



WE SUPPORT

Lions help Chamber members create a winter wonderland for this year's tree lighting ceremony.

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WE SUPPORT YOUTH

Lions heated up the griddle again for the Cal State Long Beach Crew Team.

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WE GIVE GIFT OF SIGHT

Lions give the gift of sight in Imperial.

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WE WORK

Look here for our meeting minutes.

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SEAL BEACH LIONS CLUB

Meetings on the first and third Wednesday of the month at Khoury's Restaurant
110 Marina Drive, Long Beach
7 p.m.

www.sealbeachlions.org



Christmas spirit fills the air with annual tree lighting

LINDSAY SAFE

President

This was simply an amazing Seal Beach Holiday event.

More than 2000 attended this winter wonderland event that culminated with the lighting of the city Christmas tree.

The event was held in Eisenhower park and included a holiday movie theatre, bounce house, snow play area, a four-lane toboggan run, hot drinks booth, live entertainment and of course, the Christmas tree lighting ceremony.

At around 5:30 p.m., Santa arrived and worked his way through the huge crowd to find his place on stage. On the stage were dignitaries and the evening's guest of honor, LAUSD Teach of the Year Kathy Carey.

After the gorgeous sunset subsided, the

crowd gave a countdown and when they reached zero, Kathy pulled the switch and lit the tree. The people at the front of the line were the most excited because they were first to visit Santa.

For the next two hours, Santa greeted young children and heard their wishes, people kept sledding and playing in the snow, families watched holiday movies, and everyone was entertained by an amazing brass band.

This was truly a first class event produced by the Chamber of Commerce. My hat goes off to chairpersons Frank Carvajal and Rosie Ritchie for their amazing leadership.

One other interesting note is most of the volunteers were also Lions. While it was not a Lions produced event, it was clearly full of Lions spirit.

CALENDAR

- Friday, December 27**
Lions Rose Parade Float Decorating
- Saturday, December 28**
CLFIS: Palm Springs
- Sunday, December 29**
LCI President Project & Luncheon
- Wednesday, January 8**
Lions General Meeting
- Saturday, January 11**
Melvin Jones Fellowship Dinner
- Sunday, January 12**
Seal Beach Lions 75th Charter Anniversary
- Wednesday, January 15**
Lions General & Board Meeting
- Saturday, January 18**
CLFIS: Grand Terrace
- Saturday, Jan. 18 & Sunday, Jan. 19**
Lions MD4 Leadership Conference
- Thursday, January 23**
Ronald McDonald House: Orange
- Saturday, January 25**
District 4-L4 Meeting
- Wednesday, January 29**
Happy Hour!!!
- ## BIRTHDAYS
- Friday, December 13**
Gloria Souders
- Thursday, December 19**
Biff Horvatin
- Friday, December 20**
Geri Eckner
Marah Fineberg
- Saturday, December 21**
Eshter Kenyon
Matti Kline
Scott Newton
- Thursday, December 26**
Grayce Hardy
- Friday, January 3**
Mike Peters
- Saturday, January 4**
Roni Behrends
- Sunday, January 5**
Knutte Fredholm
- Friday, January 10**
Adriana Ziegenbusch
- Saturday, January 11**
Pamela Wilson
- Monday, January 13**
Leanne Sabo
- Tuesday, January 14**
Keith Hall



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

LINDSAY SAFE

President

Each and every December (and sometimes during other months of the year), I watch one of my favorite Christmas movies: Elf.

There are several parts of the film that warm my heart, make me smile or make me laugh, but when Buddy the Elf exclaims, "SANTA! OH MY GOD! SANTA'S COMING! I KNOW HIM! I KNOW HIM!" another thought crossed my mind this year: THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S COMING! I DON'T KNOW HIM, BUT I WILL!

As 2013 comes to a close, our club is thrilled to host a luncheon for Lions Club International President Barry Palmer during his visit to Southern California. This visit is such an honor as he does not visit many clubs and an current International President (IP) has never visited Seal Beach in its nearly 75 years of service. So, why us? And, why now?

First and foremost, Seal Beach Lions are quite amazing. We illustrate what it means

to be a Lion both locally and globally. Lions Club International's website states, "Whenever a Lions club gets together, problems get smaller. And communities get better. That's because we help where help is needed—in our own communities and around the world—with unmatched integrity and energy." If this does not sum up what it means to be a Seal Beach Lion, I don't know what does.

We are regularly called upon to take action in a time of need. When C.E.R.T. needed fliers distributed on The Hill, the Lions were there. When the Seal Beach Animal Care Center needed help setting up for Wag 'n' Walk, the Lions were there. When someone reported a tag near their home, the Lions were there. And when an innocent woman was left with nothing, the Lions were there. It is a testament to our wonderful organization that we uphold our mission by, indeed, minimizing problems and bettering our beloved "Mayberry by the sea."

Not only do we uphold the standards of Lionism, but we also do it like no other club around. With a fun loving, giving spirit, our veteran Lions laid an incredible foundation of excellent projects and worthy activities. They taught us to serve tirelessly while enjoying the company of our fellow Lions. We are young both physically and mentally. At times, it's difficult to believe this is a person more than 30 years old in the room. Seal Beach Lions are known to have the most fun, and I believe it's safe to say, "Lions who play and serve together, stay together."

Furthermore, we've instilled this love of serving and fun in our Leos as well. This being said, the number of Leos whom choose to join the ranks as Lions is what really intrigues IP Palmer and what we hope to share with him during his visit.

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Lions flip pancakes for CSULB Crew

CHRIS LANGLAIS

Lion

On Saturday, November 9, Lions and Leos prepared and served pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee to 415 hungry individuals consisting of crew athletes, students, friends, family members and volunteers.

As each race finished, the athletes would come and eat, so the groups of

diners were spaced out evenly throughout the morning.

The whole operation ran smoothly and we had just enough food for some of the rowers to have seconds.

Everyone attending the event kept telling us how grateful they were and what a difference the Lions make at this event. This is the only college level crew event that serves breakfast and everyone looks forward to it all year long.

LIONS ^{by} THE NUMBERS

67
lions
worked

1,148
people
served

373
lion
hours

616
eyeglasses
collected

7
hearing
aids
donated

150
tags
removed

\$2,000
funds
RAISED

Lions support CASA once more

SCOTT NEWTON

First Vice President

Ten Seal Beach Lions ascended on the CASA Youth Shelter's annual Commander's Ball with the idea of spending lots of money to support the shelter at their silent auction.

While we still all spent money through opportunity drawings, the silent auction was absent this year.

In the end, it was still a wonderful event that raised money for one of our favorite local charities.

Besides the \$2,000 donation from the club, members were ready to spend another \$1,500 or so in support of the CASA Youth Shelter.



New Lions learn what LAG-ing is all about

SCOTT NEWTON

First Vice President

Our annual LAG (Lions Against Graffiti) project for new members had us tackling some pretty serious graffiti in the wash near College Park West, along the San Gabriel River Bike Trail, and on the jetty rocks near Khoury's on Saturday, Nov. 2.

This was one of our "cover-up" projects where removal was just not practical. This was Lion Eric Denny and Lion Roger Lange's first project, so we pushed them out front and made them do the heavy lifting (and the dangerous stuff).

We started by painting the sides of two storage containers alongside the bike trail. We helped Lion Eric climb the fence to get some graffiti removed from some power poles near the trail as well.

Next, we tied off some heavy rope to a power pole and rappelled down into a wash near the freeway that is a frequent target of gang graffiti artists. We couldn't get it all but we "ruined" the various messages trying to be conveyed.

Along the way to the next location, we could not help stopping to remove graffiti on road signs, light poles and electrical boxes.

We regrouped near Khoury's and trekked out about halfway down the jetty. Once we found the area most visible from Seal Beach, the team went to work covering graffiti on the giant jetty boulders.

Three hours and about 150 tags later, we ended with a group photo on the jetty that included our Leo-in-Training Ryker Muller.

Besides being an important part of our LAG Team effort, it was a project exclusively for new Lions and their sponsors to get to know each other better.

New Lions in attendance included Roger Lange, Samantha Savage, Eric Denny, Lee Lindquist, Josh Muller and future Lion Barbara Savage.

Project team leaders Ray Longoria and Scott Newton are also new member sponsors for most of these members.

A big thanks goes out to Joe's Premium Painting and Bay Hardware for donating paint and supplies.





Sight team serves in Imperial, visits Slab City

CATHY NEWTON

Director

This was more than a simple sight screening to provide eyeglasses for the needy – it was an amazing testimony to what Lions can do when they pool their resources towards a common goal (and it was quite an adventure).

Lions Diana and Gary Bean & Cathy and Scott Newton took off from Seal Beach on Friday around 3pm. Besides our luggage, we had more than 600 ‘ready to use’ eyeglasses and 500+ eyeglass cases stuffed into the car. We fought traffic and rain but landed in Imperial after a four hour drive. We met up with Lions Scotty & Larry from Rancho Cucamonga and had dinner at amazing Mexican Restaurant.

Early on Saturday, we arrived at the sight location to find hundreds already in line for the clinic. Our ‘advance’ team helped prepare the sight for the clinic and brief volunteers before the main CLFIS contingent arrived. Once they arrived we were able to mobilize a huge crowd of volunteers to set up and get the clinic up and running by 8:00am. Besides the CLFIS team from various clubs in 4L4 and 4L5, we had Lions from Imperial, El Centro, Blythe, Brawley and Salton Sea plus a great group of young volunteers from Americorps and a local nursing program.

This was an all-hands-on-deck clinic with a nonstop line of patients until nearly 6pm. Throughout the day, the Imperial Lions keep feeding us with homemade breakfast burritos, donuts, snacks and pizza. On day one, we helped more than 480 needy people receive eye exams and recycled eyeglasses.

That evening, we retired to our hotel (Ramada Inn \$50/night) and used the closed restaurant for a banquet celebrating the volun-

teers who served at the clinic. The local Lions cooked an amazing dinner (from scratch) and provided refreshments including some bottles of agave nectar. Every volunteer received a ‘Vision Mission’ bottle of wine and a goody bag. Door prizes were raffled and almost every volunteer won something. Besides the wonderful generosity, it was a great evening to unwind and share stories of the people we helped earlier in the day.

On Sunday, we left the hotel at 6:55pm and we seeing patients 10 minutes later. We worked non-stop and were able to process another +/- 350 patients by 1:30pm. The vans were packed, we said our goodbyes and were on our way home after providing sight screenings and eyeglasses for more than 830 needy people.

This really was an amazing weekend of service. Besides helping so many people, we made many new friends and enjoyed the wonderful hospitality of the Imperial Lions Club.

On the way home, we took a little detour to Niland, CA where we visited the infamous Slab City and Salvation Mountain. It was a very interesting place to say the least.



UPCOMING VISION SCREENINGS

Saturday, December 7
Apple Valley, CA

Saturday, December 28
Palm Springs, CA

Saturday, January 4
Blythe, CA

Saturday, January 18
Grand Terrace, CA

Saturday, February 8
Santa Paula, CA

Saturday, February 22
Riverside, CA



Lions serve RMHLB

CAMILLE ROMANO

Secretary

On Sunday, Nov. 10, four dedicated Lions served lunch at the Long Beach Ronald McDonald House.

Chairperson Adriana Preciado decided to share her Mexican culinary talents with everyone and set up a Taco bar. Her tacos, salsa, and pico de gallo were all prepared according to old family recipes, and according to the glowing reports, were a huge hit!

Adriana and her crew of Diana and Gary Bean along with new Lion Janet Horowitz served 65 people lunch within a four hour period. A great time was had by all.

Lions support VFW

LAURA ELLSWORTH

Treasurer

On Veterans Day, Lions Dave Schwein, Gary and Diana Bean and I met at the Lions garage at 9 a.m. then headed over to Eisenhower park where Lion Dan "Gunny" Smalts were waiting, along with Tom and Robin Dszuzynski..

We provided 54 chairs, two tables, a sound system, tape for safety and electrical cords for the event. Matti Kline showed up as well. The Police Explorers helped us set up the chairs. The first part of our job was finished by 9:30 a.m. The Veterans Day Ceremony started at 11 p.m. The event itself was well attended and honoring our veterans is something we should do every day.

After the ceremony, the only one left was Matti and myself. I had no idea how we were going to get the chairs back to storage. Then Tom and Robin showed up. Yahoo! With my golf cart, the help of Tom and an explorer, we were able to return all items very quickly.

Leos give letters to Vets

DIANA BEAN

Director

Five Seal Beach Leos, six Village Bible Academy Leos and four Lions helped at the Veterans Affairs Hospital's Veterans Day ceremony by serving food, face painting and delivering thank you letters to Veterans.

More than 100 personal letters were distributed and handed personally to Veterans. Leos had many personal conversations with Veterans and all were very grateful. They even had the opportunity to meet and speak with a Medal of Honor recipient.

Chamber, Lions serve community

LAURA ELLSWORTH

Treasurer

As we have been saying a lot, the Seal Beach Chamber of Commerce and Lions cross over in an effort to service our wonderful community.

I asked for Lions to help with our Thanksgiving dinner which we were originally assigned the task of driving senior citizens, who were in need of a ride because they were not well enough to drive themselves from Leisure World to St. Anne's church in Seal Beach.

In some cases, the seniors did not have

any family or a car. Not as many people needed rides as last year, so we put our Lions to work in other areas.

Thank you Mike Gibbons, Lee Melody (bun-man), Chardy Lang and family and Josh Muller.

The rest of the Lions/Chamber members that pitched in are: Seth Eaker, Brian Warner, Gary and Diana Bean, Yaseng Yann, Liz Sontag, Scott Levitt, Marcella McSorley, Rosie Ritchie and Brooke Reid.

We served over 140 meals in 15 minutes. A special Thanksgiving was had by all.

Lion Evan named Int'l Leo of the Year

CAMILLE ROMANO

Secretary

Our district's second meeting of the year was held on Saturday, Nov. 16. In attendance from Seal Beach were eight Lions, including our Zone C chairperson, Dave Hubbard. Most of us arrived bright eyed around 7:30 a.m. and proceeded non-stop until 1p.m.

This was a fun and very informative meeting. It's always interesting to hear what other clubs are participating in and what their core activities are. This district meeting was also the meeting where all clubs brought the pajamas they'd collected. Seal Beach's contribution was 69 pairs of children's PJs. PDG Elizabeth Warren was quite happy with this.

In addition, our youngest Lion, and newest Leo to Lion, Evan Jenkins, was awarded International Leo of the Year. Evan will be officially honored early next year at a more formal ceremony with the International President.

It was noted by DG Sheila that our



club's goal this year is to get membership up from our current 191 members to 250 members! DG Sheila enticed the room with the promise of accepting ANY challenge if we reached this goal.

Official Meeting Minutes

**NOVEMBER 6, 2013
GENERAL MEETING**

President Lindsay Safe called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Lion Karen Russell leads us in the salute to the flag of the greatest country on earth, the U.S.A.

Lion Dave Schwien leads the club in the Invocation.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Another record night for guests! Lion Scott Newton introduced Wendy and James Schulien, who will become members tonight. Lion Dave Schwien brought Peggy Senneff. Lion Sue Scott Charles invited Diane Rydell and informed us that her previous guest, Gloria Applebaum, will join our club this evening. New Lion Matt Clark introduced his friend Maria Zawadzki. Lion Scott Newton introduced Dee Carey, who is the Grand Marshall of the Seal Beach Christmas Parade. Lion Molly Bounds brought Romy Robb to our meeting. Mr. Elias Bou Assi joined our meeting tonight to get a flavor of what we do. Mr. Jack Deaton, of the newly opened Glory Days restaurant, joined us. Cathy and Eagle Scout Jason Barnes joined us as well.

SECRETARY'S COMMENTS: Secretary Camille asked everyone to let her know if they move, in order to keep them current with our mailings, and with Lions International.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

President Lindsay awarded new Lion Gary Landis with his "Proud Lion" pin. Gary was very pleased.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Eagle Scout Project: Lindsay introduced Eagle Scout Jason Barnes who stated he is a senior at Los Alamitos High School. He is involved in a project at the Long Beach Animal Shelter which is building a new shed in order for them to house more homeless pets. Jason stated that any support we could give to this project would be a big help. Please see the board meeting minutes for our discussion on Jason's request.

B) Presentation to Animal Care Center: Lion Nikki presented Ms. Dee Carey of the Seal Beach Animal Center with a check for \$1,000 which we raised at the annual Wag 'N Walk event in October.

C) CSULB Crew Scholarship Pancake Breakfast (11/9): Lion Chris Langlais needs help on Friday, 11/8 to set up at the Marine Stadium and also needs volunteers from 7am to 12:30 the day of the event. He anticipates feeding approximately 450 students.

D) Ronald McDonald House Lunch (11/10): Lion Adrianna needs 10 people to help with lunch starting at 11am. As per Adrianna, the menu will be "Americanized Tacos."

E) Veterans Day Project Supporting the VFW: (11/11): Lion Laura Ellsworth asked for help setting up at Eisenhower Park at 11:00 am in preparation for the ceremony that will take place to honor our veterans.

F) Letter delivery to veterans at L.B. VA Hospital (11/11): Lion Scott Newton asked for volunteers to help out John Doogan, along with our Leos, from 10:30am – 12:30 pm to pass out "thank you for serving" letters to the veterans housed at the VA hospital.

G) Firehouse Ball (11/15): Lion Molly Bounds invited everyone to go to this event being held at Don the Beachcomber's in Sunset Beach. The event is put on by "Las Damas", a Sunset Beach Women's charitable group to help raise money for the volunteer fire department. A \$25 donation is recommended to attend.

H) District Cabinet Meeting-Fountain Valley (11/16): Lion Camille asked for a show of hands of anyone attending this meeting. She also advised everyone that all the pajamas we've been collecting will be delivered to this meeting for further distribution to under privileged children. PDG Ellen Liebherr added that we will also be honoring our newest and youngest Lion, Even Jenkins, with his "Leo of the Year" award.

I) American Family Housing Thanksgiving Project (11/27-28): PDG Ellen Liebherr advised us that this is a 4L4 approved project. AFH (located in Midway City) provides transitional support for people in need. PDG Ellen needs 50 cooked turkeys delivered to AFH by 11/27. Please

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L) Seal Beach Lions Christmas Parade (12/6): Lion Scott Newton reported that this year's parade will include 3,776 participants. He informed us that not only will International Director Larry Dicus, and District Governor Sheila Casteel be riding in the Grand Marshall's lead car, but our own President Lindsay will be riding with them. How fun for Lindsay, woo hoo!!!!

M) Seal Beach Lions Christmas Party (12/13): New Lion Liz Sonntag reminded us that the party will be held at the Seal Beach Yacht Club beginning with cocktails at 6:30pm with dinner at 7:30pm. This is a black and white dress themed party. There will be a raffle and lots of other fun stuff.

N) Sweatshirt Sales: Lion Scott Newton reminded everyone that if they did not have a SB Lions sweatshirt to be sure and get one. They are \$25 and will be delivered to members before the 12/6 Christmas parade. As Scott mentioned, you will be happy to have them because they're warm and it tends to be cold that time of year at the beach.

O) CLFIS Ongoing Eye Screenings: Lion Scott reminded everyone of the following eye screening clinics: Rancho Cucamonga on 11/9, which also counts as a visitation; Imperial Valley 11/23-24; and Apple Valley on 12/7.

P) CASA Project Donations: In the absence of Diana Bean, Lion Scott reminded everyone that we are starting to collect 12 gift packs to give to the kids at the Casa Youth Shelter. More details to follow.

Q) Huntington Beach Lions 75th Anniversary (11/24): H.B. Lions are the Seal Beach Lions host club. They will celebrate 75 years as a club in November. To commemorate this milestone they are having a dinner at Meadowlark Golf Course in H.B. on 11/24. Cost is \$55.00 and starts at 4pm.

R) Involve a U.S. Veteran: Lion Scott Newton reported that our club is now participating in LCI's "Involve a U.S. Veteran" program. We just registered five new veteran members from our club. Each will be given a free S.B. Lions sweatshirt as a thank you for their service.

OLD BUSINESS:

A) S.B. Triathlon (10/19): It was reported that 9 Lions and 11 Leos helped with this event, and all went very well.

B) Sailing for the Visually Impaired (10/19): Lions Dave Hubbard and Marcella McSorley chaired this project where 11 Lions and 5 Leos provided a fun day for approximately 180 visually impaired people. It was a huge success.

C) Lion's Camping Trip (10/18-20): Lion Brad was absent tonight but all who went reported a great time, great food, great music, and great accommodations at the 2nd annual camping trip.

D) McGaugh School Carnival (10/26): Lion Diana Brunjes was excited to report that 400 meals were served. \$1,200 was collected, and then donated to the PTA. She praised the efforts of Leo President Carl Aaker, and Lion Evan Jenkins.

E) WWR (10/27): Lion Matti Kline reported this was another successful and fun event. About 200 children painted pumpkins, and had the time of their lives.

Treasure Chest Drawing Tonight:

Lion Gary Denni, aka Huell Howser, as usual delighted us this evening as we made our way through the keys to the treasure chest. No one opened the chest yet!

Fines and Happy Dollars:

Lion Bruce Gormley stepped in as Tail Twister this evening. Lion Bruce is very good at collecting fines and happy dollars!!

Adjourn:

Without any other business, President Lindsay adjourned at 8:11pm.

NOVEMBER 6, 2013 BOARD MEETING

1) Call to Order: President Lindsay calls the meeting to order at 8:22pm.

2) Roll Call: Cathy Newton, Scott Newton, Marcia Haley, Mike Haley, Tom Duszynski, Camille Romano, IPP Ellen Liebherr, Nick Bolin, Les Shobe, Ken Robinson, Nikki Illingworth, Neil Gormley, Marie De la Cueva, and Laura Ellsworth. Absent: Grant Newton, Rose-Marie Baker, and Diana Bean.

3) Membership Proposals: Jim and Wendy Shulien, and Gloria Applebaum were presented to the board for membership. Lion Nick Bolin made a motion to approve new members; Lion Maria De la Cueva seconded; motion carried by the board.

4) Secretary's Report: Lion Mike Haley made a motion to approve the secretary's report; Lion Nikki Illingworth seconded; motion carried by the board.

5) Treasurer's Report: Lion Camille Romano made a motion to approve the treasurer's report; Lion Nick Bolin seconded; motion carried by the board.

6) New Business:

1. Military Affairs Committee Presentation: Lion Matti Kline asked the Board to consider donating a total of \$2,100 to the following military causes:

A) \$1,000 to the Naval Weapons Station Christmas Party. Les Shobe made a

motion to approve. No one seconded, this motion failed.

B) \$300 to the Lincoln Family Housing. Lion Nick made a motion to approve; Lion Mike Haley seconded; motion carried by the board.

C) \$400 to Barney's Beach Club. Lion Scott made a motion to approve; Lion Nick seconded; motion carried by the board.

D) \$200 to purchase coupon books for Veterans at the VA Hospital. Lion Cathy made a motion to amend this amount to \$500. Lion Maria seconded; motion carried by the board.

E) \$200 towards the VA Volunteer Program. Lion Maria made a motion to amend this amount to \$500. Lion Laura seconded; motion carried by the board.

Total amount approved: \$1,700.

2. Los Alamitos Educational Foundation Request for Donation: Lion Nick Bolin requested a \$1,000 donation for this 5013C non-profit program which supports extra-curricular activities at the schools, such as art and music, which have been canceled. This foundation controls the money, not the school system. Lion Mike made a motion to approve; Lion Camille seconded; motion carried by the board.

3. Eagle Scout Project Donation for Jason Barnes: Lion Cathy made a motion to approve a \$250 donation to this project. Lion Maria seconded; motion carried by the board.

4. Seal Beach Thanksgiving Dinner Donation: Lion Scott made a motion to approve a \$159 donation to this dinner. Lion Cathy seconded; motion carried by the board.

5. Funding for 75th Anniversary Pin, Artwork, etc.: Voting on this issue has been put on hold for the time being.

6. Increased budget amount to the Ronald McDonald House at CHOC for meals: Lion Jackie Maloney asked an additional \$50 towards this project. PDG Ellen made a motion to increase Jackie's request to \$150. Lion Mike made a motion to approve. Lion Marcia seconded; motion carried by the board.

7. A proposal was made to change our board meetings from the first meeting of the month to the second meeting. Lion Ken made a motion to accept this change. Lion Nikki seconded; motion carried by the board.

8. PDG Ellen made a motion to pay \$55.00 each for President Lindsay and Secretary Camille to attend the Huntington Beach Lions 75th Anniversary dinner. Lion Mike seconded; motion carried by the board.

With no other business to discuss, President Lindsay adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm.

NOVEMBER 20, 2013 GENERAL MEETING

President Lindsay Safe called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Lion Marilyn Redd leads us in the salute to the flag.

Lion Geri Eckner leads the club in the Invocation.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: A rather quiet night for guests! Lion Mardele Gardnier introduced two guests tonight; Ms. Sidika Kalik and Mary MacKey. Lion Dave Schwiens previous guest, Peggy Senneff joined us for a second time this evening, and will probably join our club. Lion Grayce Malone brought Melissa Knivel-Natanson, owner of Up Up & Away Kites in Seal Beach, who will become a member. Lion Brooke Harvey-Reid brought her father, Mike Harvey.

SECRETARY'S COMMENTS: No comments this evening.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

President Lindsay pointed out that Lion Dave Hubbard brought a visual presentation about our Ensenada trips to Mexico each year.

Madam President also reminded everyone that on their table was a clipboard that contained the sign-up sheets for all upcoming events.

Lindsay then called up Lion Grayce who presented the club with a certificate of appreciation, given to her by the U.S. Marine Corp, for our "random act of kindness" luncheon at Barney's Beach house in October.

Last, she asked Lion Scott to come up to present Lions Gary Denni and Mike Haley with a lifetime membership plaque to Camp Terisita Pines.

NEW BUSINESS:

A) Lions International President Luncheon (12/29): LPDG Ellen advised everyone what a great honor it is to have the International President visit our club. His purpose is to acknowledge us for our Leo to Lion program. Mr. Palmer will also preside over an installation of new members. We have an eye glass service project planned for Mr. Palmer to witness. Lunch will be served and PDG Ellen cautioned everyone to get their reservations and money in by 12/1/13 as space is limited. Cost is \$23/person; Lunch at 11:30 at Khoury's.

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E) Seal Beach Lions Christmas Parade (12/6): Lion Scott Newton reported that this year's parade will include now 3,818 participants, up from 3,776 from just two weeks ago. He again informed us that not only will International Director Larry Dicus, and District Governor Sheila

Casteel be riding in the Grand Marshall's lead car, but our own President Lindsay will be riding with them.

F) CLFIS Ongoing Eye Screenings (11/19 & 11/16): Lion Scott asked Lion Gary Landis to comment on the 11/19 Rancho Cucamonga eye clinic. Gary was very impressed and gratified with participating in this clinic. Lions Gary and Diana Bean drove to Barstow on 11/16 to attend an eye clinic. Gary reported 350 people were served and this was maybe the most rewarding and greatest group of people he's worked with so far in his participation with the screenings. Lion Scott reminded us of our next three clinics: Imperial Valley 11/23-24; Apple Valley on 12/7; and Palm Springs on 12/28.

G) Youth Center Tree Lot (12/9): Lion Joan Wilkins informed us that this event will take place from 4-9pm at Ganahl Lumber in Los Alamitos. This is a fundraiser for Oak Middle School. She advised that everyone show up with warm clothes, gloves, and be prepared to work hard.

H) Seal Beach Lions Christmas Party (12/13): Lion Diana Bean reminded us that the party will be held at the Seal Beach Yacht Club beginning with cocktails at 6:30pm with dinner at 7:30pm. This is a black and white themed party. There will be a raffle, photo booth, and lots of other fun stuff. Sign up via the ROAR, or send in your checks to the SB Lions mail box.

I) Breakfast with Santa (12/14): Lion Ryan Z. asked for one or two people to help set up for this event on Friday, 12/13 around 3:30pm. He needs a few Lions to help but the majority of the work will be done by our Leos. This is a free breakfast for the public, and will go from about 6:00 am to 1:00 pm.

J) CASA Project Donations: Lion Diana Bean asked for donations of either gift items or money for the 12 gift baskets to be presented to the children at CASA. These kids are disadvantaged and always appreciate the gift baskets. Lion Diana and Lion Gary will take the baskets to CASA after "Breakfast with Santa" is over.

K) Rose Float Decorating (12/28): Lion Scott announced that only eight S.B. Lions are allowed/needed to help this day to help decorate the float. More details to follow.

L) District Cabinet Meeting-Fountain Valley (11/16): Lion Camille asked for a show of hands of anyone attending this meeting. She also advised everyone that all the pajamas we've been collecting will be delivered to this meeting for further distribution to under privileged children. PDG Ellen Liebherr added that we will also be honoring our newest and youngest Lion, Even Jenkins, with his "Leo of the Year" award.

M) Sweatshirt Sales: Lion Scott Newton reminded everyone that if they did not have a SB Lions sweatshirt to be sure and get one. They are \$25, are on the back table of the meeting room, and will be great to have them at the Christmas Parade.

N) Military Affairs Update (12/7 & 12/14): Lion Matti Kline advised us that there will be a gift box packing on 12/7 at Gunny's house. Only one or two people are needed. On 12/14 these gift boxes will be delivered to the VA.

OLD BUSINESS:

A) CSULB Crew Scholarship Pancake Breakfast (11/9): Lion Chris Langlais was out ill so Lion Scott reported that this fundraiser for the CSULB Crew was a great success. 450 people were served, and all were very appreciative of our efforts.

B) Ronald McDonald House Lunch (11/10): Lion Diana Bean reported that Lion Adrianna outdid herself once again serving 65 lunches this day. All who attended really appreciated her "Americanized Tacos."

C) Letter delivery to veterans at L.B. VA Hospital (11/11): Lion Diana Bean reported this was a touching and rewarding event. She encouraged everyone to participate at least once because of the gratitude of our veterans. 100 letters were distributed by our Leos.

D) Veterans Day Project Supporting the VFW: (11/11): Lion Laura Ellsworth thanked everyone for their help. She also commented that everyone should try helping or attending this event next year.

E) District Cabinet Meeting-Fountain Valley (11/16): Lion Camille reported that District meetings are a great place to learn things about our District and about Lions organization in general. She reported that our

district has a goal of reaching 250 members this year and that our District Governor will do "anything" anyone asks if we reach that goal. Additionally she reported that our club donated 69 pairs of pajamas for distribution to under privileged children.

Treasure Chest Drawing Tonight:

Lion Gary Denni did his best ever Huell Howser this evening. There was not a grand winner this evening but all who tried to try to unlock the chest was a winner. Side note, we may have to ban Mrs. Lee Melody from buying treasure chest tickets in the future!

Fines and Happy Dollars:

Our appointed Tail Twister, Lion Mike, was back and in rare form this evening. No one escaped his fines, and there were plenty, including his own "bad table."

Adjourn:

Without any other business, President Lindsay adjourned the meeting at 8:09pm.

NOVEMBER 20, 2013 BOARD MEETING

Call to Order: President Lindsay calls the meeting to order at 8:16pm.

Roll Call: Scott Newton, Marcia Haley, Mike Haley, Camille Romano, IPP Ellen Liebherr, Ken Robinson, Nikki Illingworth, Laura Ellsworth, Diana Bean, and Rose-Marie Baker.

Absent: Grant Newton, Cathy Newton, Tom Duszynski, Nick Bolin, Les Shobe, Neil Gormley, Maria De le Cueva.

PHILIPPINES RELIEF FUND:

As a follow up to an email motion made by President Lindsay on November 16, 2013 in regards to a \$1,000 donation to LCIF for the Philippines Relief fund, a special board meeting was held this evening to discuss increasing the amount of this donation. As a point of record, the motion made on 11/16/13 was unanimously approved and passed by all board members.

PDG Ellen Liebherr made a motion this meeting to increase our donation to LCIF by \$3,000. The board members discussed earmarking \$2,000 to the Philippines Relief fund and \$1,000 to the Mid-West United States tornado relief fund. We believe LCIF may pool all the money into their "disaster fund" which would make this designation moot. Lion Laura Ellsworth seconded the motion; motion carried by all board members present.

MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP:

In honor of International President Barry Palmer's visitation to our club in December, 2013, PDG Ellen Liebherr made a motion to award a Melvin Jones Fellowship award to Mr. Palmer. She recommended we designate the 11/16/13 approved \$1,000 made to the Philippines Relief Fund to Mr. Palmer's Melvin Jones.

It was brought out that we cannot give him a Melvin Jones pin, but will get a certificate from LCI to present to President Palmer stating an LCIF donation in his name has been made by us. We will present him with this certificate on his visit on December 29, 2013. Lion Scott Newton seconded the motion; motion carried by all board members present.

With no other business to discuss, President Lindsay adjourned the meeting at 8:28 pm.