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The President's Message:

"Thank God it's over!"

That's what I said around 9:00 PM on Sunday the 16th of July. I'll bet a lot of you were saying the same thing. Another Fish Fry done. Another car given away. Another amazing amount of beer consumed. Well, I can only confirm that last one for myself.

The one thing that always impresses me about the Fish Fry is how all the members involved come together for two days, work hard, and still have a lot of fun. We did particularly well this year. The preliminary total for the car drawing and the Fish Fry are around $50,000.00. A GREAT profit.

I would like to give a BIG THANKS to Bruce Gormley, this year's Chairman. He did a great job running the event and, he liked doing it so much, he's going to Chair the event again next year. I would like to also thank Khryste Langlais for co-chairing the Car Drawing with me. After three years of chairing the event, Khryste will be taking over for me as sole chair of the event next year. While I'm thanking people for their efforts I would like to also thank Alan Chavez who gives up his wedding anniversary weekend every year to work the fryers as well as storing the equipment trailer at one of his properties during the year. Gay Snyder set a new record for car ticket sales by a single Lion by selling FIFTY of them. That's 10% of all tickets sold by ONE person. GREAT job Gay! I would also like to thank Barbara Locastro's husband Jeff. He is the General Sales Manager of Nissan of Garden Grove and convinced the dealership to supply the Xterra that we gave away.

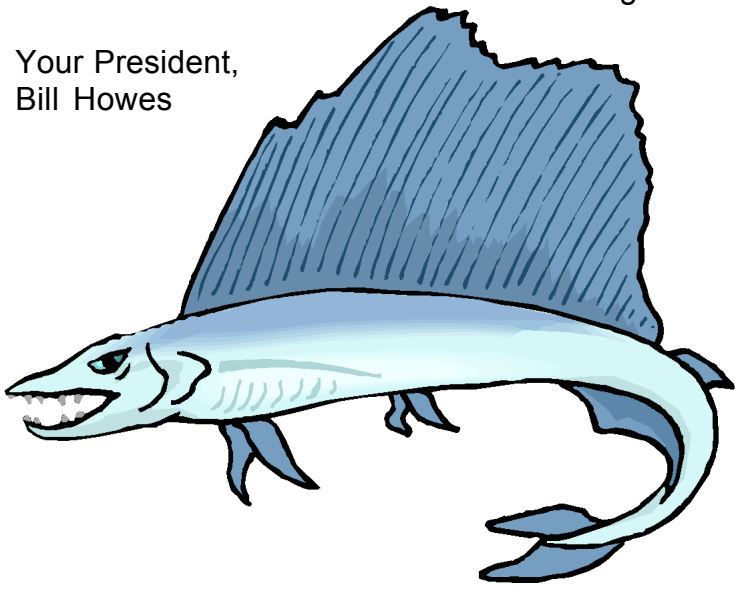
Meeting schedule: First and Third Wednesday of the month. Meetings begin at 7pm sharp and are held at 'The Lone Star SteakHouse', 6575 E. Pacific Coast Highway, Long Beach, CA

Once again, Scott Newton had the Leo's assist us. They filled in wherever they were needed, working hard and having fun. The five bands we had playing this year may have contributed to our running out of beer on Sunday afternoon. Listening to music can really make you thirsty. Of course the sunshine might have had something to do with it also. Fortunately, Brian Kyle at O'Malley's sent two kegs down to the pier to help us out. He also happened to win the Tempur-pedic mattress set.

We now have our Year End Beach Party to look forward to. It will be on August 12th on the Naval Base at Barney's Beach House from 1PM to 7PM. If you want to attend you need to contact Lion George Layman at (562) 596-5003 or Biff Horvatin at (562) 596-5490. I hope to see all of you there. The La Habra Lions Corn Festival is occurring on August 4th thru the 6th. Lion Dave Hubbard has information on this event. I think we're making it a visitation also. Finally, the Ensenada Northern Visitation is on August 19th at Lions Mike & Ann McIlroy's home in Costa Mesa. Lion Dave Hubbard also has the info on this event.

I would like to close with an e-mail I received from Ken Metz. He is a member of the Long Beach Chapter of the California Council of the Blind. They are having a fundraiser barbecue at El Dorado Park in Long Beach on August 19th. I understand that we helped at this event last year. We will be serving barbecue to the one hundred or so persons who are blind that will be there. We will discuss the event at our August 2nd meeting. Please try to be there.

Your President,
Bill Howes



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CALENDAR

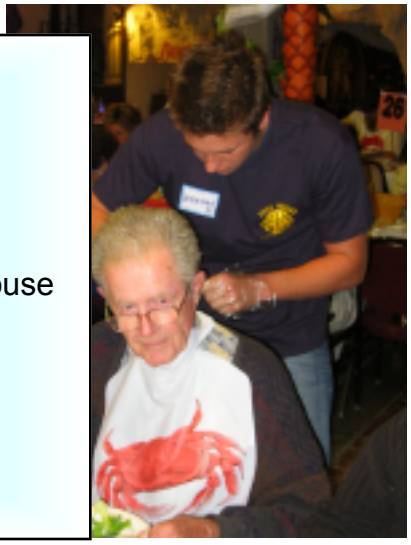
August 2: General and Board Meeting

August 4 – 6: La Habra Host Lions Corn Fest

August 12: Lions Annual Year End Party – Barney's Beach House

August 16: Program Night

August 19: Council of the Blind Picnic – Long Beach



Crab Fest – April 2nd

At a meeting in February, the Seal Beach Leos elected to put forth all tips from this year's Crab Fest and help fund a bench to be erected in front of El Burrito on Ocean Avenue for fallen Leo Dylan Barris. The patrons who attended did not disappoint and graciously contributed $1,448 to the Leo's fund.

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An impromptu gathering – **Mardi Gras 2006**

On the evening of February 18th, Lion Mary Ludington and Lion Eddie Maginnis hosted this year's get together at Lion Eddie's home on 6th Street.

Aside from the plastic baby being pulled from the King Cake by Lion Bruce, the highlight of the evening probably was Monsignor Lion Ray giving his blessings to Susie Locastro prior to her setting off for another party in celebration of her boob-a-versary.

See you all next year at the Gormley residence on 5th Street!

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St. Patrick's Day Designated Driver, March 17th

A super BIG THANKS to the 30 Host Lions, 3 Seaside Lions and 1 prospective new Lion for helping put the 2006 Designated Driver program on. The following things were done to make this a great night. Signs were made and posted, picked up vans, set-up, supplies were bought, cup-cakes were made, hanging out at booth and swapping stories, driving home the partiers, taking down the booths, returning the vans and the equipment. The club made $294.00 in tips. We had plenty of food to eat and drank lots of coffee and hot chocolate to stay warm. Hopefully, this service project gives everyone a warm fuzzy for helping to keep Seal Beach a great place to live.

Chairperson, Lion Carol Linehan

1st Annual Lions Seal Beach 5k walk, crawl and/or shuffle… April 1st

As Chairperson Lion George Dooley may have best suggested, "This is the 1st Annual and perhaps the last Seal Beach 5k walk, crawl, shuffle the club will participate in".

For the hearty souls who awoke at O'dark hundred to the pitter patter of raindrops on their sea side community rooftop, there was certainly no despair when it came time to assemble at the start line.

For those braving the elements and taking the task at hand - to walk, crawl and/or shuffle 5 kilometers around the streets of our beloved Seal Beach - we knew this not to be an 'April Fools' joke. No. We were all really doing it for the fun, exercise and camaraderie.

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