to the members of the club.

If we want new blood in the Noontimers then the existing members have to be excited about being in the Noontimers and being a Lion. Getting new members to join is hard enough but doing it with no energy in the club is even harder.

MAKE A COMMITMENT TO BE COMMITTED!!!

calendar

March 28, 2007
March 29, 2007
April 9, 2007

Board Meeting at Lion Todd Rehanek's home
Lion Steve Sabedra's birthday
Lion Ross Olney's birthday