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President's message:



Hello There, Fellow Lions:

On March 6th, Ginny and I attended the commissioning of the USS Dewey (DDG 105). The ceremony was very moving. It reminded me about the meaning of Lionism, "We Serve". The crew that will be serving on the USS Dewey (no relationship to our illustrious club song leader) is somewhat like us. They serve our country and we serve the Seal Beach Community. They have a much more dangerous job then we as Lions have. Although we both "serve," every time they go to sea it's their lives that are on the line. We just take some (valuable?) time out of our lives. So while we try to emulate their service, we give our time; while they give their time, but sometimes also their lives.

Today, (March 28, 2010) I attended the 53rd Lions Day at the City of Hope. The doctors, nurses and researchers at the City of Hope are serving the world communities in finding cures for cancer and diabetes. They are also serving as we do. My point is that what we do here in Seal Beach is in the long run as important as the sailors on the USS Dewey and the staff at City of Hope, but we work behind the scenes.

Congratulations to Zone Chair Karen Russell for the great job done on the Student Speaker Contest. Lion Secretary Renee did a superb job as the Designated Drive Project chairperson. Our club escorted over 100 happy revelers on their way home, so they did not ride with the Seal Beach Police.

I would also like to thank Lion Dave Hubbard on a great job in getting 14 new members and having an orientation from them this month. Great job Lion Dave; this is what keeps our club growing.

In the month of April, we have the 5K and 10K Race on the 10th. Check with Lion Barbara Avakian for more information. On April 21 the Honor the Teacher Night will be hosted at the Mary Wilson Library. Lions Karen Russell and Barbara Wright will be the hosts. For more information, please contact them.

I would also like to thank Lion Brad for all the work he has done on getting the new club booths. Great job Lion Brad and many thanks.

One final note. Our Pancake Breakfast (we are serving lunch too) will be held on April 24th. We still do not have enough volunteers for the kitchen at the church and setup/take down. Just like on the USS Dewey, everybody contributes to the total. We need volunteers for the kitchen and setup and take down to make the Pancake Breakfast a club success. If you can serve 2 hours, serve two hours. If you can serve more or less it does not matter. It's the service that counts.

You're in Lionism,

Gary Denni

Lion President

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

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Club Calendar

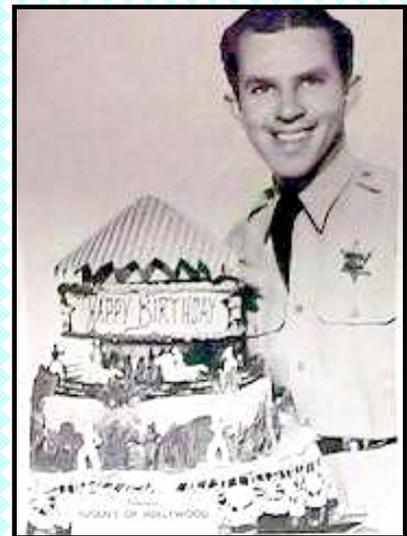


*It's That Time Again!!
Dues **MUST** be paid on or
before
MAY 31, 2010
Get your club pin!!*

- April 7 - Meeting, Lone Star Steak House 7 pm
- April 9 - 11 - New Booth Construction
- April 10 - Seal Beach 5/10K Race
- April 21 - Honor The Teacher Night, \$10 pp
- April 17 - Dave's Other Place
- April 24 - Pancake Breakfast/Seal Beach Car Show
- May 7 - Hopkinson Carnival 2:30 - 7 pm
- May 13-16 - District 4L4 Convention, Ventura
- July 17- 18 - FISH FRY

Happy Birthdays to:

- Apr.1 Otto von Bismarck
- Apr. 2 Linda Hunt
- Apr. 2 Leon Russell
- Apr. 3 Eddie Murphy and Alec Baldwin
- Apr. 6 Butch Cassidy
- Apr. 7 James Garner & Ravi Shankar
- Apr. 8 Shecky Greene
- Apr. 12 David Letterman





The Pride of Seal Beach

By Allyn Mattox

Ceremonies are important. They honor. They inspire. They make a public statement. They show gratitude.

On March 6 in Seal Beach at the commissioning of the U.S.S. Dewey, all of those things were done.

The U.S.S. Dewey was named after Admiral George Dewey, a hero in the Spanish-American war.

Dewey and his squadron defeated the Spanish fleet in under two hours with no American casualties.

The U.S.S. Dewey is the first warship to be commissioned in Orange County, California.

The day started out cool and overcast, with an occasional light rain.

The ceremony began with the introduction of the platform guests, who were all seated on the ship. All of the guests were seated on the shore on folding chairs.

Next the band played the National Anthem. Somehow the song feels “more” patriotic when you hear it played live by men and women in uniform when there is a huge battleship draped in red, white and blue floating gently in the water behind them.

An invocation was followed by a welcoming address and then the various speakers began the speeches.

Many important officials were present for the commission of the warship. Among those present were U.S. Congressman Dana Rohrbacher; Admiral M.G. Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Sean J. Stackley, The Assistant Secretary of the Navy; Rear Admiral Frank Pandolfe; Rear Admiral William E. Landay, III; Vice Admiral Richard W. Hunt; and many others.

Mullen's wife, Deborah, was named the ship's sponsor, because she had previously christened the ship.

Commander Warren R. Buller is the commanding officer is the person the Navy has chosen to take this ship into harm's way, to fight when necessary, and to carry the crewmembers home safely. It is an awesome responsibility, to be responsible for this billion dollar weapon and the lives of the almost 300 crewmembers that it carries.

Although all of the pomp and circumstance revolved around commissioning the ship, the speakers' main focus was to thank the men and women serving on the ship for their service.

Rohrbacher said that he was grateful to the crew of the Dewey for their commitment and for the strength of the U.S. military in its fight against radical Islam. He said that the



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servicemen and women were gallant, courageous, and self-sacrificing personnel who we are grateful to and that they deserve the best equipment.

“That is what the Dewey is all about,” Rohrbacher stated.

“They are all standing in harm's way for us; we must unequivocally stand behind them.”

He also stated that he is personally grateful to all members of the ship who take time away from their own families to protect his family.

Landay told the crowd that this was the first ship commissioned in Seal Beach, California.

“We need ships that can fight any enemy, anywhere in the world,” he said.

Landay, who is in charge of building ships, wants to build ships that are the envy of every crew of every port and every harbor that one of our ships sails into.

Pandolfe, who is the Director of the Surface Warfare Division, also addressed the crowd and said, “Congratulations to the sailors and families of the U.S.S. Dewey. This is YOUR day!

“You are the crew. You are the ship. You are what makes the Dewey unique.”

Hunt, the Commander of the 3rd Fleet of the U.S. Navy, told the crowd that the Dewey was stronger and ready to accept global challenges. He called it the “Greyhound of the Sea.”

Some of the features on the Dewey are powerful radar, surface-to-air missiles, tomahawk missiles, submarine missiles, and helicopter support.

The Dewey will serve in times of peace and crisis.

Much of the mood of the day was summed up by Mullen, who said that when he was a newly enlisted sailor that Seal Beach was his first port o' call.

He thanked the crew of the Dewey and he especially thanked the families, who he said served every bit as much as the enlisted personnel did.

Since 9/11, he told the audience, crews have served longer, harder missions and have had to be away from their families more than servicemen and women in the past.

He jokingly talked about the days, long ago, when he was away from his family and there was no e-mail, no satellite TV and no soldier telephones.

“Twitter was something you did when you got a letter from home, “ Mullen said. “Does anybody remember what a letter is?”

He also thanked his wife Deborah, the ship's sponsor, for her commitment to him in his Naval career. He was happy that her spirit would be on the decks of the Dewey.

He also was grateful to the State of California to its contributions and support of wounded warriors, homeless veterans and fallen heroes, whom he thanked on behalf of military families for its support.

Amazingly, the sun came out just as the announcement came that it was time to

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commission the ship.

The United States flag and the commissioning colors of the ship were raised on the mast.

The order to “Set the First Watch” was made.

Next, Deborah Mullen gave the order to “Man the Ship” and “Bring Her to Life.”

With this order, the band began playing “Anchors Away.”

The crewmembers ran down the center aisle, then onto the ship. Most of them had their hands over their hearts. Almost all of them were visibly moved and many of them were fighting tears.

It was a moment of extreme pride. The crowd cheered for them and waived American flags.

The crew took their positions on the ship and stood at attention. By now, the sun was out and the sky was blue.

The steam from the ship's engine billowed out and the crowd cheered again. Noise from a huge gun exploded through the air.

It felt good to be an American.

As you looked at the faces of these soldiers, the reality of what they were doing was clear. They were getting on this ship and going to unknown places. What they were going to do there, the future would unfold.

This ceremony was important. It served its purpose. It honored. It inspired. It made a public statement. Most importantly, it showed gratitude to our servicemen and women of the U.S.S. Dewey.

We salute you!



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Visiting Casteel's Appeal

Upland Lion Sheila Casteel paid the Seal Beach Lions a visit at their general meeting on March 3rd to ask our club's support in her bid as 2nd Vice District Governor.

Casteel has been a Lion since 2003 and has participated in training such as the Leadership Institute, the Senior Leadership Institute and many other training programs.

As a personal note, Casteel grew up in a family with a father who was stricken with multiple sclerosis.

Her father became her inspiration, teaching her that no matter how bad one's life is, there is always someone else who is worse off. He also taught her a tremendous work ethic.

The position of 2nd Vice District Governor prepares a Lion to become District Governor and is part of the District Governor Team.

Casteel asks for the Seal Beach Lions support at the District 4L-4 Convention, which will be held May 13-15 at the Ventura Beach Marriott.

Her speech was nice and short...We like her already!

driving the drinkers





Donations Extended at Planned Giving Night

Planned Giving Night was held at the general meeting on March 3 at Lone Star Steak House. Lion Dewey Linehan did an excellent job as chairman.

The first recipient was Janine Limas, Community Education Director and Domestic Violence Counselor for Interval House, which is a crisis shelter and center for victims of domestic abuse.

Limas thanked the Seal Beach Lions for their generous donation of Target gift cards, which were given at Christmastime, especially in light of budget cuts that they had suffered.

Interval House serves hundreds of women and children every month, some of who arrive at the center with only the clothes on their backs. She advised our members that the Target cards were a valuable contribution.

The charity started out in a little house on "The Hill" and has been serving the Seal Beach community for 30 years.

Limas thanked the Seal Beach Lions for sticking with Interval House for all these years.

She can be reached at Janine@intervalhouse.org or 562-594-9492.

The second recipient of the evening was John Doogan, who tirelessly works with the Orphanages of Thailand.

He gave an interesting presentation, telling how our donation helps support the schools in Thailand that Lions have helped build for disabled students.

Currently Lions, along with Father Brennan, have built a School for the Deaf, a School for the Blind, and a School for the Disabled.

The last project started, The Children's Shelter, was started after the great tsunami hit and is a place where adults can go for food and shelter and kids can go for a safe place after school.

The Seal Beach Leos have also been supporters of the Orphanages of Thailand.

Doogan thanked the Seal Beach Lions for their support.

The third recipient of the evening was Terresita Pines, and unfortunately they could not attend. We look forward to hearing from them next time about their wonderful camp!





Feeding the 100 + sailors from the USS Dewey, and presentation given to the ship by the chamber of Seal Beach. Event took place at Grace Community Church, March 1st 2010



Cooking for the Crew By Scott Newton

The Seal Beach Lions and Leos conducted a community service project in conjunction with the Grace Community Church and the Seal Beach Chamber of Commerce to welcome the crew of the USS Dewey and in the support of the ship's commissioning.

Lion Scott Newton led the project.

Ten Lions, thirteen Leos and two Leo advisors were present at the Grace community church to cook and serve more than 125 enlisted members of the crew and several officers along with the ship's captain.

Also in attendance were the Mayor of Seal Beach and numerous city officials.

Lions had a chance to address the sailors and tell them about Seal Beach Lions and our involvement with the Navy over the past 60 years.

We were personally thanked by the Mayor and the ship's Captain.

A very special thank you goes out to Lion Ellen Liebherr for preparing the potato salad and dessert. She also did a phenomenal job of running the kitchen crew.

Lions in attendance included Scott Newton, Ellen Liebherr, Diane Martin, Brad Barras, Barbara Wright, Renee Schulte, Jacqui Howes, Dewey Linehan, Carol Linehan and Kristine Albertalli.



Lions in Paradise By Carol Linehan

District 4L4 had 44 Lions and friends cruising south for our 51st visitation to the Lions Club of Ensenada.

Seal Beach Lions Christine & Gene Craig, Dave & Gail Hubbard, Bonnie & Bob Milam, Jean Munson, Judy O'Neill, Karen Russell, Gloria Souder, Barbara Wright, and, of course, Dewey and I were in attendance.

We started the weekend off by meeting on the Carnival Ship, "Paradise." Why is it, we all ended up at the buffet and pool area while waiting for our rooms to be ready? It was a great meeting place and a great way for me to collect \$5 from everyone for our planned games.

After the "muster," which is done prior to sailing, we met at the Infinity Bar. This is located at the aft section of the ship so we had the best view to watch the Long Beach harbor disappear from view.

Lion Sandi Schafer held a 50/50 drawing, and Lion Barbara Wright won \$85. Next it was "Pass the Bag Around." You pulled on a string, which told you who to pass the bag to next. My friend Barbara Ahumada won \$35. Other prizes were given away after you performed a task.

We even played passed the Easter egg at dinner with 6 recipients winning \$5 on Friday and Sunday nights. Sunday we met up again for a scavenger hunt to win cigars, scarves, golf balls and candy.

On board ship we were able to gamble, attend comedy and music revues, or just plan relax and vegetate. I enjoyed working out at the gym, and I relaxed in the sauna, steam and Jacuzzi areas.

At dinner we had our whole group of 44 in one section. A table of 10 young attractive friends celebrating a bachelorette party entertained us every night. We would wonder how they would come dressed for dinner. I know Dewey and Bob enjoyed visiting with the all the woman who were young enough to be their daughters or granddaughters.

Saturday our ship was docked in Ensenada. Some of our group braved the rain and went shopping prior to meeting with the Ensenada Lions. The planned luncheon turned out to be a lot of fun. We were able to reconnect with some Lions who we had not seen for years. Thanks to Lions Judy and Karen who had EXTRA CASH (checks can not be accepted) we were able to present the Ensenada Lions with our club donation for the school.

All in all, I felt it was a very safe and fun way to continue this International Visitation!

<-- Can YOU guess the Seal Beach Lion in this photo??





Students Speak About Health Care

The Zone 3 Student Speaker Contest was held on March 11th at the Mary Wilson Library in Seal Beach. Lion Karen Russell was the chairperson.

Three competitors vied to move on to the next level of the competition.

This year's topic, "Universal Health Care - How Will It Affect Us?" was addressed by all three students.

The first speaker, Michelle Leon, is a student at Los Alamitos High School. She is a sophomore and hopes to become a plastic surgeon.

Her dad came with her to the competition to hear her speak.

Leon admitted that she was more worried about grades than she was about healthcare, and that she had no opinion about the political debate on the issue.

Once she did research, she did form an opinion.

Leon said that universal health care would cover physical, dental and mental health care coverage.

The flaw in universal health care is that it would cost everyone more money, while there would be cuts in coverage and taxes would be raised.

Her research showed that bosses wouldn't be able to pay the higher premiums required if universal health care passed and it would cause layoffs.

Smaller businesses would have to lower wages or raise prices on goods.

Insurance companies would go out of business because they would not be able to compete with government policies that did not have to earn a profit.

She also felt doctors' pay would go down. This would cause a decline of doctors and a shortage of specialists, which would in turn cause patients to have longer waits and decreased Medicare and cancer benefits.

Leon felt that universal health care was not beneficial to most Americans.

The second speaker was Sarah McDonald-Tran, a junior from Garden Grove High School. McDonald-Tran was present with her mother and brother and although she once considered becoming an attorney, she now would like to have a career in medicine.

McDonald-Tran's opinion on Universal Health Care was from a more personal position.

Her father had been rejected from many insurance companies because he has asthma, which is considered a pre-existing condition by insurance companies.

McDonald-Tran would like to see all Americans have affordable, available and continuous healthcare.

She feels that because some people do not use their healthcare, that they should let people who really need it use theirs.

McDonald-Tran also said that all industrial nations except the United States have universal health care.

If the U.S. did have it, Americans could use it to prevent having serious diseases.

It would also keep Americans from filing bankruptcy due to outrageously high medical bills.



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Americans have a right to universal health care, according to McDonald-Tran, and it should be available, affordable and continuous to everyone, even those with pre-existing conditions.

The final speaker was Mabel Tsui, a sophomore from Troy High School in Fullerton. Tsui is a Leo and was present with her parents and Lion John Doogan.

Tsui acknowledged that universal health care is causing major controversy. It is appealing because it would cover everyone, but it would reduce quality of medical care and spread medical resources very thinly.

In Canada, according to Tsui, the government-run health care program is more available to the young, wealthy and politically connected. The average wait for treatment is 13.3 weeks.

Citizens are forced to pay for the government coverage.

Currently in the U.S. 20 percent of the budget is spent on Medicare and Medicaid. Americans would be forced to pay higher taxes if universal health care were enacted.

The healthy would have to pay for the unhealthy.

Tsui felt that as Americans this was the right thing to do.

She asked the audience to focus on the big picture and not be selfish.



Tsui said that if we were to be Americans, Lions and global citizens, that we should support universal health care because it was the right thing to do.

Proper regulations of universal health care would ensure Americans would have a healthier, happier future.

Tsui was selected the winner of the Zone Student Speaker Contest and was awarded a check for \$100.

Leon and McDonald-Tran received certificates of participation.

Tsui will compete at the next level on March 16 at 7 p.m. at the Westridge Country Club in LaHabra.

Every day we have something to be thankful for.



..today we are thankful that the photographer was not standing on the other side!



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Seal Beach Lions Club General Meeting Minutes March 3rd, 2010

- I. Call to Order: 7:00 pm
- A. Pledge of Allegiance: Lion Alan
 - B. Invocation: Lion Terry S.
 - C. City of Hope Prayer: Lion Ray
 - D. Lions Song: Lion Dewey
- II. Introduction of Guests: Huntington Beach Lions David and Diane Quinlan, Stanton Lion John Doogan from Orphanages of Thailand charity, Upland Lions PDG Jon and 2VDG candidate, Sheila Casteel and Interval House representative, Janine Limas. David Jacobs was introduced by Lion Nikki Illingworth.
- III. Announcements & Correspondence: 2VDG candidate Lion Sheila Casteel passed around her candidate brochure and briefly described herself and her qualifications to be considered Second Vice District Governor in 2010-2011.
- IV. Wrap Up Reports:
- Mardi Gras Party: Lion Margie No report.
 - Student Speaker Contest: Lion Carol L. Michele Leon sponsored by Stanton Lions placed in first and will advance. Zone C Lion Karen R. reported the next contest will at the Zone level, March 11th at the Mary Wilson Library (Zone meeting to follow) and the Region level speaker contest will be held March 16th at the Westridge Golf Club in La Habra.
 - Visitation: Lion Jackie Ronald McDonald House, March 19th.
- V. Planned Giving Presentations: Lion Dewey The following organizations detailed their history, purpose, activities and were presented with donations from our charity account: (1) Interval House/Janine Limas (2) Orphanages of Thailand/Lion John Doogan (3) Teresita Pines/Lion Ed (no presentation).
- V. Committee Reports:
- A. Hopkinson School Carnival, March 6th: Ready to go.
 - B&C. Designated Driver March 17th meeting moved to March 24th to assure participation for the nights commitments. Lion Renee passed around a sign up sheet.
 - D. 5-10K Run 4/10: Lion Barbara A. \$25 entrants fee.
 - E. Honor the Teacher 4/21 Lions Karen & Barbara W.: Honor the Teacher April 21st Mary Wilson Library: Club will honor ten (10) teachers and Lion Ellen will prepare the dinners for \$10.
 - F. Nominating Committee: Lions Allyn, Scott, Bruce and Ray opened the election process for nominees to be finalized by April 7th.
 - G. Club Pins: Lion Dave has pins to be awarded after dues are paid. First pins are free second pin will cost \$2.
 - H. Club Booths: Lion Brad discussed the building activity status.
 - I. Pancake Breakfast—April 24th 7:: Lion Jackie to host a pancake breakfast and team leader meeting March 10th.
 - J. District 4-L4 2010 Convention, Ventura 5/13-5/16: Lion Karen R. reported on the details--\$119 per room; several packages are available—see Lions Karen, Gary or Renee for details. Deadline for registration is April 1st.
 - K. Fish Fry—July 17th and 18th: Lion Mike Haley suggested that interested Lions email him regarding the role they want to volunteer for. Lions Marilyn, Allyn and Barbara W. to work on the mini raffle and Lion Renee will organize coleslaw participants.
 - L. Lion Dave New Member Orientation Monday, March 22 at the Hubbard house.
 - M. Proud Lion: Lion Gary read the criteria to be considered this year's Proud Lion.
 - N. Other Business: (1) Lion Allyn encouraged our Lions to become acquainted with Facebooks "Fan of the Lions" to further communicate (2) Lion Allyn thanked the Club for the Pancreatic Cancer walk donation (3) Lion Scott reported on the collaborative efforts to provide 142 USS Dewey sailors dinner and desert while in port for the ship's commissioning. The captain of the USS Dewey provided Lion President Gary with free tickets for the commissioning. (4) Huntington Beach Lion Scott Quinlan invited club members to their annual Crabfest, March 28th at Old World in HB. Will have raffle tickets available soon. (5) Lion Bill reminded those interested about the upcoming 10th anniversary of Joe Jost's tour, 2:00 pm at Dave's Other Place.
- VI. Dinner (??pm)

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VII. Resume Meeting (??pm)

- Mystery Lion: Lion Bob Luther
- Treasurers Chest: Lion Bill Howes Lion Carol L. donated two tickets to HB's Crabfest Lions Mike and Marsha Haley were the winners.
- Tail Twister: Lion Brad (mean but funny as usual)

VIII. Adjourn Meeting 8:41 pm (if I forgot anything that is tough poop)

Seal Beach Lions Club Board Meeting Minutes March 3rd, 2010

I. Call to Order: 8:55 pm

- Roll Call: The following Board members were in attendance: Lions Barbara A., Christine and Eugene Craig, Gary Denni, Bruce Gormley, Dave and Gail Hubbard, Jackie Maloney, Allyn Mattox, Scott Newton, Renee S. and Barbara Wright. Excused Board members: Brad Barras, Michael B., Al and Lorraine Chavez, Jacqui Howes, Ray Longoria, The following non Board members were in attendance: Lions Nancy Herbert, Nikki Illingworth, Carol Linehan, Mike Maloney and Terry Stephenson. Guests in attendance: David Jacobs (Nikki Illingworth).

- Remarks by the President: Reading and approval of the February minutes
M/S/Carried

- Old Business: Reading and Approval of the Treasurer's Report:
Administration account: \$5,372.90 +/- M/S/Carried
Charity account \$44,227.68 +/- M/S/Carried
- Taxes: Past IRS taxes of \$5,929.82 motion to be paid to avoid further interest and penalty assessments M/Lion Dave H. S/ Lion Bruce/ Carried. State Franchise Tax Board taxes \$12,000+/-status still pending. All taxes to be paid by Mary 31st. Club is tax-current for 2009.

- Election of a new Lion Tamer: Lion Terry S. volunteered to complete the current year vacated by Lion Mike B.

- New Business:
- USS Dewey \$250 donation Motion/Bruce Second/Lion Jackie/Carried
- Administration budget: Lions Carol L. and Gene to work on.
- 2010-2011 dues request to be mailed by May 31st, 2010
- 2009-2010 awards to be determined by President Lion Gary by March 31st, 2010.

- Health Permit copy 199 to be obtained.
- Adjourn meeting: M/S/C 9:28 pm

Respectively submitted: Lion Renee, Secretary
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