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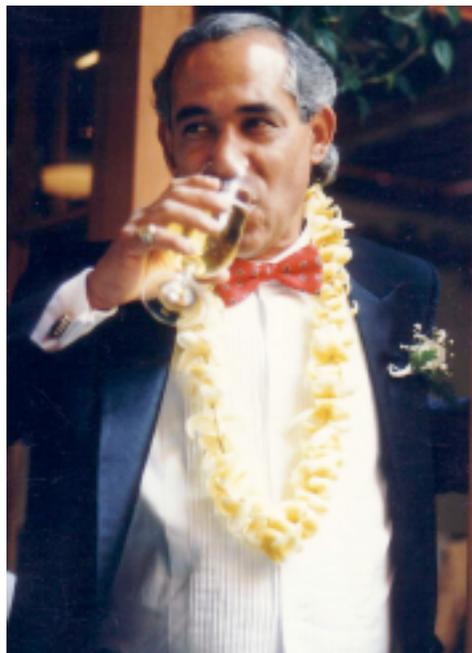
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President's message:



Sitting here early New Year's Eve (late again with the President's message, sorry Gary) and thinking about what a busy month we just had. We had governor's visitation at our only meeting in December. Christmas (Holiday Parade shortly thereafter - Thanks Lion Scott and all of the hard working Lion's who made it happen again. Lion Barbara with the Youth Center Christmas tree lot at Ghanal Lumber. Breakfast with Santa must have served about two or three hundred breakfasts with hard working Lions Marilyn and Juliette and the rest of the "pancake" crew. Casa Youth Center breakfast and gifts, thanks again Lion Scott.

Then there was the Lion's Christmas party at the Old Ranch Country Club with a very entertaining Tony the entertainer. Thanks Lion Bob for chairing the event and Lion Allyn for lining up the entertainment. Lion Ellen's Shelter for the Homeless was a huge success and very heart warming with all of the children putting on a Christmas presentation after the dinner. All of the people who have helped out this year have been truly amazing. I would like to thank each and every one of you who have contributed to the success of all of our projects so far this year.

There is still a lot to do the remainder of this year which brings up one missing chairperson. WANTED - someone to chair our annual golf tournament fund raiser. Lion Brad will assist whoever volunteers and you will have help from a lot of Lions who have worked and chaired the event in the past. It should be a "no brainer" but does require a lot of preparation and planning. Need a motivated self starter. Please - I don't want to have to cancel the event due to no chair person.

Thanks again for all the hard work this past year.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Ray

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



Club Calendar

Thursday, January 1, 2009, New Years Day

Thursday, January 1, 2009, Huntington Beach Host Lions Surf City Splash & Pier Plaza Pancake Breakfast 9:30 AM

Wednesday, January 7, 2009, General Meeting & Board Meeting, Lone Star Steakhouse, 7 PM

Saturday, January 10, 2009, Tustin Host Lions Club 60th Anniversary Dinner, Orange Hill Restaurant, 6410 Chapman Ave, Orange, 6 PM

Monday, January 12, 2009, Seal Beach Host Lions 70th Anniversary

Saturday, January 17, 2009 Melvin Jones Dinner, Costa Mesa Country Club, 1701 Golf Course Drive, Costa Mesa, 6 PM Check-In & Social Hour, 7 PM Dinner and Program

January 17 - 19, 2009, MD-4 Leadership Institute, Harris Ranch.

Wednesday, January 21, 2009, General Meeting, Lon Star Steakhouse 7

Saturday, January 24, 2009, Orange County Cabinet Meeting

Saturday, January 31, 2009, Lion's Teen Recognition, Garden Grove Lions Club, 9860 Larson Ave., Garden Grove 92842, 6:30 PM

Happy Birthdays to:

Pat Berryhill 1/8

Kristine Albertalli 1/20

Dave Hubbard 1/26

Jackie Maloney 1/28





District Governor's Message

Dear Lions, Leos and friends of District 4-L4:

It seems that every year at this time, someone in Southern California suffers serious wild fires. Sadly, it was the turn of cities in 4-L4 to face evacuations and ultimately, loss of houses, condos and apartments. Once again, Lions Clubs International Foundation is there to give some aid.

With the help of ID Dana Biggs, I was able to get a \$10,000.00 emergency grant from LCIF and the money has been turned into gift cards from Target, just like last year. By the time you read this, the cards will have been distributed to some of those in need in the cities of Yorba Linda, Brea and Anaheim Hills. A big thank you to Lion Tom Brown, the District Disaster Preparedness Chair, who worked so hard to get the help for the victims of this fire storm. There is also a 4-L4 Fire Disaster Fund to which clubs can contribute. There is already some \$2,500 that has been donated and I know that clubs will be generous as their Boards consider this request. Once the money is available, it will be used to give added help to the people who need it most.

Over the last five years LCIF has sent \$30,000.00 in emergency grants to our district besides the grants given to other California districts when they have suffered these devastating events. I hope this will help Lions understand that the money donated for Melvin Jones Fellowships does come back to our own communities when needed and is not only sent outside of the USA.

My official visits are done and what a wonderful experience they have been. They have been a great insight into how our clubs are all different, and yet they are the same - devoted to serving our local communities by doing good deeds or donating money where needed all the time sharing comradeship and having fun.

I have had the pleasure of inducting several new Lions, and I am only a phone call away when the time comes to get those new members officially into your clubs. Just give me a few days notice!!

The upcoming holidays are a time to be with family and friends, and I shall be lucky enough to have my own brother with me. He is coming for almost 5 weeks and I hope many of you will have the chance to meet him.

Have a wonderful holiday season, and get rested ready for the next six months. We have much to do!!!

Always yours in Lionism,

Elizabeth

District Governor



Hearing & Speech Action News

Well the Holiday season is upon us and our mailboxes are filled with greeting cards, utility bills and a stack of requests from myriad charitable organizations for donations. So why be different! Here's one more request from your Hearing Aid Bank. First, let's look at past performance

Lions Year	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	Trend
Hearing Aids Collected	309	276	234	Down 24%
Hearing Aids Donated	19	32	51	Up 168%
Club Donations	\$2700	\$1400	\$2100	Mixed

So, more and more people are needing two hearing aids, the cost of each fitting has doubled in three years and more new aids are being used when fewer used aids are collected. Club donations will be the determining factor, along with the collection of recyclable aids, as to how many people in the community can be served.

The HAB was fortunate to receive in 2007 a one-time transfer of \$5072 in unused funds from a failed Theater Captioning Project; now it is time for District Clubs to pick up the slack. With 37 Clubs in the District an average annual donation of \$800 each would pay for 50 hearing aid fittings (until prices go up!).

Your Club can sponsor a needy member of the community by contacting me or make a contribution directly to the Hearing Aid Bank which is a Project of the District 4-L4 Sight & Hearing Foundation.

Happy Holidays
Keith Campbell, Chairman
4-L4 Hearing & Speech Action

Your Fellow Lions



This month featured Lion, Mike Gallipeo, was born in Vallejo, Ca. and moved to Cypress when he was 10 years old. Mike attended Cypress High School. After graduation Mike went to the University of Redland to get a BS in Information Systems while working full time. Mike told me "it took him eight years to complete college but it was worth it".

After graduating from college Mike joined a small group of people who were starting up a computer networking company. During the 15 years he worked with this group they started up three different computer networking companies. While helping start the first company Mike met his future wife Sloan who is the "love of his life". He has been married for almost 15 years and Sloan still tolerates his "stupid jokes".

Sloan and Mike enjoy running together and they have run 4 marathons in the past two years. They are currently getting ready for their 5th marathon which will be a little different than most other marathons. On or about March 10, 2009 (the exact date is weather-dependent) they will be running in the 8th annual Antarctic Marathon. Since they both do volunteer work with the American Cancer Society they are using this marathon as an opportunity to raise money to help find a cure for cancer <http://www.active.com/donate/antarctica2009>.

Mike joined the Lions so he could help out the community and have some fun along the way. As Mike says "If you can't have fun with this club, you may need some serious professional help. Mike has also received a Melvin Jones Fellowship from the Seal Beach Lions this year.



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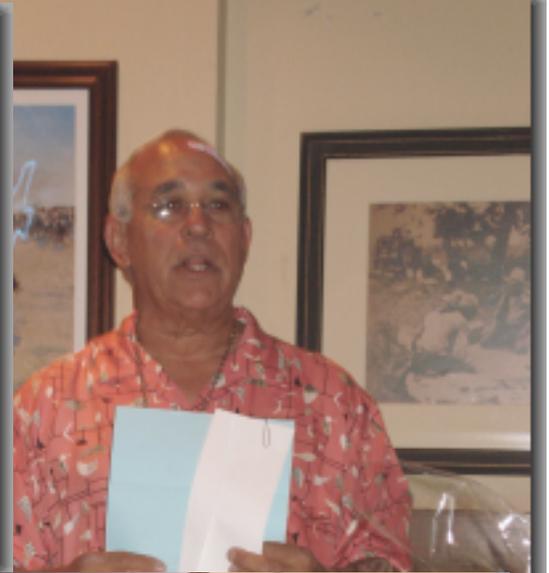
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District Governor's Visit, December 3, 2008





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Christmas Tree Lot

On December 1 & 8 Lions led by chair Barbara Wright helped sell Christmas trees for the Youth Center at Ghanal Lumber.



Seal Beach Christmas Parade

On December 5th Lions led by Chair Scott Newton helped get the order of march organized for the annual Seal Beach Christmas parade. Great job Scott.



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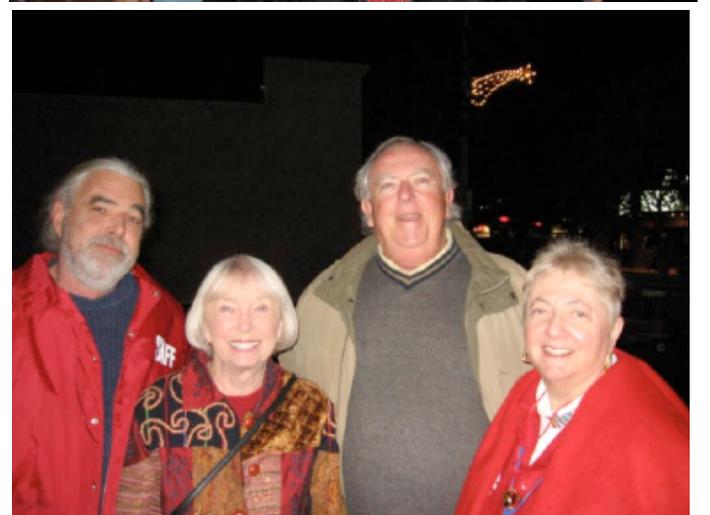
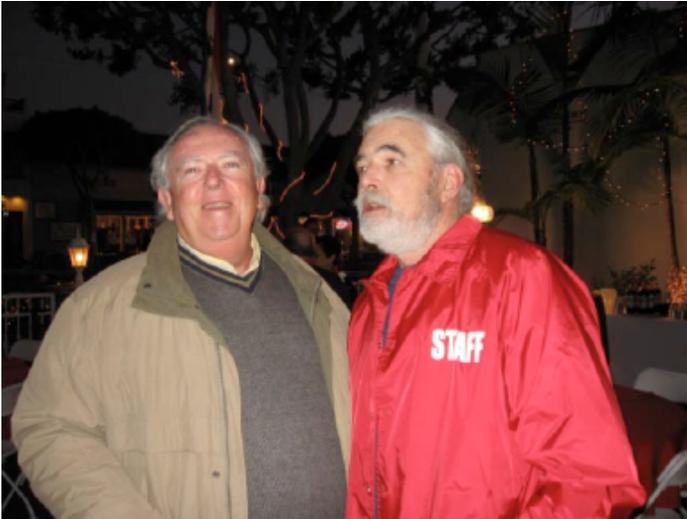
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And there's like a million more pictures here: <http://sealbeachlions.com/PhotoAlbums>
More information & updates at - <http://SealBeachLions.com>



Breakfast with Santa

December 13th saw Lions serving around 300 pancake breakfasts at the annual Seal Beach Breakfast with Santa event. Chair Juliette and her assistant Marilyn did a great job organizing this event. Right after Breakfast with Santa, Lion Scott and company took gifts to the Casa Youth Center.



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Lions Christmas Party December 12, 2008



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Shelter for the Homeless

Lion Ellen's charity dinner at the Shelter for the Homeless was held on December 16, 2008. This event is a great example of the true meaning of the holiday season. Congratulations Lion Ellen.



Day Two of Our "Relative Road Trip"

Spent the first night in Vegas, cha ching. - Marilyn up about \$300 and amazingly I was up about \$100. The next morning we traveled north out of Las Vegas on I-15 to 93 and cut off north to 2 lane road 375. This is also known as the Extraterrestrial Highway. The road borders the north side of the Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada Test Range Site, also known as "Area 51"; it was a good 45 miles of not too bad road before we arrived at the "Little ALe Inn" located in a little town in the middle of nowhere called Rachel. The town was named after the first baby born there. Every year they have a parade on Rachel's birthday. Anyway, I am getting side tracked. The "Little A Le Inn" was a hoot. It is a combination gift shop, restaurant, bar, pool hall and front desk for the small motel. Cheese burgers with alien sauce (French's Thousand Island) sucked the big one. Did drive out to the back gate of Area 51 (the whole reason for this detour BTW, down 7 miles of unpaved road) and took pictures of the sign at the unmanned gate that said "photography of this area prohibited". Cameras on poles all over the place and I knew that as soon as I drove up they had my license plate and knew exactly who I was and everything else about me. Odd looking ball shaped things that must have been some sort of intrusion sensors spaced on the ground every so often. It was fun being there and needless to say, Marilyn was a good sport for indulging my "check off one more thing to do before I die".



Gift of Dust

By Allyn Mattox

Today I caught myself complaining about the ashes strewn about my yard and house from the California wildfires that were burning much of the area surrounding Los Angeles. The sky was grey with smoke and it was hard to breathe outside. The ashes from the fire had made a layer of white on my car and patio that almost looked like snow. Even though I had just dusted the inside of my house, all of my furniture had a fine layer of dust on it again.

"Shoot, I just cleaned this," I thought, as I got out a dust rag and the bottle of Pledge. Not only would I have to dust and vacuum the inside of the house, I would have to get a hose out and wash down the entire back yard and rinse off my car.

I started in on my chores in the house and started cleaning away the ashes. As I started rubbing them off my coffee table, I started to think about the ashes and how they came to be. "These are what are left of someone's home," I said to myself.

As I did my chores, it occurred to me that I was wiping what was left of someone's home out of mine. These ashes were all that was left of someone's life—the furniture, the photographs, the awards that were saved in a drawer, and even the bills. There were probably stuffed animals and favorite blankets and family heirlooms in the ashes sitting right here on my coffee table and I was wiping them up.

It occurred to me then that I should be grateful for these ashes. My house was still standing. My photographs were still on my walls. My kid's awards were still stashed away in a drawer. My mementos and heirlooms were still here, as was my home. I had lost nothing; others had lost everything.

Suddenly my chore of cleaning up the ashes seemed like a gift, a gift to remind me of how much I had to be thankful for. As Thanksgiving approached, I realized there were many others who had survived the fires who were grateful that their families and pets had survived the fires, even though they had lost everything.

These fires could be a gift to show me what is valuable to me in my life, what I really needed to be thankful for. So I started to be thankful for my dusting chores, because they reminded me how thankful that I was, that I lived in this beautiful state called California, in a beautiful home and that I had two beautiful, healthy daughters.

Thankfully, the fires had not touched any of my loved ones. I was grateful for the dust that made me remember this. As I cleaned my house I said a little prayer of thanks for my chore of dusting.



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Seal Beach Lions General Meeting Minutes December 3, 2008

Meeting Called To Order: 19:00

Pledge of Allegiance: Lion Eddie Maginnis

Invocation: Lion Gloria Souders

City of Hope Prayer: Lion Juliette Walters

Lions Song: Lion Dewey Linehan

Introduction of Guests: Governor's Visitation

Diamond Bar Breakfast Club Visitation

Lions Jack Tanaka, Wanda Tanaka, Edward Quemada, & Cecilia Quemada

Committee Reports:

1. Lions Christmas Party: Lion President Ray encouraged all to attend.
2. Seal Beach Christmas Parade: Lions Bruce Gormley asked for more volunteers.
3. Los Alamitos Youth Center Christmas Tree Lot: Lion Barbara Wright thanked the club members who are working at the lot.
4. Breakfast with Santa: Lion Marilyn Redd reported that everything and everyone was ready.
5. Christmas at Casa Youth Shelter: Lion President Ray reported that all the gifts had been purchased and Lion Scott would deliver them to the shelter.
6. Shelter for The Homeless: PDG Ellen Liebherr invited anyone who would like to attend the dinner and see how they are helping these homeless families.
7. Melvin Jones Fellowship Recipients: Lion President Ray announced that the recipients this year are Lions Brad Barras, Gary Denni, Bill Howes, Mike Gallipeo and Bruce Gormley.

Break for Dinner 19:50

Reconvene: 20:00

District Governor & Vice District Governor's Addresses: District Governor Elizabeth Warren talked about membership retention and club growth. Vice District Governor Judy Schitzer talked about the Lions Clubs International Rose Parade Float.

Rose Parade Parade Float Decoration: Lion Jack Tanaka, Chairman of the District 4-L4 Float Decoration Committee invited any Lion who wished to help decorate the float.

Mystery Lion: It was a mystery tonight.

Treasure Chest Drawing: No winner tonight.

Tail Twister: Lion Brad levied well deserved fines.

Meeting Adjourned: 21:20



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Seal Beach Lions Board Meeting December 3, 2008

Call to Order: 21:24

The Following Board Members Were Present:

Ray Longoria	Barbara Wright	Bruce Gormley
Bill Howes	Renee Schulte	Brad Barras
Mike Gallipeo	Judy O'Neill	Linda Stephenson
Marilyn Redd	George Dooley	Gary Denni

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. It was discussed as to whether or not to cancel the Christmas Party due to lack of interest but several Lions expressed their interest in attending. Motion was made to go ahead with the party. M/S/C Lions Bill Howes/George Dooley/ Carried

2. Motion was made to buy an add in the Los Alamitos High School Guide for \$300.00. M/S/C Lions Bill Howes/George Dooley/Carried

Motion Was Made To Adjourn: M/S/C Lions George Dooley/Gary Denni/Carried

Meeting Adjourned: 21:31



Some Thoughts from Larry the Cable Guy

1. A day without sunshine is like night
2. On the other hand, you have different fingers.
3. 42.7 percent of all statistics are made up on the spot
4. Remember, half the people you know are below average.
5. Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
6. The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese in the trap.

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