



Luncheon Meetings
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✓ **Christmas Luncheon: Thursday, December 15th**
- ✓ **Santa Paws Run: Saturday, December 17th**
- ✓ **FIS Sight Clinic, Saturday, January 7th at the James O. Jessie Center.**
- ✓ **MD4 Convention: February 10th - 12th. For details, contact Lion Cathy.**
- ✓ **Student Speaker Contest: February 9th.**
- ✓ **District Convention: May 4th - 7th, Aquarium Casino Resort in Laughlin. Please see Lion Cathy for details and registration information.**

NEXT MEETING

Our speaker will be William Pllum, who is the Recreation Program Coordinator at the James O. Jessie Unity Center. He will talk about his role there and his book, *Catching Dreams*, which came out in 2012.

LAST MEETING

Lions President Dave welcomed District Governor Rob Manning and his wife Lucy. With them were 1st VDG Mike Jones, 2nd VDG Bill

Hannon, and Region Chair Ron Charleston and his wife Vita.

Other guests were PDG Jim Snyder, his wife Vivian and a friend, PDG Dan from Colorado. The Snyders have worked McCormick's for 3-4 years now. Another guest was Lion Merleen Smith, from the Simi Valley Lions Club. She has just moved to town and is interested in joining our club.



Most of the meeting was devoted to District business, but we did get a brief report from Lion George about our two fundraisers. McCormick's netted nearly \$10,000, while the golf tournament lost money due to a low turnout. Lion Bill said that he was already working on making it profitable next year.

President Dave also announced a roast for former Lion Gary Jeandron, a Community Leader and Recipient of the Distinguished Citizens of the Year Award. Host will be Lion Ron Dale. The event will benefit the Boy Scouts. It will be held Tuesday, December 13th at the Classic Club in Palm Desert. Lion Phil suggested that we get a table.

DG Rob spoke about the importance of keeping our “brand” alive, which is Vision. He also mentioned the four Centennial Projects for LCI: Youth, Hunger, Environment, and Vision. The goal of LCI is to help 200 million people with eye care by the end of next year. That goal is very close to being reached.

Some of our members were honored at the meeting. DG Rob named two members chosen by our club for their extra effort in Lionism this year, Carol Anderson for her work with Kidsight and chairing the Student Speakers Project, and Lion Bill Bradford, for his work on the golf tournament and taking over the job of Membership Chair.



Lion Bill received another bit of good news at the end of the meeting when he won the Free Lunch ticket!

Also, the 100% Secretary pin was awarded to Lion Secretary Cathy.



Also honored for their years of service were: Lions Erwin Null (55), David Darrin (15), Bryan Kocen (25), Gene Williams (35), Phil Burney (35), Randy Watkins (35), and Shirley MacDowell (15).

President Dave presented DG Rob with a check for \$500 for his Governor’s Project: California Friends in Sight.

1st VDG Mike Jones spoke about his upcoming tenure as District Governor. He is looking for active Lions to serve in his Cabinet, specifically, a Desert Region Chair. His theme for the year is “Imagine the Possibilities: Make it Happen.”

He also announced the dates of the Leadership Institute, which is March 4th through the 6th. Half of the \$300 fee will be paid by the District.

2nd VDG Bill Hannon let us know that new and younger members are needed. The average age for Lions in the US is 71, while in Asia, it’s 33. Go figure! Suggested we include attracting families in our planning, something Lion Bill is already doing.

Lion Hannon spent most of his time on selling the Centennial merchandise he brought with him. The Lions float, commemorating 100 years of service, will be the most expensive, costing \$150,000. He had several items for sale: hoodies (\$45), Jacket (\$65), hats (\$20), polo shirts (\$40), centennial pin (\$10), and a badge (\$100). Lion Mike Latulippe purchased the badge for our club in honor of Lion Gary, who has been doing the heavy lifting for him.

NOTE: Lion Cathy has an order form so if you want to order any of the items above, please give her your check and item size.

SIGHT CLINIC

The signup sheet is available for the clinic. We still need volunteers to sign up for either the morning or afternoon shift, and the coffee service in the morning. The FIS crew will be here around 7:15 so we need to be ready!

