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President's message:

What an exciting month for Seal Beach Lions! First of all, we had our Melvin Jones Committee, which was made up of Lions Jackie Maloney, Carol Linehan, Renee Schulte and Karen Russell, pick eight very deserving Lions as Melvin Jones Award winners.

Alan Chavez, Barbara Wright, Gary Denni, Mike Haley, Marcia Haley, Marilyn Redd, Dino Syrengelas, and Jacqui Howes were selected as

this year's honorees. They will be attending the Melvin Jones dinner in January at the Costa Mesa Country Club. We hope they have a wonderful time!

We also had another night of awards. Scott Newton was selected as "Lion of the Decade" for 2000-2010. The board also voted to bestow a Melvin Jones Award upon Scott for all the hard work he has done for the club.

Governor Norm MacKenzie, 1st Vice District Governor Ken Sherwood and 2nd Vice District Governor P.J. Smith all were present to see Scott receive his award. John Doogan, who started a Leo club at the Braille Institute with Scott Newton and does work with the Orphanages of Thailand, also was present. Seal Beach Leo Club president Tyler Sternagle also came to see his advisor be presented with the award.

Congratulations to EVERYONE who received a Melvin Jones Award and THANK YOU for everything you do on behalf of the club.

We are so lucky to have a club that is so involved and where everyone works so hard. I hope everyone has a wonderful time at the awards dinner!

Even though we only have one meeting in December, we still have lots of activities to look forward to.

The Christmas parade on December 3rd will be lots of fun and then everyone will head over to Ray and Marilyn's house on the 4th for TNT (tacos and tequila). There is a Leo's District Meeting on December 5th and Barbara Wright is organizing Lions to work at the Los Alamitos Youth Center Tree Lot at Ganahl Lumber on December 6th.

December 11th will be a busy day, as we all get up early to serve our first Breakfast with Santa at Eisenhower Park. Lion Juliet is really hoping for good weather as we do our first wintertime breakfast on the beach. Then that night we will all head over to the Oakwood Apartments Recreation Room for our annual Christmas party. Tony O'Dell will be our entertainment again this year, so it should be lots of fun.

Then if you want to help out decorating the Rose Parade Float on December 27th, you can head out to Pasadena. This should be the last Lions' event of the year, unless you are lucky enough to win the raffle to ride on the Lions' float! I hope I'm the lucky one to win that raffle!

I would like to wish all of your families the happiest of holidays this season. I hope I am on Santa's "nice" list and that I get something good! See you at the Lions' events and at the meetings at the first of the year! Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all of you!

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Calendar

- Dec 3 - Christmas Parade
- Dec 5 - Leo District Meeting
- Dec 6 - Los Al Youth Center Tree Lot @ Ganahl Lumber
- Dec 11 - Breakfast with Santa
- Dec 11 - Christmas Party
- Dec 15 - American Family Housing Christmas Dinner
- Dec 18 - CASA Project
- Dec 27 - Rose Parade Float Decorating

Happy Birthdays to:

Mary Newton	12/3
Bruce Gormley	12/3
Margie Garcia	12/3
Nick Bolin	12/5
Ashleigh Rollins	12/6
Gloria Souder	12/13
Biff Horvatin	12/19
Geri Eckner	12/20
Scott Newton	12/21





Welcome to our New Members!

Vic Grgas
Nancy Grgas
Scott Weir
Keith Berry
Bill Blatnik
Chris Coultrup
Stephanie Giangiordano
Mark Kavanaugh
Katherine McHugh
Teri Newton
Lindsay Safe
Tim Kelly

Congratulations to our 2010 Melvin Jones Award Winners!

Barbara Wright
Dino Syrengelas
Marilyn Redd
Mike Haley
Marcia Haley
Jacqui Howes
Gary Denni
Alan Chavez

Seal Beach board members received free t-shirts at the regular meeting on December 1st. They were thanked for all the hard work and extra service they put in on a regular basis for the club. Lion Bill Howes also received a shirt for tirelessly remembering to do the raffle every meeting and Lion Eric Reese received a shirt for drawing the fantastic logo that is on the front of the shirts! Thanks for all the fantastic work you Seal Beach Lions do!



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The American Family Housing Thanksgiving Dinner was a huge success. 450 Dinners were served. There were 55 turkeys baked. Seal Beach Lions cooked and donated 15, Huntington Beach Host Lions cooked and donated 8, Chef Ellen Liebherr's catering friends cooked and donated 8, and the staff of American Family Housing cooked and donated 12. The rest were baked at the AFH kitchen.

Lion Lee Melody came through with getting an additional 25 frozen turkeys donated that were given out in individual family baskets.

The work began on Wednesday at 3:00 with lots of chopping. With the help of Lions Jackie Maloney, Camille Ramono and Dave Schwein, Lions started making the dressing, yams and gravy. At 6:00 there was a change of shift (except for Dave who stayed on). The Huntington Beach Lions along with Seal Beach Lions Dave Schwein, Diane Martin and Bill Blatnick, began to carve the 45 turkeys that were delivered whole. The crew worked until about 9:00, and then took a short break for a pulled pork sandwich dinner and WINE.

On Sunday Lion Ellen Liebherr arrived at the kitchen at 5:30 to start warming and baking the food. Lion Scott Newton showed up and helped get things organized by labeling the food pans and getting everything packed up. At 7:30 a.m. a crew of about 12 volunteers enlisted by AFH showed up with 6 pickup trucks and vans and loaded everything within a half an hour. It was very impressive to see the trucks and vans loaded so quickly.

After arriving at the Westminster Community Center and getting the kitchen ready, the vegetables were put on the stove, the turkey in the warmers, and dressing and yams were in the stove. Camille took over making the mashed potatoes, Diane cleaned everything that needed it, and everything was ready to go at 11:00 a.m. when the first guests arrived.

Various volunteers had begun showing up at 8:00 a.m., and the dining room was filled with about 100 people getting things ready. Tables were set, and desserts were cut and plated. The food went out on time and we served until 2:00. People ate until they could eat no more. Doggie bags were even offered to people to take leftovers home.

While everyone's help was so appreciated, there were a few standouts that should be mentioned. Lion Lee Melody came through with getting an additional 25 turkeys donated that were added to individual baskets delivered to homes. Lions Camille Romano, Dave Schwein and Diane Martin really put in the hours. Lion Brad Barras hauled out more pans of food than Lion Ellen could count, keeping the chafing dishes filled at all times.

The Clean up was done in record time. Serving of food was stopped at 2 p.m. and everything was clean and put away before 3 p.m. It was a fantastic team effort.

Lions Gail and Dave Hubbard showed up to work with four friends, but the serving was done for the day and most of the clean up was finished.

We didn't have a sign up sheet for those Seal Beach Lions who prepared turkeys, so here is a list of those that we could remember by memory who donated and cooked turkeys. If you are not on the list, we apologize and thank you for your donation as well!

Marcia & Mike Haley, Ray & Marilyn Longoria, Patty's Place, Geri Eckner, Camille Romano, Aro Riley, Carol & Dewey Linehan, Allyn Mattox, Diane Martin, Bill Blatnick, Chris Coultrup, Keith Berry, Lee Melody, Ellen Liebherr, Nikki Illingsworth

We also had an appearance with new member Aro Riley, who brought her two children, Sara and Alex, who are both Leos. Sara and Alex both worked hard serving food on their Thanksgiving Day!



The American Family Housing Thanksgiving Dinner Pictures





Scott Newton

Lion of the Decade

The Seal Beach Lions Club has chosen Scott Newton to be its 2000-2010 Lion of the Decade.

The club also bestowed a prestigious Melvin Jones Award upon Newton at their December 1st meeting to honor him for his accomplishment.

Newton joined the Seal Beach Lions in 1988 and was sponsored by local realtor and Lion Jim Klisanin.

Newton said that he always looked at Klisanin as his mentor.

"I saw Jim's generosity, and I tried to emulate that," Newton said. "Jim is always in the background, giving the club support and helping out. He has been there since the beginning."

Newton has definitely been a driving force in the Seal Beach Lions Club. He has served as president twice, secretary once and treasurer three times. He currently is serving as the membership director and is on several committees.

This year alone Newton has been the lead Leo advisor, which is the teen division of the Lion's Club; co-chaired the Fish Fry; chaired the Founder' Day Parade and the Christmas Parade; chaired the Founder's Day Dinner and the CASA Dinner; cooked at the Ronald McDonald House with his wife, Cathy (after repairing their barbeque); chaired Art Fest with the Leos; and hosted a pancake breakfast with the Long Beach Junior Crew.

As a Leo Advisor, Newton also just supervised the Leos in distributing "thank you" letters to veterans at the VA Hospital in Long Beach, and helped organized two beach cleanup days, the McGaugh Carnival and the McGaugh Reunion.

Newton spoke fondly of the rewards he gets from being a Leo advisor.

Current Leo president, Tyler Sternagle, spoke of Newton's influence on him.

"At school, I had to write an essay on a person who was my hero," Sternagle told the audience, "Scott immediately came to my mind."

Newton says that he looks forward to receiving letters at the end of every school year from -->



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parents who thank him for the work Lions do with their children, teaching them about community service.

The head Leo advisor often hears parents say that the Leo's Club made a difference in their child's life, helping them to make the right choices and to pick the right friends.

"It touches me every year to read those letters," Newton said. "It gives me validation that what I am doing is good."

Newton also remembers an event the Lions sponsored in 1990 called Operation Disneyland when his own children, Grant and Teri, were four and two years old.

Thirty to 40 severely disabled children came to California from New Zealand for a trip to Disneyland. All were terminally ill.

Seal Beach Lions hosted a barbeque and a party in the park. Newton watched his own children playing with these terminally ill and disabled children and it touched his heart. He realized how short their lives were and was grateful for his own children's health.

He realized then how important it was to teach children to give back and to teach them that there was always someone worse off than you were.

One of Newton's favorite moments of the year is the Leo's Community Support Night. This is the night that the Leos not only give out the money that they have earned during the year, but they receive scholarships and recognition for the work they have performed.

Newton always feels a huge sense of pride and gets choked up as he says good-bye to somewhere between 15 and 40 graduating seniors.

While Newton enjoys being a mentor to youth as a Leo advisor, he also enjoys being a Lion and working on Lions' projects. He has a soft spot in his heart for the Pancake Breakfast, because this was the first project he took on as a Lion.

His favorite committee (along with many other Lions) is Fish Fry, which has become a huge community event. The bigger and more intense the Fish Fry becomes, the more Newton enjoys it.

One of Newton's most special moments as a Lion was when he received the Lions Presidential Award from the Lions International President. When asked if this means Newton will be moving up in the Lions organization, Newton says no.

"I consider myself a community Lion," says Newton. "I would be willing to help others serve their community better, but I consider myself a grass roots community Lion."

Newton is also involved with the Seal Beach Chamber of Commerce and has been recognized as the Seal Beach Man of the Year. He was the Grand Marshall of the Christmas Parade in 2008. He was the Cypress College Citizen of the Year and now is on the Citizen of the Year Committee. Newton is also a past board member of the Los Alamitos Youth Center. He is a co-chair of the "Every 15 Minutes" program at Los Alamitos High School, which both the Lions and Leos sponsor.

Newton has been highly decorated as a Lion. His awards include City of Hope Life Sustainer, 2001; Lions Camp Teresita Pines, 2006; Student Speaker – Fred W. Smith Fellow – Leos 2004; Student Speaker – Dwight Stanford Fellow, 2003; Student Speaker – Harry Asland Fellow – Leos 2001; Youth Exchange (Life Member) – Leos 1999; Lions In Sight – Marilyn Green (Life Member), 2000; Lions In Sight – Don Works Fellowship, 2007; LPCCI – Abdul Award – Leos 2005; LPCCI (Life Member) – Leos 2000; Proud Lion; Leo Advisor – Excellence Award 2002 & 2010; Seal Beach President's Award, 2010; Seal Beach Lion of the Year, 1991 & 2000; Lions Club International Fund – Life Member, 2009; Melvin Jones Award, 1991; Melvin Jones Progressive Award, 1993, 1999, 2001, 2002, Leos – 2003, 2004, 2005, Leos – 2006, Leos – 2007, 2008.

On the personal side, Newton lived in West Covina until he was thirteen, and then moved to Claremont where he went to high school and on to Citrus Junior College. He then moved to University of Hawaii and received a B.S. Degree in Business and an M.B.A. Degree from Chaminade University in Honolulu, HA.

Newton married his wife Cathy on August 18th on the sand in Seal Beach and they reside in Long Beach. Newton's two grown children, Grant and Teri, have both become Lions and are former Seal Beach Leos. Newton's ex-wife, Mary, is also a beloved member of the club. -->

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Newton's memories in the club revolve around Klisanin; Ray Longoria, who served as Newton's treasurer both times he was president; and Jackie and Mike Maloney, who taught Newton how to drink tequila in his early years as a Lion.

When Newton joined the club, it was limited to men only. While Scott was president in 1991-1992, there were two big changes. The first woman, Ruth Wentworth, was voted into the club. The second change was that smoking was banned at the meetings. This caused the club to gain and lose members.

Newton has seen many changes in Seal Beach Lions and has helped make the club a success. He views his role now as helping new members take leadership positions and assisting them as a mentor, as Klisanin once mentored him.

As the Seal Beach Lion of the Decade, he has helped the Seal Beach Lions Club to grow and prosper and will now help to guide the club into a new decade of continued growth and prosperity. Congratulations, Scott Newton, on an honor well deserved.





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On November 4th, thirteen Seal Beach Lions and friends went to a taping of the television show "**Let's Make A Deal.**" Everyone looked great dressed up in costumes. The show will air on March 24, 2011. Set your DVR!



In Memory of Dylan
Barras
Never Forgotten
June 5, 1990 -
December 11, 2005

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The Seal Beach Lions hosted a dinner for the Leos at the Methodist Church on November 15th. Jackie Maloney chaired the evening.

The Lions served lasagna, salad and garlic bread, along with drinks and dessert.

The Leos absolutely loved being served dinner by the Lions. They had a great turnout at their meeting. They had many new members show up that evening.

The Lions also raffled off Coldstone giftcards to the Leos.

What a great way for the Lions to show their appreciation to the Leos for all the hard work the Leos do!

Fellow Seal Beach Lions-

I want to sincerely thank the members of the Seal Beach Lions Club for honoring me as their Lion-of-the-Decade. I am so fortunate to be part of this great organization. I am only one of many Lions in Seal Beach with a desire to serve and help the less fortunate. My strength comes from my fellow Lions who have mentored me, helped me, served with me, and lead me. You are my peers, you are my friends, and WE are all part of the Lions Club-of-the-Century.

I want to also thank the Board of Directors for honoring me with a special Melvin Jones Fellowship. I look forward to joining our Melvin Jones recipients for 2010 at the dinner in January.

Again, thank you for this very special recognition.

In Lionism,

Scott