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Lion President Carol Mares

President's Message

Wow! What a wonderful time of the year. The beautiful colors of autumn and the crispness in the air prepare us for the holidays ahead.

In the spirit of celebration, the L.A. Host joined with our adopted school, Logan St. to recognize Veterans Day/Flag Day. We all had a good time celebrating with the children and the staff. We are fortunate to have a great connection with several community organizations among them the Salvation Army Red Shield Youth Center who hosted us for an onsite meeting. In November, we welcomed one more new Lion, Esmirna Valencia.

Recently I had the opportunity to visit Washington, DC. While there I visited Congressman Adam Schiff and thanked him for the US flag that now flies over Logan St. School. I also had a first time visit to the White House.

Happy Holidays, Lions—Let's Celebrate!
President Carol Mares



Our Newest Lion

On November 2, Esmirna Valencia was inducted by PIP Sid Scruggs at the Lions Leadership Forum. Dr. Fredy Perez was her sponsor. Welcome Lion Esmirna.

Veterans Day/Flag Day Recognition



On Friday, November 8, 2013, the LA Host Lions and our adopted school, Logan St. Spa School held a joint activity celebrating Veterans Day and Flag Day. The staff and the children all received small flags. The children sang patriotic songs and everyone enjoyed the school assembly. We had 8 Lions attending: Ari Bessendorf, Nile Conner, Marion Douglas, Nancy Lucero, Gil and President Carol Mares, Eva Meja, and Linda Zahradka.



President Carol at the White House

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Regular meetings are held at noon on the second and fourth Fridays at Taix Restaurant, 1911 Sunset Blvd. unless scheduled meeting at onsite location. See below.

Programs

December 2013

Friday, December 6

Annual Holiday Luncheon
11:30 a.m. Millennium Biltmore Hotel

Special Event: Saturday, December 14 Echo Park Community Parade 11 a.m.

Echo Park Sunset Blvd.

Wednesday, December 18

Board Meeting
12 Noon Good Shepherd Center

January 2013

Thursday, January 9

Program: Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation
12 Noon Taix Restaurant

Wednesday, January 15

Board Meeting
12 Noon Good Shepherd Center

Thursday, January 23

Program: L.A. City Councilman District 13
Mitch O'Farrell
6:30 p.m. Taix Restaurant



*May
God
Bless
America*

From Santa Claus, Himself

By Lion Dick Radl

'Other day Reindeers Donner, Blitzen demanded a talk, also represented Dancer, Prancer, Dasher, Vixen, Cupid, Comet, Said big mutual problem, must put thought upon it, Said world has changed, Christmas Eve dangerous, scary Hints of wars , ballistic missiles in skies - be wary Said Tradition now too dangerous, wiser to skip Said Why be a causality on needless, fatal trip? I said all of life's a risk, Good tangled in with the Bad If we evaded responsibility millions of children would be sad Reindeer all listened, consulted, voted, affirmative nod of each head Eagerly told me "Let's get ready, let's hook up the sled"!!

LEOS CORNER

What an incredible year and how fast it has flown. With the Holidays upon us it is a time for us to reflect, review, and reaffirm. We reflect on our activities of the year and review the results of those activities. Our participation with the Leos this last year has been a very positive experience for us and those we touched along the way. Whether it is handing out balloons at parades, assisting with eyemobile visits, or participating in the "Great Gatsby" Malibu Extravaganza round table, we were involved and feel blessed to have done so. All of our experiences were very positive and reaffirm our desire to continue our participation with the Leos and we look forward to future service to our community as Lions.

Your Leos wish you the Happiest of Holidays and a Wonderful New Year!

Lion Donn Angelos

Reminder: Exciting New Schedule for

LA Host Lions Club in 2014

Mark your 2014 Calendars Now!!

Club Meetings and Times

Second Thursday at 12 noon

Fourth Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Place: most meetings Taix Restaurant

Consult **Upcoming Programs & Events** each month in *LA Host Herald* (p2) for venue

THE LIONS SHARE:

The gift of flowers is many times given during the Holiday Season. Sometimes it is difficult to make an arrangement look good from all sides while placing the flowers in an arrangement. Solution: Work in front of a mirror and you will be able to see what you are doing all the way around.

Lion Donn Angelos

Happy Birthday

Birthstone: Turquoise & Zircon

December 01

Linda Zahradka-Conner

December 14

Rose Himrod

December 17

Dudley Lang

December 27

Donn Angelos

December 31

David Bermudez

LA Host Board Meeting November 18, 2013 Highlights

In attendance were: Carol Mares, Dick Radl, Fredy Perez, Gilbert Mares, Nile Conner and Linda Zahradka.

The attendance for the Christmas Party was discussed. A motion was made to ask a Leo from each club to attend at the expense of the club. It was passed.

The need for an orientation for the new members was discussed.

A Facebook page for L.A. Host was discussed. Mateo Gomez will be asked for his expertise.

There should be thank you notes for the Great Gatsby sent to Donn Angelos and Debbie Gates and Irene Lewis. Dr. Marwah will also be sent an appropriate thank you.

It was announced that Joel Pressman had passed away.

Dr. Perez is in charge of setting up the new meeting dates at Taix for 2014. Thursday, January 23, 2014 will be our first night meeting at 6:30. The membership will be reminded about the fact that the first meeting in February will be on a Friday for the Student Speaker's contest.

A report was given about the Flag Day ceremony at Logan Street Elementary School. Eight members attended.

We have to pick up the food for the Christmas Baskets on the same day as the Echo Park Christmas Parade, December 14. The frozen chickens will have to be kept in freezers. Those receiving the baskets will have to provide utility bills which are also in the school office.

The Student Speakers Contest was discussed. The Board was reminded that we need three judges and two tellers as well as a door guard.

There was a motion to give LCIF \$250.00 for the Philippine Disaster Relief from the Charity account. The motion was passed.

L.A. Host Happenings:

During the month of December we will celebrate and participate in several different events:

On **Friday, December 6**, we will host our annual holiday luncheon. This yearly gathering is a wonderful activity in which the L.A. Host gathers to give our contributions to our Lark Ellen Foundation charities. The event is held at the elegant Millennium Biltmore Hotel. This will be the 38th year that we will be entertained by the Beverly Hills Madrigal Singers. See you at the Biltmore.

Once again our club has been invited to participate in the Echo Park Community Holiday Parade. It will be held on **Saturday, December 14** on Sunset Blvd. We will have the opportunity to mingle with the community of Echo Park that we serve. Our Leos will walk with us waving to the crowd and giving candy to the children along the route. We invite all of our club members to come out and march in this fun event. Please wear your club shirts.

On **Thursday, December 19**, we will go to Logan St. School and distribute Holiday food baskets to

50 needy families. This year we are partnering with El Centro del Pueblo who is assisting us with the food baskets. We look forward to helping some families to have a happier Holiday Season.

For the last several years District 4 L-1 has invited all our clubs to participate in decorating the Lions Club International Rose parade float. This year's entry will be part of the 125th Rose Parade. We have 2 opportunities to decorate, **Saturday, December 7 and Friday, December 27**. If you are interested in participating, please let President Carol know so that she can notify our contact, Ross Adams. Come join in the fun of seeing some parade floats and decorating our LCI entry. See you in Pasadena.

Spanish Phrase of the Month:

En diciembre Santo Claus viene a visitar a todos para Navidad.



In December Santa Claus visits all of us for Christmas.

Lions Websites

L.A. Host: www.la-lion.tripod.com
Lions Clubs Int'l: www.lionsclubs.org
MD-4 Lions: www.md4lions.org
District 4-L1: www.district4L1.org

About our Members

More Lions Language: What Is "AC"?

Last time I wrote on this forum, I talked about this new Lions language I immersed myself in learning. I left off with the AC expression. The first time I heard the expression my mind starting twisting and turning trying to figure out what in the world it meant. I asked some of my 2VDG's colleagues and they were just as lost as I was. It wasn't what most commonly you would associate with the AC abbreviation. It was not Alternating Current, Air Conditioner or the chemical symbol for Actinium. AC is something MD4 (Multiple District 4) came up with to describe your companion or spouse and stands for "Adult Companion". Now, to me an adult companion sounds like either someone minding a young child or a very old person. I'm neither one, but for the time being, Esmirna is my AC. She has totally embraced that role to the point that she really put it to work while I convalesced from my foot surgery a few weeks ago. She totally took care of me and I'm beginning to like it.

Dr. Fredy



Two snowmen were standing next to each other in someone's front yard. Snowman one says to snowman two, "Funny, I smell carrots too!"

Did you hear about the poor guy that lost his whole left side? He's alright now.



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