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My fellow Lions,

I would like to start congratulating Lion Cathy Newton for being this month's "Lion of the Month." Her hard work on Eyeglass collection and her work on the LAG team make her an outstanding Lion. Thank you and keep "Rocking the Vest".

I also awarded Lion Ellen Liebherr a "Lion of the Month" for her work as Membership Director. As many of you know by know, Seal Beach Lions is now the #1 Club in the State of California with 198 members. Great job, Lion Ellen and great job, Seal Beach Lions!

Marcia and I were truly honored to be invited to meet the International President Dr. Tam on Jan 1st at a luncheon for just the area Presidents. He gave us a speech on new member retention and planting trees. We brought him a gift on behalf of the Club; it was a nice way to start the New Year.

We had a visitation to the Surf City Shred-a-thon that 10 Lions attended and we had a visitation to the Harbor Mesa Lions where eight of us showed up. The Melvin Jones Fellowship Dinner was a night to honor our 8 members for their hard work in Lionism and dedication to our Club. Congratulations to all of you.

We had over 20 Lions go to the Orange Region meeting where PDG Lion Ellen Liebherr was honored as a past District Governor. I received the Governor's Medal of Achievement Award, which was for all of our new membership. As I am writing this message, I would like to inform the Club we are now the largest club in California. We are 198 members strong!!!! I would like to ask all Lions to make an extra effort to meet a new Lion and welcome them to our Club to show them why we are #1. We are also rolling out a new Mentor program this month to help our new Lions get to know about our club and Lionism in general. This program will give a new member a person to call in case they have question, want to know how an event is run, how to get involved, or which ones are "no brainers." I hope to see a lot of both experienced and new Lions at "Happy Hour." Come out and enjoy a nice evening with your fellow Lions. I will leave you with this: Remember to be good to yourself, keep your face in the sunshine, and a smile in your heart.

Mike Haley, President



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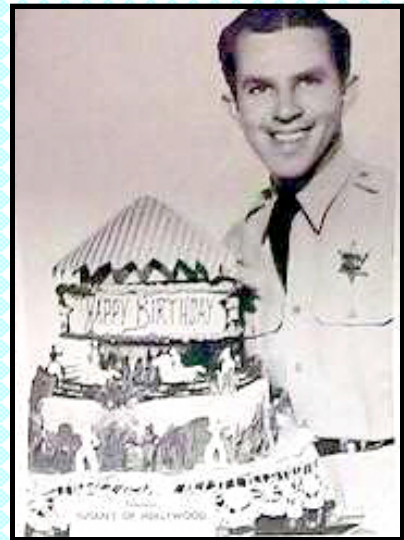
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Upcoming Calendar

Regular/Board Meeting	2/1
Convention	2/3-2/5
Bench Project	2/11
Pony Baseball Opening Day	2/11
Student Speaker Contest	2/15
Teen Recognition	2/26
Student Speaker/Zone Mtg	3/1
Ensenada Cruise	3/2-3/5
Ensenada Road Trip	3/3-3/4
Buena Park Visitation	3/6
Regular/Board Meeting	3/7
Orange Lion's Visitation	3/10
Student Speaker/Region Mtg	3/13
Ronald McDonald House	3/15
Designated Driver	3/17
Regular Meeting	3/21
Seal Beach Health Faire	3/24
Crabfest	3/25

Happy Birthdays to:

Mike Narz	2/1
Robert McSweeny	2/1
Gay Snyder-Johnson	2/9
Dino Syrengelas	2/9
Gail Hubbard	2/10
Patti Meyer	2/11
Greg Phillips	2/20
Nancy Barras	2/23
Bonney Beverly	2/25
Ken Wirtz	2/25
Marcia Haley	2/28





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WE ARE # 1!!!!



Seal Beach Lions Are #1

Seal Beach Lions Club has officially become the Number One Club in the State of California with 198 members in January.

Under the leadership of President Mike Haley and the direction of Membership Chairperson PDG Ellen Liebherr, our club has shown consistent growth.

In the month of January, Seal Beach Lions had a membership increase of 18 new members alone.

At the cabinet meeting on January 21, 2012, our club president Mike Haley was awarded the Governor's Award of Merit for the increases in our club's membership.

The meeting was held to recognize the service of all Past District Governors, and our beloved PDG Ellen Liebherr was one of the honored guests. Our region chair, Bruce Gormley was also recognized for his service.



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Melvin Jones Dinner

Eight Seal Beach Lions were honored at the Annual Melvin Jones Dinner at the Costa Mesa Country Club on January 7th.

Past International Director Bill Crawford presented the awards to club members Lion Barbara Avakian, Lion Brad Barras, Lion Nikki Illingworth, PDG Lion Ellen Liebherr, Lion Mike Maloney, Lion Allyn Mattox, and Lion Terry Stephenson.

A total of 20 Seal Beach Lions attended the award ceremony and enjoyed the evening.



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Bike Trail Graffiti and Trash Removal

Our new members are really getting involved! Our membership committee has created a new project to help our newer members get involved in service and socially.

A group including members of the LAG (Lions Against Graffiti) team, the environment committee, sponsors, mentors, and new Lions got together on January 28th and met up on 1st and Pacific Coast Highway.

The group was broken up into three teams. Lion Nikki Illingworth led one team called the Bicycle Team that focused their efforts on the Bike Trail.

Lion Cathy Newton led the second team that focused their efforts on the Airport Club Property and Fishing Hole Property.

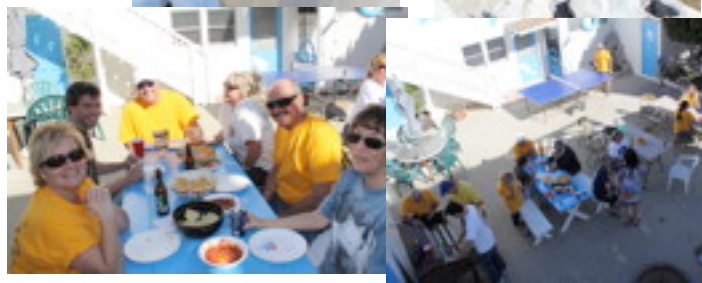
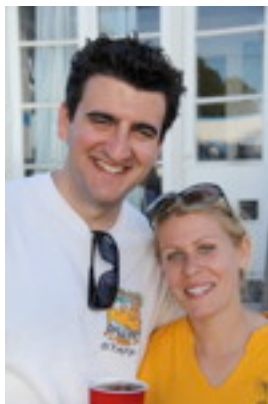
Lion Scott Newton led the third team that focused on the Nursery Property.

After three hours of work, the three teams had accumulated eight large bags of garbage and removed 189 graffiti markings in Seal Beach.

Lion Diana Brunges of Bay Hardware on Main Street donated all the supplies and did paint matching for the largest removal areas.

Lion Nikki Illingworth and Lion Neil Gormley also hosted a lunch of Lions Brats for everyone afterwards. Lions Lee and Jennifer Kocken also donated some great appetizers.

Twenty-four Lions participated in this event that helped keep Seal Beach beautiful and that welcomed our new members to our club.





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New Member Happy Hour

A New Member Happy Hour was held on January 30th at O'Malley's Restaurant on Main Street.

Approximately 62 Seal Beach Lions attended, with 27 being first-year Lions.

President Mike arranged for O'Malleys to have appetizers on the patio for everyone and Happy Hour prices were available for Seal Beach Lions all evening.

Many of the new members had the opportunity to socialize and get to know our members.



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Seal Beach Lions Club Regular Meeting Minutes January 18, 2012

Meeting is called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Lion Kraig Bekke leads the club in the flag salute to the greatest country on earth, the United States of America.

Lion Ellen Liebherr leads the club in the Invocation.

Lion Mike Maloney leads the club in the City of Hope Prayer.

Introduction of Guests

The following guests are introduced to the club:

Past District Governor Robert Schroeder of New Hampshire

Doug Johnson, Cedar Hill Sunset Lions, Portland, OR

Steve Bowles

Bob McSweeney

Cathy Goldberg

Raul Rios

Ryan Tulay

Beverly

Ken Robinson

Paul Terrazas

Rob Roy, guest of Paul Terrazas

Josh

President's Comments

At Convention in February our club has been nominated for two awards, Most Outstanding Project (Lion's Against Graffiti) and Most Outstanding Signature Project (Fish Fry)

Seal Beach Lions now also have 189 Members. Lion Ellen Liebherr is awarded Lion of the Month as the Membership Chairperson. Congratulations, PDG Lion Ellen!

Recognition and Awards

None

Birthday History Lesson - Lion Scott Newton

Tonight is the 73rd Birthday of the Seal Beach Lions Club. The club was chartered in 1939. Scott presents a history lesson to the club.

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Candidate for International Director – George Skezas

District Governor Ken Sherwood introduces Candidate Skezas and wife Zelda who are from the Willits Lion Club in Mendocino County. Lion Skezas is the District Governor for District 4C-2. Governor Skezas asks Seal Beach Lions for their support at convention.

Governor Ken congratulates Seal Beach Lions on their status as being the #1 club in the state of California.

NEW BUSINESS

Visitations – Lion Nikki Illingworth

Please see the Greeter Table for upcoming visitations and please sign up.

Lion Scott Newton gives a report on the Huntington Beach Shred-A-Thon.

Bench Refurbishment Project – Lion Camille Romano

Seal Beach Lions will again be refurbishing the benches at Eisenhower Park at the Seal Beach Pier. Please sign up to help. We will be sanding and re-teaking the benches. The date is TBD.

Ronald McDonald House – Lion Glenn Jones

The Dinner is on track for January 26. Lion Barbara Avakian is the co-chair. Enough people have signed up to help.

New Member Service Project – Lion Scott Newton

New Members will be working on Lions Against Graffiti and an Environmental Project where they will be cleaning up the river trail. Bratwurst and beers at Lion Nikki's afterwards. Check the Roar for details.

New Member Happy Hour – Lion President Mike Haley

The New Member Happy Hour will be on January 30 at O'Malley's Restaurant on the Patio. Appetizers will be provided by the club. Wear your badge for Happy Hour prices on drinks. Be there at 5 p.m.

MD-4 Convention – Lion Dave Hubbard

Convention will be February 3-5 in Ontario and we are hoping that there will be lots of Hospitality Suites.

Board Elections – Lion Dave Hubbard

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4 Directors are returning. All other board positions are open. If you are interested, please turn the interest form into Dave by 2/15. At the first meeting in March, the slate will be read.

There is a short break at 7:43 p.m. and the meeting resumes at 7:53 p.m.

Taste of Seal Beach – Lion Ellen Liebherr

Taste of Seal Beach is a new project, which is tentatively slated for May 5 at Marina Center. Local restaurants and bars will have a “taste” of something for local residents to enjoy. This is a fundraising event.

Pony Baseball Opening Day – Lion Scott Newton for Lion Tim Kelsey

Opening day is February 11 at McGaugh School. Sign ups will be at the next meeting. Leos will be helping.

Student Speaker Contest – Lion Ryan Ziegenbusch for Lion Adriana Ziegenbusch

The Student Speaker Contest will be on February 15 at 6:45 pm at the Mary Wilson Library. Please be on time. Help is needed to set up and tear down.

The topic is “What would the America of Yesterday teach the America of Tomorrow?”

On March 1st at the Mary Wilson Library, we will have the Zone Meeting of the Student Speaker Contest.

Teen Recognition Program – Lion Carol Linehan

On February 25 at the Garden Grove Club House Teen Recognition Awards will be presented. Leo President Justin Khalil will be one of the awardees. Our club is paying for 10 members to attend. Sgt. Steve Bowles of the SBPD is the guest speaker. Please try to attend.

Ensenada Lions Visitation Cruise – Lion Carol Linehan

The cruise is the weekend of March 2-5. PDG Barbara Hayward is planning a luncheon. PDG Mike Schaeffer is selling T-shirts. School supplies will be taken off the ship in backpacks.

Camping Trip – Lion Brad Barras

A Seal Beach Lions Camping Trip is being planned by Lion Brad. Further details will be provided.

OLD BUSINESS

Melvin Jones Dinner – Lion Ellen Liebherr

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Lions Terry Stephenson, Mike Maloney, Nikki Illingworth, Allyn Mattox, Ellen Liebherr, Brad Barras, Barbara Avakian, and Ray Longoria were awarded Melvin Jones Awards at the Melvin Jones Dinner at the Costa Mesa Country Club by Past International Director Bill Crawford. Everyone had a wonderful evening and was truly honored to receive the award.

Other Business

Bill Blatnik thanked the Seal Beach Lions for their donation to the Los Alamitos High School Wrestling Team program for a new scale. He advised the club that we were thanked both in their program and on Los Alamitos TV.

Terry Stephenson advised the club about the cost of the Christmas Party.

Gift Exchange – Lion Bill Howes

Unwanted Christmas gifts are exchanged between club members

Mystery Lion is Ryan Ziegenbusch.

Fines and Happy Dollars

Fine Free statue goes to Lion Nikki Illingworth for \$30.

Fine Free badge goes to Lion Gary Denni for \$12.

Meeting is adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Seal Beach Lions Club Board Meeting Minutes January 4, 2012

Board Meeting is called to order at 8:45 p.m.

Roll call is taken. The following board members answer present:

Mike Haley
Scott Newton
Allyn Mattox
Nikki Illingworth
Terry Stephenson
Ellen Liebherr
Brad Barras
Adriana Ziegenbusch
Cathy Newton

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Bruce Gormley
Gary Denni
Dave Hubbard
Lindsay Safe
Renee Schulte
Geri Eckner

The following board members are not present:

Ashleigh Rollins
Camille Romano

Membership

The following members are presented to the board for membership:

Adam Denny and Jasa Denny with sponsor Scott Newton
Scott Levitt and Marlen Shaw with sponsor Dino Syrengelas.
Lisa LaMazzi with Lion Diana Bean.
Nancy Barras with Lion Brad Barras
Briley Miller with Lion Debbie Laws
Neil Gormley with Lion Bruce Gormley
Todd Steegan with Lion Scott Weir

A motion is made by Lion Bruce Gormley to accept the potential members into the Seal Beach Lions Club. Lion Nikki Illingworth seconds the motion. Motion is carried unopposed.

Secretary's Report

Lion Carol Linehan objects to the last minutes as published in the Growl due to the fact that the motion to approved the Secretary's Minutes and the Treasurer's Reports were seconded by a non-Board member.

Secretary Allyn Mattox will review the records and report at the next board meeting.

The Treasurer's Report is presented. Lion Cathy Newton makes a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion is seconded by Lion Bruce Gormley. Motion is carried unopposed.

New Business

Lion Barbara Wright reports to the club that there will be a bus trip to Laughlin, NV, on April 23-25 put on by the Seal Beach Women's Club. She would like to promote the trip to the Seal Beach Lions.

PDG Lion Ellen Liebherr makes a motion for \$200 to give an additional tip to our waiters/waitresses at Khoury's Restaurant. Lion Geri Eckner seconds the motion. Motion carries unopposed.

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Lion Geri Eckner leaves the board meeting at this time.

MD-4 Youth Exchange

Lion Bruce Gormley makes a motion to purchase \$100 in raffle tickets for the MD-4 Youth Exchange. Lion Cathy Newton seconds the motion. Motion carries unopposed.

President Mike Haley makes a motion for \$150 to purchase appetizers at our New Member Happy Hour at O'Malley's Restaurant. Lion Renee Schulte seconds the motion. Motion is carried unopposed.

Lion Scott Newton addresses the club to ask for support for our Leo Club that is trying to raise money to attend convention. Lion Bruce Gormley makes a motion to purchase \$200 in raffle tickets. Lion Ellen Liebherr seconds the motion. Motion is carried unopposed.

Lions Beach Party

Lion Les Shobe has reserved August 18, 2012 for our Beach Party at Barney's. The deposit was paid by Lion Les in the amount of \$165. Lion Bruce Gormley makes a motion that the club reimburses Lion Les in the amount of \$165. Lion Mike Haley seconds the motion. Motion carries unopposed.

Meeting is adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Proud Lion Award - The best measurement of a good Lion is receiving the "Proud Lion" award. This award is given to new Lions who in a 6 month period complete the following tasks: 1) Attend a board meeting; 2) Bring a guest to a meeting; 3) Work on a club project or fund raiser; 4) Visit another club; and 5) Attend a District, Region or Zone meeting. If you complete these five items you will receive a Proud Lion Award and become a better all around Lion.