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LION GARY DOUPNIK CALLED AWAY - LOOMIS LIONS MOURN LOSS

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Lion Gary was featured last month in the Bud Nobili column, The Interview. He was cited for his athletics, skills in accounting, his business acumen, philanthropy, and his long community service

Athlete, family man, business leader, philanthropist, and Lions member, Gary Dean Doupnik died on 3 April surrounded by family and friends. He was 79.

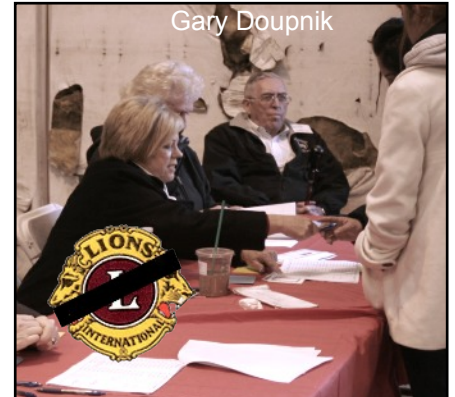
Gary, sponsored by Lion Gerry Nash, became a Lions member on 1 June, 2007.

Lion Gary, born and raised in Kansas, completed his studies in accounting while earning a reputation as a Kansas State College high hurdles track star. He married fellow college student Betty Taylor in 1956. After a few years in Kansas, they moved to California in the early 1960s and settled in Loomis in 1976. They raised a daughter and 3 sons. They had 9 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Gary located a modular home manufacturer for sale in Loomis in the 1970s and invested his money there. The business, under Gary's leadership, shifted from modular homes to constructing portable classrooms. During the 1980s and 1990s, the Doupnik operation employed about 150 people and produced 300 classrooms a year. His records show that his company placed more than 20,000 classrooms on school grounds throughout Northern California and elsewhere.

One example of Lion Gary's generosity was his annual involvement in the area's 'Christmas Basket' program. This was a special project designed by him to which he committed his cavernous factory buildings and hosted the delivery of donated Christmas gift boxes. Behind his demonstrated good will was his ability to rally the community to help him support the nearly 400 needy families at Christmas.

The Loomis Lions Club members set up a club display booth during the reception following church services on 9 April. They also remembered him during their 15 April meeting in which the club bell was tapped gently during the club standing in silence.



Gary Doupnik

IMPORTANT COMING EVENTS

Three important events and dates which Loomis members should remember and attend if possible are these:

- May 9-11, San Ramon, Dist. Convention
- June 17, Loomis, Installation of Officers
- July 4-6, Toronto, Can, LCI Convention



Club President Henry Schneider at booth



Lion Gary's vest on display

TOWN MANAGER SEEKS ADDITIONAL SEWER SYSTEM TO ALLOW FOR NEW COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL NEEDS

Construction of new buildings require expanded sewer line says manager

Loomis town manager, Rick Angelocci, attended the club's second meeting of the month on 15 April at the Secret Ravine

Vineyard and Winery. He spoke on what he envisioned as important goals for the community.

Interstate 80 on one side and two new shopping centers nearby, including Walmart and Target.



Rick Angelocci

He addressed the economy and announced the town has been operating in the black for several years and would remain solvent in the foreseeable future.

He noted that most towns and cities in California and elsewhere were deeply in debt and he was proud that Loomis had stayed within its several budgets.

He described prime acreage in the community as approved for commercial needs and had the

He identified a second commercial acreage on Horseshoe Bar Road called Turtle Island that has drawn strong investor interest as a tourist attraction.

Manager Angelocci pointed to the need for a new sewer line to serve the needs of the several commercial properties and the construction of new residences across the community, as well. "The town can't build another business or residence until we have enlarged our sewer system, Manager Angelocci said.

Rick Angelocci was invited to speak to the club by President Henry Schneider.



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THE INTERVIEW

with bud nobili

Born and raised in England, Lion Malcolm Singer retired many times before meeting his future wife Lion Valeria on an 'Outback' tour of Australia - Today they are active members in the club

Upon meeting Malcolm Singer, one might wonder where his loyalties lie. He speaks with a definite English accent, regularly travels to England, proudly wears the American Flag on his vest and sings God Bless America with the rest of the Loomis Lions at meetings. Truth is, his English roots are deep and he is still paid by the Queen but loves living in America and formally became an American Citizen in 2009.

Malcolm was born in London but the family moved to Surrey in 1940 to avoid being bombed by German Airplanes during WWII. This maneuver didn't work as the German 'planes fleeing from the Spitfires dumped their bombs over their new house, so they moved again to the small country town of Reigate, which is located about 20 miles south of London.

The population was about 40,000 and the town dated back to the early 1600's. It even had the remains of a medieval castle. Malcolm spent his youth here and attended the Reigate Grammar School, which was founded in 1668 and still exists today. The school was for boys only and students attended from the age of 12 to 18. At age 16 and 18 there were examinations, which, if passed, qualified the students for attendance at a University.

It was common practice for graduates to join the Army where they were frequently commissioned but Malcolm was bored with education and didn't fancy being a foot soldier, so he left school early and enlisted in the royal Air Force. (He thought the Air Force Uniforms were classy and would assure plenty of dates for a handsome airman). While he was qualified to train as a commissioned officer he chose instead to enter a technical field where his interests were. This proved to be a wise career choice for him as he ended his working life as a Fellow of the Institute of Engineers and Technicians, a Fellow of the Institute of Scientific and Technical Communicators, and a Member of the Chartered Institute of Public Relations.

For many years his Air Force specialty was installing and commissioning landing and navigation aids.

He said he actually traveled to every County in England during his first years in the service. He was in Australia for 3 years, attached to the Royal Australian Air Force, and spent another 3 years in the Far East where his work took him to Singapore, Malaysia, Borneo, and Hong Kong and frequently to the Maldives Islands in the middle of the Indian Ocean. He never knew where he would be next and somewhere along the way he picked up a Commendation from the

Commander-in-Chief Far East Air Force. After returning from the Far East he was sent on a NATO posting on the island of UNST, just south of the Arctic Circle. During the summer it never got dark and in the winter it was just plain miserable. While theoretically in the UK he spent a lot of time in the Persian Gulf working in Dubai, Sharjah, and Masirah. His last overseas tour was on the island of Malta with his new wife. His final 6 years in the military were spent writing technical manuals for the Air Force, working with civilian contractors. He claims this was pure gravy because he didn't even have to wear his uniform to work.

On retiring after 22 years Malcolm



Malcolm

held the rank of Chief Technician and was at the top of the promotion ladder. He was told that if he stayed in the Air Force he would be put forward for Commissioning as an Officer and he would be required to serve for either another 7 or 15 years. Because of his now growing family, Malcolm chose to call it quits instead and he retired at age 40.

In 1966, while on leave in England, Malcolm was fortunate to meet an attractive lady who was a friend of a family member, and this soon blossomed into a serious romance. It was a long distance courtship and Malcolm and Andrea would become husband and wife in 1967. The marriage produced 2 sons who still reside in England with their wives and they each have 2 children. Malcolm and Andrea enjoyed 31 years together until, in 1998, she passed away after a very sudden bout with cancer.

Malcolm's retirement from the service was short lived as he immediately started working at a PR company for major electrical firms in England. He worked his way up to Executive Director then, after 6 years, he joined another firm as PR

Director. He held this position for 3 years and was then persuaded by his clients to start his own business, a marketing and communications Company. The company wrote numerous articles on 'high tech' subjects, which appeared in National and International newspapers and technical publications. They produced material for use not only in Europe but also in the USA and they worked in many languages.

He acquired a small consumer agency in the 1990s where he produced editorial and advertising material for a variety of publications, including Vogue and Vanity Faire Magazines. In 1999, after Andrea's death, he shut down the business and entered into retirement for the second time.

But the rocking chair was not to be. An old client from the United States asked him to help them with a "Special Project". He would have to go on a world tour to interview agencies, with a view to them handling PR for the client in that country. This was no around the world in 80 days event. It turned out to be a whistle stop tour that circled the globe in only 8 days. He claims he slept for three straight days to make up for the time changes he made during the tour.

Shortly after, another American Company, located in Boston, wanted his services. He claims they offered him so much money that he couldn't pass on the deal. His task was to advise on setting up the client's European operation. He had a 1-year contract but, after only 6 months of frustration over the direction the client was taking, he resigned and bought a Jaguar! He says that the company eventually lost well over a million dollars as a result of not following his suggestions.

Tired of the demands on his time, he retired for the third time and decided to return to Australia. On his second or third trip "down under" he decided to take a tour up to Alice Springs. The tour bus only had 16 people on it and they all got to know each other pretty well during the trip.

One passenger, Valeria, was visiting from Roseville, California and the two struck up a friendship. Val had recently retired from the California State Dental Board and the two kept in touch after the vacation. They hit it off so well that Malcolm made a decision to check out what living in the US would be like. He fell in love with Valeria and the California way of life and they were married in 2004.

The Singer home is located in Lincoln, California and both Malcolm and Valeria are active members of the Loomis Lions Club. Word is, Val wanted to join to see what was so much fun at those two

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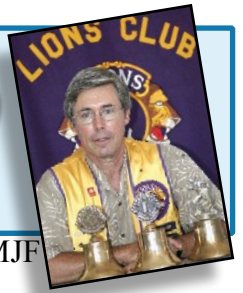


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Tuesday luncheon meetings he was always talking about. The Club was delighted to have her as a member as she does a great job of keeping Malcolm out of trouble and on task. Both of them have proved to be reliable and responsible Lions who give freely of their time to service projects.

The year 2009 marked a major milestone for Malcolm and the Lions Club celebrated his formal swearing in as an American Citizen. He proudly wears the American Flag on his Lions vest but he still has that unmistakable "Brit" accent.

Serving as Club Treasurer for the past 4 years, Malcolm has done a remarkable job of keeping the club finances in line. His only complaint is when the Tail Twister wants all fines paid in pennies and small change. He loves it when the bedpan that is used for collecting fines is turned in with paper only. Malcolm devotes a great deal of time to the Lions Club and he does this while serving in leadership positions with other volunteer organizations in the area.

He is in several veterans organizations and is currently serving as President of the Lincoln Hills Veterans Group. This is an honor that has never before been afforded to a Veteran of another country. He told me that he doesn't mind imposing a little of his English heritage when he describes this position. The members tell him he is not President, but 'King'.

Here's to you Malcolm; "Long Live the King."

Birthdays May

The months of May always finds the world a busy and changing place. Too many events to note here, of course, but do see these few worth recalling.

Golda Meir, one of the founders of Israel, was born. Born that month, as well, was Karl Marx of Russia. Loomis Lion Vicky Morris joined the world that month.

The Hindenburg airship exploded and the British passenger ship Lusitania was torpedoed by a German submarine.

May of 1893 experienced the great Wall Street crash driving many investors into poverty and others to suicide.

Lions Bov Christiansen and Bud Nobil had their backsides spanked and handed to their mothers this month.

Columbus sailed his three vessels across an unknown sea for the first time and discovered the island of Jamaica. Much later two railroads were connected at Promontory Point, Utah linking east with west on rails.

America declared war on Mexico in May 1846 when Mexican soldiers crossed into Texas at the Rio Grande.

CLUB'S PAST INTERESTS MIGHT NEED SOME RECONSIDERING

Soap Box Derby, Creation of a Leos Club, Park Lighting, Prison Visitation

Lions club programs of the past are mentioned here for discussion purposes. The first is the All-American Soap Box Derby generally scheduled for May.

In the recent past, the club's Derby car has been managed by Lion Russ Kelley and supported by Lions Tom Ward, Malcolm Singer, Dave Lucey, and others.

Some members are wondering if the club's car is ready to face the always competitive racers of the Placer County Sheriff and

the California Highway Patrol?

In April, 2012, the newsletter mentioned on its page 1 the possible formation of a Leos club from within a local Charter School.

The April article mentioned the club's board considered supporting a new club. Nothing was found in the later newsletters to show progress in this matter.

A third project considered important by the board for several years is

the lighting for the park pavilion on King Road. The club's help, through Lion Bud Nobili, has been refused in past years.

Perhaps the park officials would be receptive more today.

Last of the yet to be accomplished projects are the club's several attempts to visit the Folsom Project for the Visually Impaired.

Chaired by Lion Jack Morris, this visitation inside the walls of Folsom Prison can still be done.

Gerogia comes to mind . . .

WHY NOT MOVE TO A CHEAP STATE ASKS KIPLINGER?

Avoid California taxation by selecting a retiree-friendly environment

The majority of Loomis Lions Club members are retired and face their golden years living on past savings and fixed pensions. Like retirees everywhere, these members must adjust their day-to-day budgets while dealing with their fixed incomes and facing inflationary costs of living and increasing taxes.

The Loomis club is located in central California, a state known for its high taxation on income, property, gasoline, and added charges for such essentials as driver's licenses and other government services. For some members, moving out of California to escape the tax burden is occasionally the topic of discussion.

The question that follows discussion on moving frequently ends with the shoulder shrugs because of the lack of tax knowledge among some members.

Kurtis Droge constructed an analysis on taxes for Kiplinger that appeared in the Wall Street Cheat Sheet in September 2013. He named the eight best states for retirees with fixed incomes. The reader is correct if he assumed California was not among his top eight.

Droge listed his states by number as the best states in which to live relative to taxation. They are first, Alaska, then Wyoming, followed by Georgia, Arizona, Mississippi, Delaware, Nevada, and number 8, Louisiana.

In his words: "*Alaska has no state-imposed income or sales taxes. You heard that right, folks: No income taxes and no sales taxes are levied by the state. There are some small local sales tax fees averaging less than 2 percent and a property tax that, conveniently, the first \$150,000 of value is exempt for all homeowners above a certain age. If you're looking for the best deal for your money and you don't mind putting up with a little ice and snow,*

Alaska may be the retirement paradise you've been looking for."

Wait a minute! What about cost of living in Alaska? Before moving the family North to save on tax money, is it possible you lose the tax money saved through elevated expenses for such things as food and housing? Let's compare Loomis with living in Anchorage Alaska according to CNNmoney.

The CNN calculator reported that according to three required living expenses, Anchorage costs 13% more than living in Loomis. The actual cost differences included groceries 8%, housing 16%, and healthcare 27%. For some unknown reason Utilities were 13% lower in Anchorage than Loomis.

Many retirees avoid anything linked to ice and snow and want warmer climes. Georgia might fit the bill for its hospitality, warm temperatures, and . . . Its tax breaks.

According to analyst Droge sales tax rates in Georgia are mandated at 4 percent. Some municipalities do add slightly more to that figure. Property tax rates are low. Perhaps the biggest draw is the state's massive exemption on income tax for retirees, which figures to be \$65,000 per person, or twice that for a couple. All of these are reasons why members thinking about moving because of California taxation, would see Georgia as a solid choice.

What does CNNmoney say about living in Atlanta Georgia? When averaging the price differences in Atlanta with Loomis, along with warm sunshine and generous tax breaks, everything costs less by as much as 16%. Here are the 5 differences CNN used in their calculations: groceries 12% less, housing 34%, utilities 19%, transportation 8%, and health care 5% less.

The Georgia Peach never looked so good.



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Exercise, hard coffee, and fine wines, keeps the mind young, fights dementia, and even sweeps clean the bone marrow

Loomis Lion members commit to coffee and wine - exercise considered

Part of a good day's health regimen is thirty minutes of exercise. Another important part should be including two grown-up beverages with the daily intake of food. Most would say, "Yeah, I know! It's water, right?" Most certainly water, and lots of it, is always a part of the regimen. The two that RealAge.com cites for adults as beneficial in many ways are regular coffee and wine.



The wine part of the health effort is no surprise to Loomis Lions members. They enjoy fine wines at their meetings, during special events, and at their bi-annual crab feeds. It wasn't always so, some remember, until Secret Ravine Vineyard and Winery opened their winery to Lions as one of their two club houses.

These two adult beverages, one to wake up with in the morning and the other to help relax in the evening, may keep the mind young. According to research, these two beverages, when enjoyed in moderation, tend to delay or prevent the onset of Alzheimer's disease.

Morning regular coffee for many members is already a lifetime of enjoyment. Decafinated coffee does not provide these benefits. Both adult beverages seem to contain ingredients that could help ward off dementia. Animal studies show that something in coffee may help trigger the release of a special growth factor that recruits cells from bone marrow to help sweep out deposits known to cause Alzheimer's symptoms. The polyphenols in red wine may have similar benefits. The substances in coffee and wine may also help strengthen the brain thus warding off the effects of Alzheimer's plaques.

BRASS BELL, WOOD GAVEL, AND WALL BANNER SPECIAL IMPORT

There are 3 special displays that all Lions Clubs hold dear and guard against loss.

The brass bell with its engravings note important dates and sponsoring clubs.

The gavel, handed down from many club presidents, is used to clang the bell and open and close meetings.

The wall banner goes where ever the club gathers, conducts meetings, and at special events.

All three make up the club's trappings and its identity.

Occasionally visiting members make off with neighboring club's bells requiring losing members to do visitations for return of their property.

According to Article V, titled: Inter-club Activities in District 4-c5's handbook on bylaws, 'borrowing' is acceptable practice as long as the affected clubs follow Rules 1 through 8.

Loomis is believed to hold the District's record for the most club bells borrowed in one month's time. They held a special one day program in which the 3 clubs received their bells together.

ONE SHOT, ONE LIFE LIONS INITIATIVE NEARS GOAL OF ONE MILLION VACCINATIONS

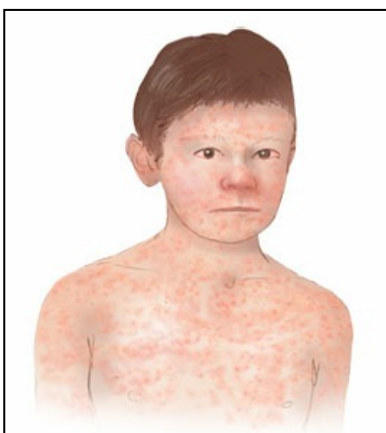
Rubeola was once life threatening in much of Europe and North America. A simple vaccine nearly stamped it out for the lucky millions with access to doctors and hospitals. Like diabetes with its many associated health problems, Rubeola too, has its terrible spinoffs including pneumonia, encephalitis, miscarriages, and low birth-weight in babies.

Rubeola, otherwise known as measles, is highly contagious. It is a respiratory disease caused by a virus. It can infect persons who chance on it by touching stair railings, door knobs, and hand towels; it remains an active virus for up to two hours.

Measles virus lives in the mucus in the noses and throats of infected persons. Should measles victims sneeze or cough in close quarters with persons not vaccinated, their spray of droplets quickly spread measles virus. The observable first signs of measles appear within two weeks of being infected.

Measles remains a common disease in many countries throughout the world, including some developed nations in Europe and Asia. While the rubeola disease is almost gone in the United States, measles still kills nearly 200,000 people each year globally.

To counter and help eradicate measles, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) established the One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative. The LCIF announced that this year's 30-day challenge to raise US\$1 million for 1 million measles vaccinations is about to be reached thanks to the family of Abhey and Aruna Oswal and their matching grant of half a million dollars.



LOOMIS LIONS SALUTE FISHER FAMILY FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF VETERANS

Loomis Lions members are known for their volunteerism and services to the community and beyond. They recognize need and they move quickly to satisfy needs when they are uncovered. They also appreciate good will and service in other organizations and one of these organizations is the Fisher House Foundation.

Fisher House Foundation is a network of comfort homes where military families stay at no cost while loved ones receive treatments. The homes are located at major U.S. military and VA medical centers nationwide and close to the medical centers and hospitals they serve. Fisher Houses have up to 21 suites, with private bedrooms and baths. Families share a common kitchen, laundry facilities, dining and living rooms. There is never a family fee for these lodgings.

The Foundation also operates the Hero Miles Program using donated frequent flyer miles and hotel points to bring family members to the bedside of injured service members. It also manages a grant program to support other military charities and scholarship funds for affected children of the military.

Where do the necessary millions of dollars come from to make all these Foundation-related projects possible?

Fisher House was the dream and design of builder and philanthropist Zachary Fisher and his wife Elizabeth. The first Fisher House opened in Bethesda, Maryland in June 1990. The program now consists of more than 60 houses located near veteran Affairs hospitals and military installations across the country and in Europe. From these locations, Fisher House serves more than 19,000 military families per year. The Fisher House program plans to build several more lodging facilities to complete its nationwide support network. Fisher House founder Zachary Fisher died in 1999.



Zachary and Elizabeth

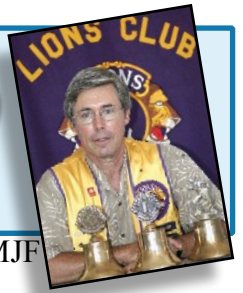


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SCOUT TROOP 12

Scout Aiden Sacco, Reporter

Official Troop 12 Liaison to Loomis Lions Club



Recent Scout Events

The scouts of Troop 12 helped out with the national Scouting for Food program, went to the Exploratorium and trap shooting.

Every year the scouts around the country collect food for local food banks and pantries in a national program called Scouting for Food. The Troop 12 scouts and other Troops and Cub Scout Packs in Loomis, walked around the community collecting non-perishable foods to donate to the Loomis Basin Food Pantry. All together, over 1,000 cans were collected. That was a huge accomplishment and the scouts had a blast participating.

The big event of the period was trap shooting. The scouts traveled to the Auburn Trap Club on Friday, March 14 and set up camp for the night at the club. The scouts played football and found many clay pigeons on the range. Some ate S'mores around the camp fire and then headed to bed for an early morning of trap shooting. The next morning, instructors came down to the campsite to teach scouts range safety and how to shoot. They practiced aiming and following the bird and the proper stance for shooting trap. The scouts then practiced a couple of rounds shooting.

On March 22 the scouts went to the Exploratorium in San Francisco for the day. They parked about a mile away and walked to see things around the museum. Once at the Exploratorium, they broke into different groups to explore. They messed around with light, physics, sound and so much more. The scouts ate lunch near the water before going to Pier 39 to see the sea lions. Later, they stopped by a candy shop to get some ice cream. It was an educational day and a lot of fun as well.

The month of May includes preparation for Camporee in and a trip to Mt. Diablo for a weekend.



DEL ORO GUESTS ADDRESS NEEDS FOR CASH ASSISTANCE DURING APRIL CLUB MEETING

Three representatives from the Del Oro High School Jr Golden Eagles visited the Loomis Lions Club during its 15 April meeting inside the Secret Ravine Vineyard and Winery. They included Coach Timm Clegg, standing, and Mrs. Kristine Taylor, Left, and Coach Clegg's son, Jack, right in above photo.

Coach Clegg spoke about the team's winning of last years coveted award of first place in the Pop Warner California-wide football league. He mentioned his son, Jack, as performing extremely well as a member of the football squad.

Jack Clegg addressed the needs of the 2014 squad while emphasizing new uniforms were high on the squad's wants for the year.

Coach Clegg addressed the issues caused by extreme losses in funds due to criminal behavior in 2013. He said the losses are being investigated by law enforcement.

The Club President Henry Schneider told the three speakers that the club's board of directors would consider their request for assistance at their next meeting scheduled for 6 May at the Loomis Veteran's Memorial Hall.

SOME SAY NFLB WHITE CANE WEEK IN MID-MAY CONFLICTS WITH LIONS CLUBS OCTOBER PROGRAMS

White canes with red tips represent the loss of vision for persons with the canes. The canes also represent much of what Lions members stand for - helping the blind.

The National Federation of the Blind, a leading organization for the blind, has established the third week in May as "White Cane Week".

Lions Clubs generally reserve a day in October to display white canes during their donation drives.

The U.S. Congress sought to make mid-October as the time when white cane efforts would be held.

Perhaps the time has come when the National Federation, Lions Clubs, and the Congress, selected one day or week for all three organizations as the annual fund raiser for the blind.

How did 'White Cane' use get its start?

A man in England decided to paint his walking stick white because of local traffic and he is credited with making the cane the symbol of the blind. The year was 1921.

The idea caught on in Peoria Illinois in 1930 when the town's Lions Club adopted white canes and got them endorsed by the city council. Canes became white with a red tip at that time.

The idea spread among Lions Clubs around the world until the white stick with the red tip was commonplace and generally recognized by motorists.

Today, every state in the Union has traffic laws on the books granting white cane users right away when attempting to cross streets.



Young men pose in front of their community service



Two scouts load their bags of community donations

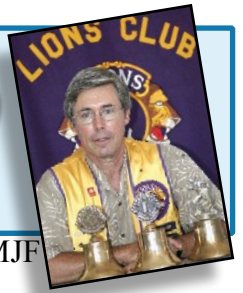


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Between 1869 and Today in 2014

BRIDGE LIFTS AND DETOURS IN LOOMIS FUTURE

Interstate-80 is about to have a face lift on a grand scale and some of the change will directly impact the town of Loomis. In fact, the town's primary intersection at Taylor and Horseshoe Bar Road will soon become a major traffic route for cars and trucks traveling between Reno and Sacramento.

The 'face lift' is more accurately called 'bridge lift' as some overpasses are lifted 18 inches and others require digging to create new foundations. Of the nine overpass constructions planned, 3 are located beside the town; they include Brace, Horseshoe Bar, and Penryn Road.

The work along I-80 between the communities of Magra and Loomis is deemed necessary by the federal government to improve national defense

and to keep oversized (tall) loads on the freeways and off side streets.

The overpasses are currently 15'6" high and need to be raised another 12 inches.

Caltrans told the Loomis Chamber at the chamber's March meeting that each over crossing will be closed to traffic for 17 to 22 days - depending on its location. I-80 will be kept open during construction at the 3 sites except for the 2 days each when freeway traffic is routed through Loomis. The actual vehicle use of Taylor Road for vehicle detour will occur during the hours of 11 p.m. and 5 a.m.

The first overpass construction begins between May and June 2014 with the 3 Loomis over crossings scheduled to be first for repair.



HOW MANY KEY CARDS HAVE YOU RETURNED TO THE FRONT DESK OR LEFT BEHIND IN YOUR HOTEL ROOM?

Ever wonder what data is on magnetic hotel door keys?

Answer:

- Guest names
- Partial home addresses
- Hotel room numbers
- Check-in/out dates
- Card numbers
- Expiration dates

When key cards are turned in to front desks the above personal information is available for employees to access using hotel scanners. Hotel employees can take used key cards home, and by using their own scanning devices, transfer information onto home computers.



Hotels do not erase the information on these cards until employees reissue cards to newly arrived hotel guests. At that time, new guest's data electronically over-writes the cards of previous guest's.

Security of used cards is poor to non-existent. Until cards are rewritten, they are kept within the control of many employees and in unsecured locations at front desks.

The bottom line is, on leaving, keep the key cards until at home where their destruction can be assured.

Safeguards to remember are these:

- Never leave key cards behind in the room or room wastebasket
- Never return used key cards to the front desk
- Never toss used key cards into trash cans in the hotel or at the airport

Hotel key cards, in the hands of identity thieves, can bring disaster to the traveler.

Key cards do much more than grant access to hotel rooms for travelers. Their stripes of data also provide criminal elements free access to other people's hard-earned cash.

Take key cards with you!

EDITOR'S DESK

A CAUSE TO REMEMBER

It takes medical skills, cash, teamwork, and dedication to bring a medical mission together. Few undertake such a venture and those that do, serve on the front line for people in great need. One mission from within District 4-c5 is in the planning stages as I write this column. Its first fund raiser is called Lumpia for a Cause hosted by the Sacramento Embarcadero Lions Club. The proceeds from the effort go directly to the Quirino Province vision, dental, medical, surgical and outreach mission scheduled for 14-21 February, 2015 in the Philippines.

Lumpia is a tasty, rolled little hors d'oeuvres suitable for birthdays, weddings, and holiday celebrations. Embarcadero Lions are selling them with two choices: chicken or pork veggie. Contact Lion Maryrose Barnhurst at this email address: quirinomicalmission2015@yahoo.com



NEW MEMBER NIGHT

Once a year District 4-c5 has a New Member Appreciation Dinner. For those joining during 2013-14, Governor Andy Anderson will chair a special dinner program at the Center for Employment Training, 8376 Fruitridge Rd., Sacramento, 95828.

To participate, contact 2VDG Lion Mike Retzlaff at this phone number:

(916) 225-8321

