



# Seal Beach Host Lions Club

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## President's message:

Our 70th Anniversary celebration has come and gone and what a celebration it was. I would like to thank Lion Jackie Maloney and her very capable and talented group of volunteers for making the celebration a truly memorable one. Lion Jackie's team did a superb job of setting up the event at St Anne's parish hall. The facility was decorated beautifully in the theme of "That's Amore" splendid Italian style. The Food which was catered by Finbar's Italian

restaurant was very tasty. I wouldn't know but I heard that the beer and wine were great also. We had entertainment provided by James King who did a great job of getting everyone dancing and at times singing along.

Lion Bruce Gormley led off the evening as the master of ceremonies - tuxedo and all. Many dignitaries were on hand including Congressman Rohrabacher who presented the Club with a special Certificate of Congressional Recognition to celebrate our 70th anniversary. The Seal Beach Naval Weapons base commander was present along with the City of Seal Beach's District One city council member Charles Antos. There were also many members of our Host Club, Huntington Beach in attendance. I was very surprised when His Most Holy Excellency the Holy Father, the Pope showed up to congratulate our Club on our anniversary. One of the best moments of the night was when His Excellency put his arm around St. Anne's Father Bob and told him that he had heard that Father Bob was doing an excellent job and to keep up the good work. Later in the evening Lion Scott made a presentation on early history of the Seal Beach Host Lions club in his own inimitable style.

Our club has been receiving congratulations from many people and at our next meeting on April 1 (April fool's Day) and this is no joke; a representative from Congressman Tom Harman's office will present our Club with another congratulatory proclamation. On Monday March 23 the City of Seal Beach City Council also presented our Club with another proclamation recognizing our 70th anniversary. All in all it has been a very rewarding but hectic month. Thanks to all of the members who have made it so.

Thanks again for all the hard work this past year

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Ray

**Meeting schedule:** First and Third Wednesday of the month. Meetings begin at 7pm sharp and are held at 'The Lone Star SteakHouse', 6575 E. Pacific Coast Highway, Long Beach, CA

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## Club Calendar

Wednesday, April 1, 2009, General Meeting and Board Meeting, Lone Star Steak House 7 PM

Sunday, April 5, 2009, Huntington Beach Crab Fest, 7560 Center Ave, 7 PM \$40.00 per person

Sunday, April 5, 2009, Palm Sunday

Monday, April 6, 2009, Saddleback region Meeting, Citrus CafÈ, 1481 Edinger Ave, Tustin, Ca. 92780, 5:30 PM, Dinner \$25.00

Friday, April 10, 2009, Good Friday

Sunday, April 12, 2009, Easter

Wednesday, April 15, 2009, Honor the Teacher, Mary Wilson Library 7 PM

Sunday, April 19, 2009, Saddle Back Cabinet Meeting.

Saturday, April 25, 2009, Pancake Breakfast, Eisenhower Park, Seal Beach, Ca. 7 AM to 2 PM

Saturday, April 25, 2009, Lions Wide Induction Day

Saturday, April 25, 2009, Orphanages of Thailand Restaurant Fundraiser

## Happy Birthdays to:

Bonnie Moision	4/04
Dan Sinks	4/08
Mark Etchevery	4/10
Dewey Linehan	4/11
Dottie Palaski	4/14
Kraig Bekke	4/17
Mike Gallipeo	4/23
Mark Newton	4/28





## District Governor's Message

Greetings Dear Lions, Leos, and Friends of District 4-L4:

February has certainly been an exciting and busy month. The MD4 Convention was held in Fresno, and it was so good to see a good group of 4-L4 Lion in attendance. We all enjoyed the various events, particularly the Saturday evening when we were entertained by an excellent Elvis impersonator. It seemed as though Elvis WAS in the building for a while! This was also the time when the MD4 Academy Awards were given out. Congratulations to Lion Wand Tanaka from the Diamond Bar Breakfast Lions, who was in the final three for the MD4 Lion of the Year, to the Chino Valley Lions, who were in the final

three for the best project by a "small" Lions Club, and big congratulations to Leo Anantha Singarajah, from the diamond Bar High School Leo Club, who became the MD4 Leo of the Year. On Friday evening, PDG Mike Scheafer was given the second highest award in Lionism by International President Al Brandel. It was the Presidential Excellence Award, and fully deserved by a Lion who has given such outstanding service to our district

A few days later, some twenty Lions and significant others set sail on the high seas for Ensenada! What fun we all had, and the expedition culminated in a lunch with the Ensenada Lions. It was so good to reconnect with them, and to see pictures of the school we have helped support for the last several years. It has been improved so much it is hard to reconcile the sturdy building with the concrete, windowless shell we saw a few years ago! We are hoping that the Ensenada Lions will come to visit us in the late summer, and that we will be back in Ensenada in the fall.

Now the Student Speaker competitions are in full swing. I encourage all of you to be at your Zone and Region meetings in March and early April to support these young people who do such an amazing job to prepare to deliver their speeches.

Our membership is slowly growing, and I urge you to get to those people in your community, who you think are prospective members, and get them to your club meetings, service projects and fundraisers, and encourage them to be a part of the greatest service organization in the world. To paraphrase our International President - a new member is another pair of hands to help in all the good things we do to improve the lives of THOSE LESS FORTUNATE THAN OURSELVES. We need those hands.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Region meetings.

Always yours in Lionism,

Elizabeth

District Governor



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## REGION CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE:

"In matters of principle, stand like a rock; in matters of taste, swim with the current." - Thomas Jefferson

Teen Recognition was January 31, 2009. I would like to hit on some of the highlights of this very special evening. Lion John Doogan, Stanton Lions was the chairman. Lion Karen Russell, Seal Beach Host was the Orange Region co-chairperson. The following Orange Region Clubs were in attendance that night: Fullerton Breakfast, Fullerton Host, La Habra Host, Seal Beach Host and Stanton. Prior to the students being honored we heard from a MADD representative. They also had their crushed car exhibit at the function. Did you know the average age for a person to start drinking is thirteen years? That 449 young adults fifteen to twenty-four were killed in 2006 and that 63% of all eleventh graders have tried alcohol? Ryan Hilliard, who was involved in a drunken driving accident that killed his best friend, told us that DUI stands for Don't Underestimate the Impact. Ryan was driving the car and he explained how his whole life changed. He never felt it could happen to him. Seventy percent of people listen and understand and thirty percent don't. Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez remarked "I'm so glad you must be thirty years old to run for Congress or these students would be giving me a run for my money". This was after hearing all the accomplishments of the students who are drug and alcohol free and passing this valuable information on to their peers. About twelve were honored that night with checks and proclamations from Congressional and City representatives. more next page

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## Hearing & Speech Action News

It's been almost a year since I last wrote about newborn hearing screening. Hearing loss is the most common birth defect - about 3 in every 1000 children in the US are born with a significant hearing loss. Most newborns in the US now receive an initial hearing screening prior to hospital discharge, but only about 50% of infants who are referred for medical or audiological follow-up receive timely assessment or intervention.

It is estimated that by school age new cases of permanent hearing loss occur in about 6 per 1000 children in addition to the 3 per 1000 likely to be detected at birth. Further, an estimated 35% of pre-school children experience repeated episodes of ear infections and intermittent hearing loss, some untreated for extended periods. These cases may be picked up too late to prevent serious developmental problems.

Better Hearing Institute's executive director Sergei Kochkin PhD recommends "Mandatory universal hearing screening at entry to kindergarten". Educational, clinical and industrial representatives are unanimous in recognizing the needs for thorough screening follow-up and timely use of top-quality technology in hearing aids, classroom amplification for all students, individual FM systems for hearing impaired children and building codes that address classroom acoustics.

BHI has suggested several means of gaining the funds and public support necessary to turn these wishes into reality. Lions can help by supporting legislation such as the federal hearing aid tax credit bill and universal insurance coverage for hearing aids for all dependents. We Lions know how to do fund-raisers but we may be rather lax about communicating with our school administrator and legislators. You see the needs described here; now you and your Club need to start a new Hearing & Speech Action project!

Keith Campbell  
Chairman Hearing & Speech

## REGION CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE continued...

"Less is more" - Robert Browning

Being a Lion is giving and providing services to those less fortunate. As more and more people are losing their jobs and states and cities are cutting back on services we as Lions are being asked to provide more. Your club may be contacted by agencies asking for assistance. We also must realize that our own fundraising may not make the revenue they are use to because of these economic issues. That doesn't mean we can't give, it means we must think of new creative ways to help. You can still provide services like Fullerton Host, Orange County Central and Westminster by collection used eyeglasses. Seal Beach Host and Orange County Central take used, clean, undamaged clothes to agencies that take wearable clothing to share with those who can't afford new clothes. Maybe your club can't afford to provide a whole dinner at the Ronald McDonald House - call a neighboring club and share the expenses. La Habra Host goes once a month to the Ronald McDonald House to volunteer their time. You also will be getting to know another club by doing this. Another example, as provided by Anaheim Host, is children eye photo screening. There are many ways to provide and volunteer our time and services. Let us continue to be creative.

Carol Linehan  
Region Chairman

At 18 Brad had "had enough of mom and dad and bought my first house in the ghetto SOUTH SIDE DOWNEY it was a real piece of dung, but for \$25,000 what do you expect." In 1980 Brad found the "love of his life and it was time to step it up". They lived at his "ghetto pad" for 4 years then moved to La Palma, California where Whitney Dawn Barras was born. In 1990 Brad and his family moved back to Downey on the upscale NORTH SIDE. Later that year on June 5 Dylan James Barras was born.

Things were going well so Brad moved his family to Seal Beach "so the kids could grow up at the beach. Things didn't totally work out that way on December 11, 2005 my son passed and our lives changed forever".

Brad and his family now reside in College Park East and Whitney is in school. Nancy is in her 29th year of teaching and Brad runs and owns Tradesman Construction Co. now in its 27th year.

Brads hobbies include golf, his Harley, Bud Light, poker and guns.

He became a Lion because "I needed to give back what I have taken for granted and to help others in the community. It is very important that we serve and help others. I have found some good friends in the club and much support through the years. I will be a 'LION' for life".

Brad also has warning for the next meeting, "**watch out for heavy fines**".

## Lion of the Month



This month featured Lion is Bradley Warren Barras. Brad was born in Lynwood California at St. Francis Hospital on September 26, 1955. He grew up in Downey on the "Southside" where the poor people lived and life was real. "You could smell pies baking; people mowing there own lawns and neighbors would actually say HELLO. Oh the good life."

## Seal Beach Host Lions 70th Anniversary

Our club celebrated its 70th anniversary as a club on March 14, 2009. Chairman Jackie Maloney and her staff did a wonderful job on the event. Bruce Gormley was a great master of ceremonies in his tuxedo. Guests to the event included Charles Anots, city councilmen for Seal Beach, congressman Rohrabacher and a special visit by the pope (Bill Howes). Lion Scott Newton gave a great presentation of the club history and entertainment was provided by James King.



We have over 100 pictures from the 70th Anniversary party on our web site, just go to  
<http://sealbeachlions.com/PhotoAlbums>

## Every 15 Minutes

Seal Beach Lions took part in the "Every 15 Minutes" program held at Los Alamitos High School from 3-26 to 3-27-2009. The "Every 15 Minutes" program shows high school students in graphic detail how the many effects drinking and driving can have on the drunk driver, the victims and their family and friends. Lions also served lunch at the end of the program on Friday, March 27th.





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## Joe Jost's.

AKA Joe Jost's @ Clancy's @ Dave's

Joe Jost's is an annual event every March for the Seal Beach Host Lions Club. This event started about twelve years ago by Barbara Wright (Green Bay Packers), Bill Howe (Cleveland Browns) and Ray Longoria (Oakland Raiders). Every year the one who has the team with the most losses buys drinks for everybody else in the club. This year's winner (?) was Bill Howes. The Ray man was going for four straight but was edged out on the last Sunday of the year by Bill Howes and the Cleveland Browns. Good luck Bill.





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Seal Beach Lions  
General Meeting  
March 4, 2009

Meeting Called to Order 19:00

Pledge of Allegiance: Lion Brad Barras

Invocation: Lion Jacqui Howes

City of Hope Prayer: Lion George Dooley

Lions Song: Dewey Linehan

Introduction of Guests: No Guests

Announcements & Correspondence: Lion President Ray

Committee Reports:

A. Mardi Gras Party - Lion Gloria Souders reported that the Mardi Gras Party was a great success. Everyone had a good time.

B. Polar Plunge - Lion Dave Hubbard reported that we had a good turn out for the polar Plunge and that the water was cold and dirty.

C. Designated Driver - Lion Renee Schulte reported that everything was ready and she sent around a sign up sheet.

D. Joe Jost's - Lion Secretary Bill Howes reported that the trophies were done and all the recipients had fsvped

E. Pancake Breakfast - Lion Carol reported that she would be sending around a sign-up sheet at the next meeting.

F. Student Speaker Contest/Zone C Meeting - Lion Renee reported that the Zone C Meeting will be held March 12th and the Zone level Student Speaker's Contest would be held then.

G. Seal Beach Lions 70th Anniversary - Lion Jackie Maloney reported that everything is ready and that she had 90 reservations.

H. Planned Giving Night - Lion Dewey Linehan reported that the three charities had confirmed that they would be at the meeting on March 18th.

I. Every Fifteen Minutes - Lion Scott reported that he had signed up the volunteers he needed for the event.

J. Seal Beach Kids Baseball - Lion Mike Bronfenbren reported that they served a lot of hot dogs and hamburgers at the event and that Seal Beach Kids Baseball donated \$100.00 to the club in appreciation of our cooking.

K. Honor the Teacher - there will be a sign up sheet at the next meeting.

L. Seal Beach 5K-10K - Lion Judy O'Neill said she would have a sign up sheet at the next meeting.

Break for Dinner: 19:37

Resume Meeting: 19:48

Mystery Lion: Lion Bruce Gormley

Treasure Chest Drawing: No Winner Tonight

Tail Twister: Once again Lion Brad beat us up with his fines. Lion Marilyn Redd won the auction for the Fine Free Badge.

Adjourn Meeting: 20:22



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**Seal Beach Lions  
Board Meeting  
March 4, 2009**

Meeting Called To Order: 20:26

The following Board Members Were Present:

Ray Longoria	Marilyn Redd	Judy O'Neill
Bill Howes	Gail Hubbard	Bob Heenan
Mike Gallipeo	Barbara Wright	George Dooley
Renee Schulte	David Hubbard	Bruce Gormley
Brad Barras		

Reading and Approval of February Minutes

Motion was made to approve minutes as read. M/S/C Lions Bruce Gormley/David Hubbard

Treasurer's Report:

Lion Treasurer Mike Gallipeo reported that there is \$25,995.87 in the Charitable Giving Account, \$7,665.73 in the Administration Account and \$1,020.33 in the Car Account. Motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report. M/S/C Lions Dave Hubbard/Renee Schulte

Old Business:

There was a discussion about the status of our 501C charitable status. It was decided to have our Treasurer Lion Mike Gallipeo look into it.

New Business:

Lion Jackie Maloney asked for the donation check to the Pardre Foundation because she wanted to deliver it personally. Lion Treasurer Mike Gallipeo stated that the check had already been mailed.

Motion was made to Adjourn:

M/S/C Lions Dave Hubbard/Mike Gallipeo

Meeting Adjourned: 20:46



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**Seal Beach Lions  
General Meeting  
March 18, 2009**

Call To Order: 19:00

Pledge of Allegiance: Lion President Ray Longoria

Invocation: Lion Dottie Polaksi

City of Hope Prayer: Lion Mike Bronfenbrenner

Introduction of guests: La Habra Host Lions Club visited us.

Announcements & Correspondence: Lion President Ray

Wrap Up Reports:

A. Seal Beach Lions 70th Anniversary - Lion Jackie Maloney reported that the Anniversary celebration was a great success.

B. Zone Student Speaker contest - Lion Renee Schulte reported that the winner from our club contest failed to show up so the contestant from the Stanton Lions Club won by default and will represent the Zone at the Region competition.

C. Designated Driver - Lion Renee Schulte reported that we gave 78 people rides home on St. Patrick's Day and we received over \$250.00 in tips which will go into our Charitable Fund.

Committee Reports:

A. Pancake Breakfast - Lion Gary Denni reported that once again our Pancake Breakfast will be held in conjunction with the Seal Beach Car Show and he sent around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to work the event.

B. Joe Jost's - Lion Secretary Bill Howes reported that the major awards had been engraved with the recipients names and the recipients had confirmed that they would be there to accept their awards. It will be March 28th at Dave's Other Place from 2:00 PM till 5:00 PM

C. Every Fifteen Minutes - Lion President Ray reported that everything is ready.

D. Seal Beach 10K/5K run/walk - Lion Judy O'Neill reported that the race is going to be on April 4th and she distributed applications to participate.

E. Honor The Teacher - Lion Judy O'Neill said she would have sign-up sheets at the next meeting. The event will be on April 15th at Mary Wilson Library

F. Officer Nominations - Lion Dave Hubbard did the first reading of the nominations. The second reading will be at our next meeting after which we will vote.

Break for Dinner: 19:30

Resume Meeting: 19:44

Charitable Giving Night Program - Lion Dewey Linehan introduced representatives from three of the organizations we donate to who gave a presentation of what our money was being used for.

A. Doreen May represented Canine Companions

B. Lion Ed Borchester represented Lion Camp at Teresita Pines

C. Tom Blackman represented Friends of the Library

They all gave excellent presentations.

Mystery Lion: Lion Mike Maloney was the Mystery Lion

Treasure Chest Drawing: there was no drawing tonight.

Tail Twister: Once again we were very bad and Lion Brad had to fine us.

Meeting Adjourned: 20:35

**A Final Thought:**

**The only man to get all his work done by Friday was Robinson Caruso.**

