



The Lions Pin

Oxnard Noontimers Lions Club

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Last Week's Meeting

Fraudulent fire inspections conducted by the notorious Orco Fire Protection Company was one of the topics discussed at last week's meeting. Oxnard Fire Department Investigator Tiloi Tuitama presented the scheme and reported many local small and large businesses have fallen prey to it. Orco Fire Protection Company and others fall under the umbrella of Dan Weavers. He warned that the "inspectors" go to businesses and then bill for services, anywhere from a few hundred to several thousands of dollars. He stated that these companies are operating throughout the western United States.

Oxnard Fire Department Investigator Tiloi Tuitama giving the members tips about fraudulent fire inspection scams



Inspector Tuitama also talked about the recent rash of arson fires in the City of Oxnard. Approximately 60 dumpster fires in the last month have been reported. He stated approximately 5 cans per week are being stolen and set on fire. (CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO)

WORDS OF WISDOM

"Don't just let your business or your job make something for you, let it make something OF you."

Excerpts from The Treasury of Quotes by Jim Rohn

Toby's Bits and Bytes



President Lion Toby Scott

Spread your arms and let's go international. This year let's look outside our home boundaries and work on expanding into other countries. With the International Lions Club President being from Sri Lanka, this would be a good place to focus some attention. With **Lion Robert Liyanage**, who is from Sri Lanka, now active in our club, we seem to have an extra "in" don't you think. Let's expand on expanding!

In keeping with the international theme, the Board of Directors met at **Lion Andy Stay's** home and dined on Persian food. In case you didn't know, **Lion Andy's** wife Flora is from Persia. Here's a quick synopsis of the Board meeting.

- Discussed and approved the bank signature cards to be redone to reflect the new officers.
- After discussion, **Lion Will** will make the necessary and appropriate changes to the By-Laws and Constitution as requested by the Board. Thanks for all **Lion Will's** hard work on this project.
- Dominick's Demons working on long term projects for the Noontimers for hearing and sight programs. Chairperson **Lion Chuck Conway**, along with **Lions Dennis Amick, Barry Braff, Byron Wedemeyer, Ross Olney, and Pat Riggs**, have been meeting at Dominick's Restaurant (thus the name "Dominick's Demons") over pizza and bourbon to discuss plans. We look forward to hearing their plans. In the past, **Lion Chuck** has been the primary person for reviewing requests made to the club for financial support of various projects.
- Tee sponsorship instead of paying for foursome for Channel Island Lions Golf Tourney (not El Rio as last reported) being held on September 7 at Sterling Hills.

All in all a good Board meeting...lot's accomplished.

Winners

FREE FINES: **Lion Pat Riggs**
GREETER: **Lion Bobby Mullins**
ATTENDANCE: **Lion George Thompson** was present so he won \$5. **Lion Chris Pachana's** name was drawn last week so if he's here today, he wins!
LOTTO: **Lions Dick Maggio** and **John Farrar** won the Lotto.

Marble Malarkey

Lion Dick Maggio tried his hand at the lucky marble but didn't pick it so the pot continues to grow. Good luck to this week's contestant!

Lion Andy's Only 25

Hopefully **Lion Andy** is at the meeting today to receive his 25 year pin. **Lion Andy** has been involved in various projects with the Club, the latest was the production of the Installation of Officers skit. For those who missed it, it was great. He also recently arranged for the tour and excellent meal at the Oxnard Rescue Mission. He is best known as the Noontimers Chaplain (isn't that an oxymoron?). Congratulations **Lions Andy!**

Fire Investigator Con't

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Inspector Tuitama briefly discussed the impact the Wagon Wheel proposed development would have on the Fire Department (proper training and equipment, etc.).

Thanks to Inspector Tuitama for a very informative talk.

USE YOUR BUDDY LIST EACH WEEK. GIVE ANY CHANGES IN TELEPHONE NUMBERS TO LION STEVE (SCSABEDRA@AOL.COM)

District Cabinet Meeting & Training

There is still room available for the Cabinet training session being held on Saturday, August 18 at De Anza School. There is an informal dinner at the Wedgewood Inn at Buenaventura Golf Course on Friday, August 17. Talk with **Lion Toby** about signing up for this event or go to the District 4A3 website (www.lions4a3.org) for the agenda.

Speakers and Your Input

Lion Bobby Mullins is working on the schedule of speakers for our meetings. He asked for input from the members for topics and potential speakers. Maybe a committee of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Vice Presidents could work together for the speaker's program. It would give the 2nd and 3rd training for when they become the 1st Vice President. Remember, if you have met someone interesting, let **Lion Bobby** know.

Lazy Susan and the Pope

What does a Lazy Susan located in the Pope Room of Buca di Beppo, salad plates, a pizza plate, and three drinks have in common? Sounds like the start of joke doesn't it. No, it all happened at the get together dinner at Buca di Beppo. **Lion Mike Plisky** couldn't resist turning the Lazy Susan with the bust of the Pope in an acrylic box around and around. Well centrifugal force took over and the plates that were on the Lazy Susan ended up knocking over **Lion Ev Batey's** drink. Next time, **Lion Chris** grabbed the last piece of pizza (he did ask if anyone wanted it) and put the pizza plate back on the cans on the Lazy Susan and turned it towards **Lion Mike's** direction. Well, it was like slow motion. . . turning, slipping pizza plate, and then all of a sudden **Lion Mike** moved faster than anyone has seen in a LONG time. The pizza plate slide off the cans, knocking over two glasses of ice cold water into **Lion Mike's** lap. Mabi remained very cool and calm. Guess this happens a lot at dinner time! A good time was had by everyone who attended (**Lions Bobby Mullins** and Marsha, **Mike** and Mabi Plisky, **Chris** and Christine Pachana, **Ev** and Stella Batey, and **Steve** and Sara Sabedra). We talked about other places to try for the next outing. Will let you know the when and where later. Thanks **Lion Chris** for this outing.



July 27	Regular meeting
August 3	Regular meeting
August 10	Regular meeting
August 11	Lion Mike Plisky's Birthday
August 17	Regular meeting
August 17	Cabinet Dinner at Wedgewood Inn
August 18	Cabinet Training Sessions, De Anza School