

THE GROWL

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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.
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Lions honored as Fellows

ELLEN LIEBHERR

President

Nine of our finest Lions received their Melvin Jones Fellowships at the recent awards dinner at the Knott's Berry Farm Hotel.

Congratulations to IPP Mike Haley, 1st VP Scott Newton, 2nd VP Camille Romano, 3rd VP Grant Newton, Board of Directors Cathy Newton, Adrianna Ziegenbusch and Lindsay Safe, and Lions Aro Riley and Kristine Albertelli for receiving the highest honor our club can bestow on a member.

More than four decades ago Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), the official charitable organization of Lions Clubs International, helped people for the first time by bringing some relief to flood victims in South Dakota.

Since then, through the support of Lions, LCIF has been able to expand its service work in scope and reach and become an internationally recognized humanitarian organization.

The Foundation has been there for people experiencing hardship all around the world through awarding \$811 million for restoring sight, providing disaster relief, supporting youth and serving humanitarian needs.

LCIF not only provides essential grant

funding to Lions so they can carry out ambitious and compassionate service projects, but also seeks out unmet needs in the world and creates programming to meet them.

Through programs like Sight First, Lions Quest and Opening Eyes, the Foundation has worked to take action to improve millions of lives.

LCIF receives 75% of its funding from the Melvin Jones Fellowship program. For a \$1000 donation, a deserving Lion can be recognized for outstanding service, and that is just what we did with our magnificent nine.

The evening began with a visit to Lion Scott and Cathy's room for a little champagne toast. Along with the MJFs, other attendees included President Ellen and husband Mike, Marcia Haley, Ryan Ziegenbusch and Jacqui Howes. This little visit set the mood. By the time we reached the ballroom we were in full celebration mode.

The dinner was surprisingly delicious all the way down to the famous Knott's berry farm pie. We were also entertained by the lovely voice of Marilyn Sherwood, wife of Immediate Past District Governor Ken who served as Master of Ceremony. The program was a little long to say the least.

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CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 6

Lions Regular & Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 13

Seal Beach Lions Student Speaker Contest

Sunday, February 17

Teen Recognition Program

Monday, February 18

New Member Happy Hour @ The Hangout

Wednesday, February 20

Lions Regular Meeting

Thursday, February 21

Huntington Beach Lions Visitation

Saturday, February 23

Pony Baseball Opening Day BBQ

Monday, March 4

Harbor Mesa Lions Visitation

Wednesday, March 6

Lions Regular & Board Meeting

Friday, March 8 - Sunday, March 10

Ensanada Lions Visitation & Road Trip

Tuesday, March 12

Region Meeting & Student Speaker Contest

Thursday, March 14 - Friday, March 15

Every 15 Minutes @ Los Alamitos High School

BIRTHDAYS

Friday, February 1

Mike Narz
Bob McSweeny

Saturday, February 9

Gay Snyder-Johnson
Dino Syrengelas

Sunday, February 10

Gail Hubbard

Monday, February 11

Patti Meyer
Tim Young

Wednesday, February 20

Greg Phillips

Saturday, February 23

Nancy Barras

Monday, February 25

Beverly Bonney

Thursday, February 28

Marcia Haley

Saturday, March 2

Erik Dreyer-Goldman
Amy Kaufman

Friday, March 8

Aro Riley



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ELLEN LIEBHERR

President

The New Year and January brought us some well needed down time but things are heating up again for the Seal Beach Lions Club. Our calendar is filling up fast with some great project for all of us to get involved with. The great thing about our club is that it is never boring. We continue to take on projects that are not only important to the community but exciting and interesting at the same time.

I would hope that our Lions will attend our Student Speakers contest on Wednesday, February 13 at the Mary Wilson Library. This is not a meeting night but we need to show our speakers some support.

For our new Lions, this is a contest that Lions Clubs do throughout California. The top winner can earn a whopping \$10,000 in scholarships. The topic this year is "How do we create and keep jobs in America?"

This is the first level of the contest and by having a large number of people in the audience, we can better prepare our winner for moving on to the next level. You need to be there by 6:45 since the doors are shut when the contest begins. Lion Adriana still

needs timers and door monitors so let her know if you can help.

We also have a couple visitations coming up that you might consider. Both the Huntington Beach Host Lions Thursday, February 21 and the Harbor Mesa Lions (Costa Mesa) on March 4 are not only close ones but are clubs that have a lot of fun at their meetings. Remember this is one of the things you need to do to get your Proud Lion award.

It is also time to start thinking about electing new officers for next year. Please consider stepping into a leadership role. New officers with new ideas keep our club fresh. Contact Membership Chairman Mike Haley if you have an interest.

I want to congratulate all of the members who brought guests to our January meetings during our membership drive. It was amazing to see 32 new faces in the crowd. To date, 20 new Lions have joined and I am sure we will get a few more from our efforts. Outstanding!

I hope you are all enjoying the new face of the weekly ROAR. Using Constant Contact seems to be working well and the new format is impressive. Thanks to Lions Scott Newton and Diana Bean for getting this all in place. Yeah social media!

I am hoping to see many of you at our upcoming happy hour on February 18 at The Hangout. I really look forward to getting the opportunity to visit with Lions on a social level. With so much going on at our meetings, it is sometimes hard to get to talk to each other. I always learn so much about our members when we can just relax and enjoy each other's company.

Go Team!

President Ellen

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Lions check Rose Parade off bucket list

MARIA DE LA CUEVA

Lion

Although it was colder than normal inside the Rose Palace, everyone described decorating the Rose Parade Float this year as an experience to remember.

Many said that this had been something on their “bucket list” and Lion Maria De La Cueva led Lions Molly Bounds, Steve Carey,

Pam Carey, Shani rae Erickson, Marcia Haley, Debbie Laws, Ray Longoria, Marcella McSorley, Scott and Cathy Newton, Mary Newton, Lindsay Safe and Pam Wilson to check it off.

Our hands, fingers and backs may have been sore but it was definitely worth the effort.

The teamwork involved to accomplish such a feat was impressive.

All felt that they would be viewing this year’s Rose Parade with a new appreciation of what went into creating such a beautiful piece of art.

Lions garage moves to Main Street

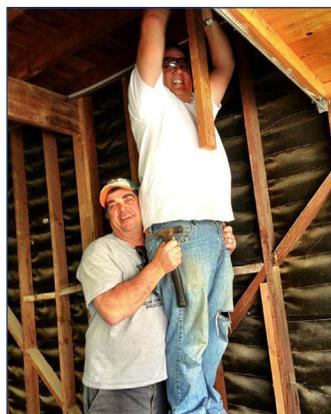
SCOTT NEWTON

First Vice President

The Garage Project concluded today 20 Lions showing up to cut, drill, sweep, lift and observe as we moved everything to the new garage on Main Street.

We also moved seldom-used items to our storage container and helped the city move sandbags to the staging area on Seal Beach Blvd.

With a new garage door with an electric opener and a keypad outside the garage, Garage Managers Mike Haley and Scott Newton are looking for two additional Lions to help keep the garage and equipment organized going forward.



Braille Institute Leos give gratitude

SCOTT NEWTON

First Vice President

Seventeen members of the Leo Club of Braille Institute gathered donations from local businesses in the Orange County and Long Beach areas to create care packages for the troops overseas.

They also wrote letters to accompany the care packages. After the students gathered the donations, Leos went with two Youth staff to the Operation Gratitude headquarters in Van Nuys on November 30, 2012 to drop off the donations. They also spent time volunteering at the site helping to stuff boxes with candy.

Their next big project is a fundraiser called “Dining in the Dark.” Guests will all be blindfolded at a dinner and will be served by the Leos of Braille Institute. This will include entertainment at the Braille Institute on June 7. Seal Beach Lions and friends are encouraged to attend.

Lions Against Graffiti efforts remain strong

SCOTT NEWTON

First Vice President

This month’s Graffiti removal included some work out of our area. While in Blythe for an eye clinic, we removed graffiti at the clinic location.

A statue of Ronald Reagan was cleaned of graffiti while visiting Temecula.

In town, we removed graffiti in Gum Grove Park, along the river trail, in several alleys, near the pier and at McGaugh Elementary School. The Lions donated some graffiti remover to the McGaugh principal as well.

Lions Scott and Cathy Newton and Laura Ellsworth removed a total of about 40 graffiti tags.

In addition to Scott’s team, Team Longoria worked eight hours around Seal Beach and cleaned 32 graffiti tags.

Lions give comfort with food to Ronald McDonald House families

JACKIE MALONEY

Lion

Pork chops smothered in sweet onions was the menu of choice by Executive Chief and longtime Lion Nancy Herbert.

January 17, 2013, a group of Seal Beach Lions served dinner to the families at Ronald McDonald House, in Orange, CA.

We came in under budget and were able to serve the parents and families of patients a great home cooked meal.

Along with Nancy, Karen Russell, Judy O'Neil, Barbara Avakian, Barbara Wright and Carole Hamburger, were the people behind the evening.

Garlic bread, green salad, deliciously nutritious green beans and of course those promised PORK CHOPS were served over the counter along with smiles and warm greetings by our group.

The next Ronald McDonald House is Tuesday March 12, 2013. If you would like to experience these events call Jackie Maloney, 562-431-6092.

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It didn't take long for our group to work its way into being the "Bad Table" with lots of joke and lots of laughs.

President Ellen was given the honor of introducing our Lions, sharing with the room stories of their excellent service.

It would be an understatement to say that the room was impressed by the many accomplishments of our honored Lions. In an email from IPP Ken Sherwood "Thank you for the wonderful presentation last night. You had half the room wanting to transfer to Seal Beach." From PDG Jim North "I think I want to transfer. Seal Beach sure has some good looking women!"



Lions serve new RM House

ADRIANA ZIEGENBUSCH

ARO RILEY

Director

Lion

The first dinner served at the new Ronald McDonald House at Miller Children's Hospital was a great experience.

On Wednesday, January 30, Executive Chef Adriana Ziegenbusch fed 60 people with an incredible menu.

Along with Adriana, Lions Maria De La Cueva, Esther Kenyon, Aro Riley, Pamela Wilson and Tom Munn served chicken breast stuffed with mozzarella cheese and pasilla chilies in a cream sauce, scalloped potatoes, green beans, salad with Italian dressing, brownie bites and some delicious homemade snicker doodle cookies made by Lion Esther.

On Super Bowl Sunday, Lions cooked lunch for 70 residents at Ronald McDonald House at Miller Children's Hospital.

Chairperson Aro Riley was Executive Chef with support from new Lion Tom Munn (who also donated ice cream), Lions Dino and Dora Syrengelas, Maria De La Cueva and two Lion friends.

Cooking started at 9 a.m. and was served over the lunch hour.

The menu included homemade chili, cornbread, nachos, salad, popcorn and ice cream.

Lions Rich and Michele Gemar also donated money for the lunch.



Lions honored at cabinet meeting

SCOTT NEWTON

First Vice President

Nine Seal Beach Lions attended the January 26th Orange Region Cabinet Meeting in La Habra.

The room was full of yellow jackets as they honored all of the past district Governors for their service.

Special awards were given to three Seal Beach Lions for their service in the 2011-2012 year.

Lions Renee and Bruce received district excellence pins and Immediate Past President Mike received a club excellence patch. Lion Gary Denni was also recognized for completing training to be a guiding Lion.



New members learn Lionism

SCOTT NEWTON

First Vice President

This was the largest new member orientation group we've had in the past three years.

A total of 34 Lions and prospective Lions attended our third orientation of the Lions year.

There were two presenters, three support Lions, four sponsors, 14 new members and 11 prospective members.

Attendees enjoyed a free dinner including gourmet pizza, salad (thanks to Chef Camille), dessert, beer, wine and soft drinks.

Mike Haley and Scott Newton were the main presenters.

Scott used a new orientation PowerPoint

customized from the District 4L4 orientation guide.

This new orientation PowerPoint is loaded with pictures of our Lions in action and is now a 1.2 GB presentation.

The audience was quite attentive and asked some very good questions.

Several of the new members signed up to serve on committees or work some of our upcoming projects while most of the prospective members asked, "When can I join?"

Seven of the prospective members came from brand new Seal Beach Lions who attended the orientation for the first time themselves. Another four of the prospects came from a public relations campaign inviting citizens to check us out.



Blythe residents receive glasses

SCOTT NEWTON

First Vice President

On January 12, Seal Beach Lions helped at the CLFIS Sight Clinic in Blythe, California.

Joining Lions from 4L4, 4L5 and 4L6, we provided eyeglasses to more than 300 needy people and did some graffiti clean-up while we were there.

This was a particularly appreciative group of people from the Blythe area. A gentleman named Carlos came to get glasses and showed his appreciation by staying all day to help interpret.

A homeless man by the name of Hector came in to replace his 'homemade glasses.' He had a pair of readers taped inside a pair of glasses to make a prescription that somehow worked for him. He left the clinic with a new set of glasses that were a nearly perfect fit to his required prescription.

It's hard not to feel blessed in life after working one of these clinics. If you are interested in serving at one of these clinics, contact Lion Cathy Newton.



Lions continue bench work

LAURA ELLSWORTH

Lion

Beginning on Veteran's Day, Lions have spent approximately 145 hours repairing 15 benches.

Nearly 40 Lions worked Saturdays and Sundays and a few holiday as well.

The city would remove the benches from the pier and bring them to the pad by the bike rack close to the Christmas tree location. We locked them for security

and worked on the weekends to refurbish them. We worked five at a time. We sanded the wood planks. It was at that point we discovered all the cuts in the wood made by the fisherman.

We ground down the cast iron metal at the ends and took off the salt and bird waste. Primed the metal at the ends and underneath and the support pole. Then painted the green color for uniformity and applied teak oil to each of the planks.