



The Lions Tale

SAN PEDRO LIONS CLUB -- 82 YEARS OF COMMITMENT

April 14, 2005

Calendar

April 14th - 7:00 pm - Board meeting. Wayne Bettis's Office, State Farm Insurance, 350 West 5th St., Suite 205, San Pedro, CA 90731.

April 21st - 12:10 pm - Regular meeting. Ante's Restaurant, 729 South Palos Verdes St., San Pedro, CA 90731.

April 28th - 6:30 pm - Tri Club meeting with the Harbor City/Lomita and Wilmington Lions Clubs. 6:30 pm Social. 7:00 pm dinner. Ante's Restaurant, 729 South Palos Verdes St., San Pedro, CA 90731.

May 5th - Special Membership Meeting. Ante's Restaurant, 729 South Palos Verdes St., San Pedro, CA 90731. Exact Time TBA

May 12th - 7:00 pm - Board meeting. Location TBA

Frank V. Trani

Lion Frank Trani passed away on April 4th. Lion Frank had been a loyal member of the San Pedro Lions Club for over 62 years. He was born in San Pedro on May 12, 1916 and lived his entire life in San Pedro. He graduated from San Pedro High School.

He established the Trani's Shoe System store where one could buy a new pair of shoes and have their old shoes repaired in the same store. Lion Frank specialized in custom fitting and modification of shoes to correct the cause of foot and shoe problems. He studied under Dr. William M. Scholl at the American School of Practipedics in Chicago, Illinois. Many people walked a lot better and pain free thanks to the skill and work of Frank Trani.

Frank Trani was also very active in commercial real estate development and was very instrumental in the original development along the west side of Western Avenue along with other areas of Southern California.

Lion Frank Trani was a lifetime member of Mary Star of the Sea Church and served as an usher. He was also a 4th degree Knight of Columbus, a member of the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Business Men's Association, Chairman of Off Street Parking, and Chairman of the Blood Bank.

He will be greatly missed.

Our prayers and thoughts are with the Trani family.



Mr. and Miss San Pedro Contest

The Mr. & Miss San Pedro Scholarship Contest for teens and young adults begins this week! The contest begins April 11th and will run through May 25th.

Your help is needed! If you know of any prospective contestants, for further information, or to help in this great contest where "everyone wins", please call Lion Dave Staley at 310-833-5780 or Lion Sandra Prebanda at 310-514-2629. Call today; your help is needed to make this contest a great success! - Dave Staley

May Membership Meeting

There will be a membership orientation and education meeting and dinner on May 5th at Ante's Restaurant. All aspects of Lionism will be discussed.

It is extremely important that all San Pedro Lions Club members attend this meeting. Please mark your Calendar now and reserve Thursday evening, May 5, 2005 for this event.

District Convention

The 4-L3 District Convention will be held on May 12th to 15th at the Santa Maria Radisson Hotel in beautiful Santa Maria, California.

This year's convention is within easy driving distance with a beautiful trip up the coast. For further information and a registration form, please contact Lion Tom Dorsey at 310-831-6245.

Student Speaker Contest

Last Tuesday, April 5th, I was privileged to witness the District 4-L3 68th Annual Southern Region Student Speaker Contest. The contest was held at El Pollo Inka Restaurant in Gardena. There were a total of three competitors in all. However, our contestant, Deborah Ruiz, was unable to participate due to doctor's orders regarding a recurrent throat condition. The two remaining competitors gave superb speeches on this year's topic, "Is Attitude the Key to Success?" Each contestant was able to develop their speaking styles and presentations along with learning about working with service organizations.

While the judges were tabulating the scores we were treated to a tasty dinner of salad, chicken and rice. In a show of good sportsmanship, Deborah attended to support her fellow competitors and was awarded a certificate of participation.

The next contest will be held on Saturday, April 23, 1:30p.m. at the Shriners Hospital for Children (Auditorium) 3160 Geneva St., Los Angeles. - Susan Dorsey

You can contact Lion Tom or Susan at 310-831-6245. Our Fax number is 310-831-6076 or send e-mail to tomd@sanpedro.net. Thank you.