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CONGRATULATIONS MELVIN JONES RECIPIENTS

Ten outstanding Seal Beach Lions were honored at the annual Melvin Jones Dinner held at the Buena Park Hotel on January 9. A total of 24 Lions received Fellowships and Progressive Diamonds throughout the District with Seal Beach represented well with 23 Lions in attendance. Congratulations to Lions Maria Haley, PDG Ellen Liebherr, Les Shobe, Chardy Lang, Knute Fredholm, Seth Eaker, Tim Kelsey, Mike Gibbons, Ryan Ziegenbusch and Laura Ellsworth.

Lions International recognizes outstanding individuals by bestowing on them an award that is named for its founder, Melvin Jones. This Fellowship Award (LCIF) is the highest form of recognition and embodies humanitarian ideas consistent with the nature and purpose of Lionism. The recipient of this award becomes a model because of the exemplary service to his/her club and the community for which it serves.

CALENDAR

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| Feb 13 | Jo Jost @ Clancy's @ Dave's Other Place Social | Mar 6 | Miss Seal Beach Contest |
| Feb 17 | Lions General & Board Meeting @SB Yacht Club | Mar 9 | New Member Orientation – Beginner |
| Feb 19 | LAEF King & Queen of Hearts Ball | Mar 10 | Student Speakers Contest & Zone C Meeting |
| Feb 20 | CLFIS Sight Screening – Riverside | Mar 13 | Lifeguard Horseshoe Tournament |
| Feb 24 | Ronald McDonald House Dinner – Orange | Mar 16 | Lions General & Board Meeting @ SB Yacht Club |
| Feb 25 | Diabetes Awareness Education Project | Mar 17 | Lions Designated Driver Project |
| Feb 27 | CLFIS Sight Screening – Santa Paula | Mar 18 | Teen Recognition Dinner |
| Feb 27 | Cypress College Americana Awards | Mar 19 | CLFIS Sight Screening – Corona Sai Baba |
| Feb 28 | Cub Scout Pinewood Derby BBQ | Mar 19 | Eyes Across America Sight Rally |
| Mar 2 | Lions General Meeting @ SB Yacht Club | Mar 20 | Seal Beach Health Fair |
| Mar 2 | Read Across America Project @ McGaugh | Mar 22 | Region Meeting Student Speakers Contest |
| Mar 4-6 | Visitation – Ensenada Land Trip | Mar 22 | Ronald McDonald House Dinner Orange |
| Mar 5 | CLFIS Sight Screening Oceanside | | |
| Mar 5 | Orphanages of Thailand Leo Talent Show | | |



A Message from President Mike

We had a very busy holiday season and I want to thank all of the Chairmen and Lions who worked the 15 or so projects that served our community. The Christmas Parade was the best ever. No matter what we are doing, whether is it serving pancakes at Breakfast with Santa, selling Christmas trees at the Youth Center tree lot, or enjoying a cocktail at the Rossmoor Community Services Winter Beer and Wine Festival we always have fun while helping others.

The New Year's Day Polar Plunge was a blast. It was cold but a great way to start the New Year where we were able to support both Lion Chief Joe's Police Foundation and Lion Adriana, our candidate for Queen for the Los Alamitos Education Foundation King and Queen of Hearts Contest.

We are now into the second half of our Lion's year with new and exciting projects ahead for us. I encourage you all to get involved. We are all about SERVICE and we do a great job working together to better our community.

Glory Day's Features SB Lions



Lion Jack Deaton, owner of Glory Days, spent a good chunk of change to get our "centerfold" picture framed and has it proudly displayed for all to see at Glory Days. Give a visit to see it!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Under the lead of Chairman Mark Newton Lions and Leos got up early on December 12 to prepare a breakfast of pancakes, and fruit for about 550 people at the Marina Center.



PDG's Honored



Lion Ellen was honored along with all the other Past District Governors at the January District Meeting. Also in attendance were President Mike, Secretary Marcella, Region Chairman Gary, Diane Martin, Camille and Knute who was welcomed as one of the First Timers





BIRTHDAYS

February 14 Catherine Blumberg	March 25 Maria De La Cueva Lisa Meszaros
February 16 Robert Aguilar	March 26 Jim Klisanin Lee Melody
February 22 Randy Romberg	March 31 Pam Reddock
February 23 Nancy Barras	April 1 Molly Bounds
February 25 Beverly Bonney	April 5 Ashley Villarama Sue Onyan
February 28 Marcia Haley Barbara Savage	April 6 Richard Barbazette
March 2 Erik Dreyer- Goldman Amy Kaufman	April 8 Janice Tully
March 6 Sharon Amarantos	April 10 Mark Kavanaugh
March 7 Caity Brunjes Laura Keita	April 12 Nathan Berg
March 8 Aro Riley	April 13 Gary Sethi Joe Lopez
March 13 Jonathan Belding	April 17 Kraig Bekke Chad Strano
March 14 Robin Kemp	April 18 Ernie Wallner
March 17 Kathi McGoldrick Marlen Shaw	April 19 Kayla DeStefano Mike Whitley
March 19 Pat Tully	April 23 Gunny Schmaltz
March 22 Alan Chavez	April 24 Lara Edwards
March 23 Leanne Clark	April 26 Brian Warner
March 24 Beverly Lloyd	April 30 Dick Crosdale

Lions Get a Little "Sappy"

Lindsay Safe & Liz Sontag
Chairmaen



Several Lions got "sappy" helping out at the Youth Center Christmas Tree Lot. For the first three Wednesdays in December, Lions helped unload and stand three truckloads of trees at the Ganahl Lumber lot.



Lions Lindsay Safe and Liz Sontag chaired the project with the help of Scott Newton, Cassie Lindquist, Lee Lindquist, KC Coultrup, Frank Carvajal, Lauri Blanchard, Robert Aguilar, Jr., Alan and Lorraine Chavez, Mike Gibbons, Brad Barras, Mark Kavanaugh, Dino and Dora Syrengelas, Knute Fredholm, Marcella McSorley and Nikki Illingworth.

Flowers Everywhere!

Lions Knute Fredholm and Marcella McSorley joined Lions and Leos in Pasadena to help build the Lions Clubs International Rose Float.



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MAGICAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

By Chairman Scott newton

The 2015 Seal Beach Christmas Parade was a magical evening of hometown holiday spirit. We started on-time, the weather was great, and more than 14,000 spectators enjoyed the parade. There was a record number of 111 entries and 3,600 participants.

All the entries looked great and the judges had great difficulty picking the entry winners. The winners of this year's contest are:

- Best in Show: Fresh Cut Creative
- Judge's Choice: Anytime Fitness
- People's Choice: Seal Beach Animal Care Center
- Most Festive: Southland Credit Union
- Most Fun Humorous: Watersafe Swim School

More than 200 volunteered for this event including 120 Lions, 44 Leos, and volunteers from VIPS and other organizations.

This truly is a signature event for both the community and the Lions. The hometown spirit shines through at all levels including the entries, businesses, spectators and volunteers. While we continue to consider this a service project, entry fees and a growing list of sponsors helps put a few dollars in the charity fund after the event is completed.

A big thank you goes to all of the Lion volunteers who make this all happed with special thanks to vice chairs Seth Eaker and Tim Kelsey.



Seal Beach Holiday Party A Night of Fun

When Seal Beach Lions get together you can always expect it to be fun. This was the case at our annual Holiday Party where Chairmen Laura Ellsworth, Barbara Crossdale and Camille Romano did an outstanding job of putting it all together. About 100 people attended the event filled with fun lip syncing entertainment, great food and lots of libations.



Still the Happiest Place on Earth Even at 2AM

Ten Seal Beach Lions and more Leos that we could count braved the cold at Disneyland to prepare our water station at 2am in the morning. We passed out more than 4,000 cups of water to the runners - many of who were dressed in Star Wars costumes.



Seal Beach Lions Travel to Tijuana to help with California Lions Friends In Sight Screening



Lions Designated Driver Thursday - March 17th

We are all Irish on Saint Patrick's Day. Seal Beach Lions Designated drivers are needed on Main Street for this important annual event.

We need help beginning at 3pm through 11pm. We need drivers, passengers, sitters and people who enjoy a chuckle at the side effects of alcohol.

Seriously, we are saving lives by keeping people who had too much to drink off the road. We work with our police force to get people home safe.

Please give us a couple of hours for this very important project. You will walk away feeling proud for helping people get home safe.

We have several shifts available. We could really use the extra special warriors of the night that hang around at the end returning vans and cleaning up our corner.

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A Warm Welcome to our New Lions

Christina Allen
Jonathan Belding
Sloan Belding-Moore
Gretchen Bornhop
Stacy Byone
Leanne Clark
Rob Clark
Tracy Clark
JD Currey
Trish Diaz
Robert DiGregorio
Mary Hollen
Glenn Hughes
Kim Hughes
Gwen George
Bil Kahlert
Laura Kieta
Lisa Landau

Tamara Lang
Tim Liggett
Abby Mayer
Sean McCarthy
Breanne Olsen
Sue Onyan
Susie Perslow
Oz Santa Ana
Stan Sarkauskas
Grey Senneff
Elyse Avila Smith
Anna Spanton
Lloyd Ujerd
Doug Young
Natalie Wilson
Jim Whiteaker
Diane Yery

New Lions Attend Orientation

1st VP Lion Scott Newton held a new member orientation in January with a large number of enthusiastic new Lions in attendance.

His PowerPoint program is a quick and concise lesson in Lions 101. Facts about Lions Clubs International, Multiple District 4 and District 4-L4 are touched upon but more importantly it details what the Seal Beach Lions are all about.

At the end our new Lions were asked for new ideas for service projects and activities. Many came up with great projects which you will be hearing more about at future meetings.



Adriana Preciado Ziegenbusch, the 2015 Seal Beach Lion-of-the-Year, is passionate about serving her community and those in need. Her work with seniors, underprivileged youth and the Ronald McDonald House of Long Beach are closest to her heart. Mrs. Ziegenbusch has chaired the Lions Foundation Student Speaker Contest for the five past years, allowing Los Al students to compete with students across California for college scholarships.

Adriana is a proud graduate of Los Alamitos High School. Born in Long Beach, California, Adriana has many family members that have attended and currently attend schools within the Los Alamitos Unified School District. She is an insurance agent with Aflac in Los Alamitos and an Esthetician in Seal Beach.

Whether Adriana is turning her birthday into a fundraiser or singing mariachi songs, Adriana captures the hearts of those around her. She is honored to serve her school district and community as a Los Alamitos Education Foundation Queen of Hearts Candidate.

To vote for Adriana, go to www.laef4kids.org and click on events or mail a check to LAEF at P.O. Box 1210, Los Alamitos, 90720 (Write Queen Adriana in the memo). Every dollar of your tax-deductible donation counts as a vote!





Seal Beach Lions Support Student Speakers

A large crowd of 38 Lions and guests attended our club level Student Speakers Contest at the Mary Wilson Senior Center on February 11. The subject was **"Liberty and Justice for All" – What does it mean to you?** SB Leo Lindsay Torgerson was the winner. Runner-up Leos Loyalty Traster-Lee and Rebecca Gomez also gave impressive speeches. Congratulations to them all.



Pinewood Derby & Chili Cook-Off a Smokin' Hot Success

Not only was the chili spicy but the race cars at the Pinewood Derby and Chili Cook-off were pretty hot too.

Thank you Chairman Lion Mark and the Newton family for putting such a fun event together for us all.

There were probably 15 or so chili entries; all very different from one another. If this wasn't enough food, the Newton's made sure there was plenty of salad, corn bread and hot dogs to go along with them.

Lion Bruce won the overall best chili with Margie taking second, Lion Ray third and Lion Lindsay getting the prize for "most off the wall" chili.

There were a number of trophies given out for the derby but no one can agree on who won what so we congratulate Dino, Jim, Marcella, Knute, Inger and anyone missed here for whatever you won.

Adding the pinewood derby to our annual chili cook-off was a stroke of genius by our President Mike. Boys and their toys!

