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The President's Message:

Greetings Fellow Lions,

I would like to start this month's Presidents message with some words of wisdom (not mine).

Unhappiness is not inevitable. Even when we are angry, judgmental and miserable, we have the best of intentions.

We have been taught to use discomfort as a strategy to take care of ourselves. We can un-teach ourselves and begin again. Unhappiness is not an enemy - just a choice. When we choose happiness, we choose love and inner peace. When we choose love and inner peace, we help others on the planet choose it as well by our example. We can live our dreams...instead of just dreaming them. WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE! WE ARE THE DIFFERENCE!!!!

Special thanks and congratulations to our Melvin Jones Fellows who attended a very special dinner held in their honor. Lions Scot Mattox, Brad Barras, Georgia Syrengelas received their 1st Melvin Jones award. Lions Ellen Lieberr and Scott Newton received progressive Melvin Jones pins. This I believe is number 6 for Lion Scott and I also believe the most in the District. Special thanks also to Lion Scott for arranging for us to arrive in style in a limo.

Now down to business. We have a very busy February and March with the Ice Dog project and Casino night. Both of these fundraisers will take a lot of resources and effort on our parts to make them successful. Ask how you can help at the meeting.

Planning is underway for our trip to Palm Springs. Lion Dave Hubbard is on the district planning committee and it promises to be a wonderful convention. Be sure to sign up early as rooms in PS fill up fast. Come one, come all, as we will show the desert community how to party as we strive for club of the year. If you are receiving this newsletter and haven't been to a meeting in awhile come on back. We've got a lot of new and exciting projects going on - something for everyone.

Till we meet again
The Prez

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

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The Secretary's Message:

Special thanks for filling the void during my absence in January. Kudos to Lion Georgia Syrengelas for scribing the two meetings I missed.

32 days. 32 glorious days spent in my native New England. Of the three months on the calendar beginning with the letter "J", I pick JANUARY to visit. What ever possessed me? The education being sought is well worth it.

The harshest weather has arrived not once, but twice – the first week and third weeks. Gotta love the change in the jet stream bringing the arctic air straight from north of the border.

Can you say, 'frozen tundra'? With schoolbooks slung over one shoulder in a backpack and lugging the laptop these were hard days. Socks. How could I forget? Yes Mother, unlike in November, I did pack socks to wear with my boat shoes and boots this trip.

The mercury has been gyrating up and down like a roller coaster all month and seldom squeezes above the freezing mark. From the onset of this trip, it has been noticeable things have been tough even for the native who lives here year round. Taking late night December walks in a t-shirt and shorts along the Pacific shoreline in 45-degree weather to acclimate before my departure really didn't help. Yes, there is a slight difference between 45 and 32. But, how can anyone prepare for -7 degrees with wind chills of -30 degrees? Reminiscing the days growing up on Cape Cod I realized the inevitable -- you don't.

Despite the personal circumstances and weather, there hasn't been lack for entertainment on this sojourn. With the heralded Presidential primaries north in bordering New Hampshire and football being played at Gillette Stadium just south from Bawhston there has come many doses of New England warmth.

If you ever wish to witness old style "stump politics" make the trek to 'Cow Hampshire' during an election year. Trust me when I say this - nowhere else in this great nation will you see the charm, wit and closeness of a candidate as you will in a local diner, barbershop or tavern like in New Hampshire. Because of my studies and family obligations, I didn't have time to partake this time around.

Hey! And how can you not be feeling the love for the Super Bowl bound Patriotic Kids. As a Lion, each of us can truly relate with this team: pride, dedication, service and loyalty to community. They are true Champions. You don't have to look long, or hard, to see the similarities in our teams as we strive for the ultimate prize – Club of the Year.

In another week I'll be back in the confines of sunny SoCal, the delights of Seal Beach and sharing good times with you all. See you on Wednesday the 4th!

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Club Calendar:

Wednesday, February 4

- 7:00 pm -9:00 pm : Seal Beach Host Lions Gen. & Board meeting.

Friday, February 6 - 8

- MD 4 convention

Monday, February 9

- President's Day (Los Al)

Wednesday, February 11

- 6:30 pm -8:30 pm : Veteran's Bingo

Saturday, February 14

- Valentine's Day

Sunday, February 15

- 12:00 pm -1:00 pm : Costa Rica Visitation

Monday, February 16

- President's Day

Wednesday, February 18

- 7:00 pm -9:00 pm : Student Speaker Contest

Saturday, February 21

- 6:00 pm -10:00 pm : Mardi Gras Party

Sunday, February 22

- 10:00 am -12:00 pm : Leo District Meeting
- 5:00 pm -9:00 pm : Teen Recognition Dinner

Wednesday, February 25

- Ash Wednesday

Saturday, February 28

- 9:00 am -12:00 pm : Kids Baseball
- 7:00 pm -10:00 pm : Ice Dogs

Sunday, February 29

- Leap Year Day

Veterans Corner:



It was a dark and stormy night. The Marine was on his first assignment and it was guard duty. A General stepped out taking his dog for a walk. The nervous private snapped to attention, made a perfect salute and snapped out, "Sir, Good evening, Sir". The General, out for some relaxation, returned the salute and said, "Good evening soldier, nice night isn't it?" Well, it wasn't a good night, but the private wasn't going to disagree with the General, so he saluted again and said, "Sir, Yes, Sir". The General continued, "You know there's something relaxing about a stormy night that I find soothing. Don't you agree? The private didn't agree, but then the private was just a private and responded, "Sir, Yes Sir". The General then pointed to his dog. "This Golden Retriever is the best type of dog to train." The private looked at the dog saluted again and said, Sir, Yes, Sir." The General continued, "You know I got this dog for my wife." The private simply said, "Good trade, Sir."



Lions of Distinction



My Lion of Distinction this month is a long time active member who if you didn't know better would think that he is already retired. He seems to find the time to not only attend and participate in our club activities and projects but at the Zone and District levels also. He is the kind of Lion that you seek advise from and know if he volunteers to take on a project that it will be accomplished in the highest manner possible. Never one to say no, Lion Dave Hubbard is part of the reason that the Seal Beach Lions Club has been so successful over the years. I appreciate his candor and value his opinions. Without the commitment that Dave brings to our club, we would surely not be held in such high esteem by the District and our fellow clubs. For this reason and many more, I elect to name Lion Dave Hubbard my Lion of distinction for the month of January.

Where in the World are our Members now?

Clues:



News from Lion Robert Delmonte

I'm getting married! I think many of my Fellow Lions met my fiancée over the summer and when I brought her to a meeting. We have been dating for over a year. I also have other news. Linda just received a job promotion! We will be moving from Huntington Beach to wonderful St. Louis, Missouri, where we'll be close to her company –

Anheuser Busch.

We're selling her house in Huntington Beach, but we'll be keeping mine for our eventual return to Surf City.

* the "Where in the World are our Members now?" clue is for you to remember St. Louis, Missouri as a future possible answer to a "Where in the World are our Members now?" location.

There were no submissions by press time.



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Melvin Jones Dinner



Celebrating Melvin Jones birthday in style the Seal Beach Lions arrived in a limousine provided by our own Lion Scott Newton. The champagne was flowing as we slowly picked up all are recipients. Once there we had a lovely dinner and heard some wonderful comments from Past International President Kay Fukushima and PDG Chuck Overbey. As the ceremony started it was evident that this was Seal Beach Host Lions night to shine. We awarded 5 Melvin Jones Fellows to Lions Scot Mattox, Lion Brad Barras, Lion Georgia Syrengelas and progressive diamonds to Lions Ellen Liehberr and Scott Newton. This was Scott's 6th diamond. We also received a beautiful plaque from PDG Chuck for having the most Melvin Jones awardees from any club. Needless to say we celebrated all the way home. Way to go Seal Beach Lions!!!!!!!!!!!!

Respectfully submitted,
Lion President George Dooley



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