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The President's Message:

My Fellow Lions, aho, basmia, chezu ba, danke schon, ewa ra, go raibh, maith agaibh, grazie and muchas gracias. In any language it means a big thank you to everyone who helped out at the Fish Fry.

It truly takes a team effort to pull off this event. A special thanks goes out to Lion Dino for chairing this enormous event. And, to Lions Tom Ahrens and Dave Blasi for handling the car drawing. Thanks also to the Fry Guys, Beer Boys, Brat pack and Dog men, music and multipurpose men, raffle ladies and security dudes. If I had to mention everyone by name it would take two issues of the Growl. For most of the club you show up on Friday work Saturday and Sunday and go home tired and weak, but there is a lot of work that gets done behind the scenes. I would like to thank Lions Scott, Dewey and anyone else I may have forgotten for their work prior to the start of the event. Everyone should be proud and understand that every time we write a check to an organization or charity it is written with your sweat and hard work. Thanks again.

Now on to other business. The women's dress sale was a mild success and we look forward to making it even larger next time. The District Governor will be visiting us at our August 6th meeting. Seaside Lions will be hosting their golf tournament on August 20th, which is a non-meeting night. So go and golf and visit their club. As we wind down a little in August, I would remind everyone to be safe and sane throughout the balance of the summer for I want to see all your smiling faces as we return in September to begin our quest for club of the year. Thanks Again for all your hard work.

The Prez

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The Secretary's Message:

Color. Fascinating concepts it presents.

Color stimulates the mind and soul. Color accentuates. The spectrum color generates is forever diverse.

Growing up on the meandering peninsula of Massachusetts --known as Cape Cod-- color existed for a majority of my adolescence only in nature, or 'Life' and 'National Geographic' magazines. The essence of observing foliage in fall always made for spectacular opportunities. In spring the aerial dynamics of a Blue Jay with its vibrant feathering or a Robin with its burnt orange breastplate were to marvel at.

When attending school or church dressing for the occasion existed in black and white, only, though. Even television was in black and white. Black pants, a black belt and black loafers. White socks, a set of white undergarments and a freshly hung white shirt from Ma's clothesline were typical order of the day.

At the tender age of thirteen the affectionate moniker of "Pilgrim" by my closest circle of peers got dropped. Never will forget the day I appeared for my first day in 8th grade homeroom and friend Joel Grozier yelled out, "Hey, look at you! Turn around and let us see! Baby Blue synthetic bell bottom slacks, printed polyester shirt with humungous collar, platform shoes--you got some color"

During the summer of 1972 I was determined not to attend classes in September sporting the "B&W" look. So mowing Perpetual Care cemetery lawns at day break through mid-morning and then pumping petrol until early evening, sufficient funds were garnered to purchase my own clothes--full of color.

So here we are today with Volume 66, Number 2, of "The Growl" in the books and it, too, has left its 'pilgrim' roots well behind. Hope you're enjoying the fresh 'new' and 'improved' presentation.

As readers and fellow Club members, I invite you to chime in and contribute at anytime. If you wish to add material, please do so. This is YOUR "Growl". Articles detailing acts of service, pictures/images displaying contributions to the community, etc., are welcomed and greatly encouraged.

Leaving a legacy is courageous. Documenting the history is a worthwhile and bolder achievement. In 2039, when the Seal Beach Host Club celebrates its one-hundredth anniversary, lets leave present day Lion Historian Scott Newton's future successor something colorful to share with the next generation of Lions.

Whatever is considered, do it with pizzazz. Add in some brilliance. Yet, most of all do it with true color -- Lionize it.

Kid



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Club Calendar:

Saturday - Sunday, August 2 & August 3

- La Habra Lions Corn Fest Visitation

Wednesday, August 6

- 7:00 pm -9:00 pm : S. B. Host Lions Club Governor Visitation.

Friday, August 15

- 5:00 pm -9:00 pm : Long Beach Lions 17th Annual Western Barbeque
- Harbor-Mesa Lions "Starlight Cruise Fund Raiser for VDG Barbara Hayward"

Monday, August 18

- 6:30 pm -8:30 pm : Leo Board meeting.

Wednesday, August 20

- Seal Beach Seaside Lions Sixth Annual Charity Golf
- 7:00 pm -9:00 pm : S. B. Host Lions General Meeting DARK
- Laguna Niguel Lions present "A Night of Comedy At The Improv" Irvine Spectrum Entertainment Center

Thursday, August 21

- Hawaii Admissions Day

Monday, August 25

- 6:30 pm -9:30 pm : Leo Summer End BBQ

Saturday, August 30th

- Fullerton Host Lions/Garden Grove Host Lions Golf Tournament at the Fullerton Golf Course

Saturday-Sunday, September 6th-7th

- Seal Beach Leos "Art Festival Barbeque"

Saturday, September 6th

- Lions Camp at Teresita Pines Open House in Wrightwood

Saturday, September 7th

- Harbor-Mesa Lions 7th Annual Spaghetti Splash

Saturday, September 13th

- Ensenada Lions Northern Visitation Casino Night
- Fullerton Host Lions Casino Night

Monday, September 15th

- Orange Region Meeting "Island Fever", 07:00pm at Garden Grove Host Lions Clubhouse

Thursday-Saturday, September 18th-20th

- 27th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Portland, Oregon

Tuesday, September 23rd

- Saddleback Region Meeting "International Night"

Sunday, October 5th

- Annual CHOC/Disneyland Resort Walk

Thursday-Saturday, October 9th-11th

- 47th Annual Ensenada Visitation

Saturday, October 11th

- Casa Youth Shelter "Silver Linings" Annual Auction Dinner celebrating 25th Anniversary

Friday, October 24th

- Harbor-Mesa Lions "Viva Las Vegas" Casino Night at Costa Mesa Neighborhood Community Center

Club President--Lion of the Month Award

July Award Winner, Lion Dino Syrengelas

Nearly pulling out his hair and refraining from screaming from the top of his lungs, Lion Dino survived his second year as Chairman of the Fish Fry. Most club members do not realize that the planning of the Fish Fry starts well before July.

The behind the scenes work is almost as important as the day's activities. No sooner is the Fish Fry completed on Sunday night that we are planning for next year. For this commitment not to be confused with being committed, I award Lion Dino the Lion of the Month Award.





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Seal Beach Seaside Lions Sixth Annual Charity Golf Tournament.

The Seal Beach Seaside Lions are proud to announce their Sixth Annual Charity Golf Tournament. It takes Players, Sponsors and donations to make an event work. The committee members put a great deal of effort in the tournament to make one of the finest in the area.

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:

Navy Golf Course

Wednesday, August 20, 2003, 1:00 pm Shotgun Start.

\$125.00 includes play, cart, arrival gift, lunch, Awards Banquet and on course activities.

RESERVATION SHOULD BE MADE, SINGLE ENTRANTS WELCOME.

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS:

Program Sponsor = \$150.00

Refreshment Wagon Sponsor = \$250.00

Mulligan Scratch-off Sponsor = \$300.00

Hole in One Sponsor = \$350.00

Banquet Sponsor = \$500.00

Arrival Gift Sponsor = \$600.00

Event Sponsor = \$1000.00

Golden Event Sponsor = \$1400.00

TEE SPONSOR = \$50.00

Additional information regarding Sponsorships, please call Lion Judy O'Neill at 562-598-0718

Veterans Corner:



Veterans Wheelchair Games, held 5 - 9 July
(Report by Lion George Dooley)

Being involved was the order of the day as Lion Dewey Linehan and I reported for duty at 0630 at the Long Beach Veterans Hospital.

After a brief ride to the Long Beach Convention Center we were given our assignments. Lion Dewey was assigned to help assist the Veterans off the buses and I was assigned to assist with the obstacle course.

We were to guide and only help if they fell as they twisted and turned through the course. The course was very true to life for these chair bounded Veterans who were very tough. It was a unique experience to witness the guts and determination of these men and women as they not only competed for time but just to finish the course. It was truly a good feeling to help and high five the Veterans who ultimately sacrificed their bodies for our freedom.

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Fish Fry, Saturday & Sunday, July 19 & 20, 2003:



Blanketed with spectacular summer weather, the Seal Beach Host Lions Club continued forth tradition and held their 59th Annual Fish Fry on July 19th and 20th at the pier. Attended by many, there was ample food, drink, and entertainment for all ages.

Second year Fish Fry Chairman Lion Dino Syrengelas commented, "With the Pacific Ocean as a beautiful backdrop, 'Joe Schmoe' band playing on Saturday, numerous raffle prizes and hard working Lions and Leos, the community enjoyed a wonderful event".

New this year was the addition of a Women's Designer Apparel Sale that was held Saturday at the Marina Center. Top name brand women's clothing was discounted up to 80%.

The event also marked the 12th Annual Opportunity Drawing where for a third year in a row a Seal Beach resident took home the Grand Prize. On Sunday, Opportunity Drawing Chairman Lion Tom Ahrens was proud to witness the Farfel family drive away with the 2003 Chrysler PT Cruiser after ticket number 460 was drawn.

Opportunity Drawing winners:

Grand Prize: Glenn and Alona Farfel, Seal Beach (460)
2003 Chrysler PT Cruiser

2nd Prize: Robyn Reese, Huntington Beach (406)
\$1500 Travel Voucher to destination of choice

3rd Prize: Rod Swetland, Seal Beach (301)
\$500 Gift Certificate to shop at South Coast Plaza

4th Prize: Bill Syrengelas, Huntington Beach (364)
DVD Home System

5th Prize: Carol DeForrest, Anaheim (378)
Nintendo GameCube

6th Prize: Michael Werlhof, Huntington Beach (496)
Toshiba 13" TV

7th Prize: Gail Hubbard, Huntington Beach (319)
Beach Cruiser bicycle

8th Prize: Dr. Arthur Melville, Long Beach (237)
VCR Player

9th Prize: Lucky Joe Harris, Seal Beach (76)
Two Cellular Telephones

10th Prize: Don Heidler, Seal Beach (79)
Phillips Sound Machine



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The Window

Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back.

The men talked for hours on end. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service, where they had been on vacation.

Every afternoon when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could

see outside the window.

The man in the other bed began to live for those one-hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and color of the world outside.

The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Young lovers walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every color and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance.

As the man by the window described all this in exquisite detail, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine the picturesque scene.

One warm afternoon the man by the window described a parade passing by. Although the other man couldn't hear the band - he could see it. In his mind's eye as the gentleman by the window portrayed it with descriptive words.

Days and weeks passed. One morning, the day nurse arrived to bring water for their baths only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window, who had died peacefully in his sleep. She was saddened and called the hospital attendants to take the body away.

As soon as it seemed appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch, and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone.

Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the real world outside. He strained to slowly turn to look out the window beside the bed. It faced a blank wall.

The man asked the nurse what could have compelled his deceased roommate who had described such wonderful things outside this window. The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall. She said, "Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you."

Epilogue: There is tremendous happiness in making others happy, despite our own situations. Shared grief is half the sorrow, but happiness when shared, is doubled.

If you want to feel rich, just count all the things you have that money can't buy.

"Today is a gift, that's why it is called the present."

The origin of this letter is unknown, but it brings good luck to everyone who passes it on. So, forward it to your friends to whom you wish good luck.

People will forget what you said...

People will forget what you did...

But people will never forget how you made them feel...

Make someone happy, share a kind word today.



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Where are they now? - A Special Report to "The Growl"

Arriving to the first meeting (2 July 2003) subsequent to sitting the past year as Club Secretary and "The Growl" Editor for the past six, one couldn't help take notice of Lion Bill Howes. There existed an apparent transformation in his demeanor and a lift in the gait of his walk. Did anyone see an anvil come gliding off his back? Perhaps, instead, it was a welder's torch flailing through a ball and chain?

When the time came in the evening for Lion Tail-Twister Kraig Bekke to ask for "Happy Dollars" Lion Bill was filled with elation. Placing his dollar happily in the Twisters cup, he stood 'loud and proud', shimmied slightly closer and with a staring glare, proceeded to display a Cleveland Browns football helmet newly tattooed to his right arm.



What truly became of the man, one might inquire?

Okay, being in the movie industry might have had a causal effect! Yet, "The Hulk" is about a green guy (not orange) and the flick was produced by another studio (not Sony, the one Bill works for). So, discount that theory.

Review of past Growl editions presented discernible clues. One clue indicated a liking to cross-dressing, for many of Lion Bill's Growl editions were heralded with a marquee banner stating "Two Different views of your Club Secretary". Not seeing the relevancy here to cause the recent spouting of behavior this notion was quickly dismissed, too.

Then there were the tell tale signs of stress and burnout.

As many may recall reading in the November 2002 Growl edition, Lion Bill exclaimed, "I have edited the Growl for 5 1/2 of the last 6 years and quite frankly, I'm definitely getting burnt out...and, I'm retiring on June 30, 2003".

With the onset of preseason NFL football (teams were called to camp on 25 July) it quickly became apparent what the ruckus is truly about. Transforming from feline (Lion) to canine (dog) on weekends, the man is completely animal and obviously quite content he no longer has to meet M&A deadlines or scribe a paragraph for the monthly Secretary message. Yes, ole' Lion Billie can now sit back and enjoy quality time with his lovely bride, Jacqui, and football on any given Sunday.

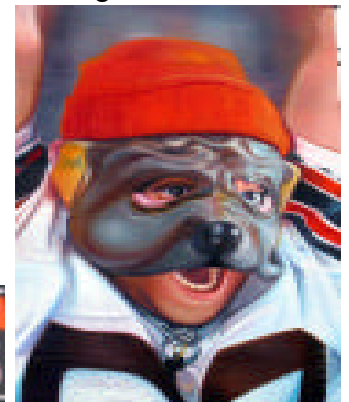
Therefore-----with no further adieu-----straight from Ohio's own "Cleveland Dog Pound"-----we present, our one and only-----LION BILL HOWES!!

Turn up the sound there, DJ Lion Mike Narz!!

**"WHO LET THE DOGS OUT!?!?! WOOF, WOOF!!
WHO LET THE DOGS OUT!?!?!...."**

**WATCH OUT HOUSTON, TEXAS-----HERE WE COME!!
SUPERBOWL XXXVIII BOUND, BABY!!**

GO BROWNS !!



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