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By John Seymour

Barbara Dotson is one of Stanton's leading ladies.

She is the first woman president of the 60-year-old Stanton Lions Club and daughter of the late Mayor and Councilman Harry Dotson.

Involvement with her father made Dotson a familiar figure at public events and in the community.

A lot of her time was spent in the background, but she was there. She gained a lot of involvement in the community.

Dotson said the Stanton Lions Club meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month from noon to 1 p.m. for a catered lunch cooked by Sara Neal.

"We like all kinds of people, and the more the merrier," said Dotson. "It's a good group of people."

"We're increasing our numbers."

"The common goal is to serve. We Serve is our motto. We're all here to help our local community. Our clubhouse is at 10581 Chestnut, near Cerritos and Beach."

Not only do the Lions have a clubhouse, but it is for rent for special events of all types.

"Contact Milt Blumenthal at 714-995-9831. He is a longtime member who is 91."

The Stanton Lions Club will be 60 years old Nov. 18. The club will have a party from 3-7 p.m. at Stanton City Hall, 7800 Katella Ave. The cost is \$20 per person.

Call Pat Schoonover, the treasurer, at 714-891-0740 for information or to make arrangements.

"We have a nice mix (of members), men and women and all ages," said Dotson, 53. "That's



Barbara Dotson (File Photo)

what makes it fun.

"It's our local community organization and our membership is representative of our local community."

Dotson has been a member of the club for two years, but has been around the club for many years because of her parents—Natalie

and Harry Dotson were married for 52 years.

"I was around the club for years with my dad, member Harry Dotson who served on the City Council and as mayor. He was an inspiration and a motivator, a motivating force in my life, inspiring me to serve. He was the reason for

Barbara Dotson Reigns
as Lions Club President