



Seal Beach Host Lions Club

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President's message:



As I write this message, we have just returned from our vacation to the Central California Coast. Ginny and I have enjoyed the quite and peace of Ragged Point, the holiday festivities at Hearst Castle and superb steaks and wine in the Santa Ynez Valley. It was a great way to conclude the year and enjoy the Holiday Season.

As this year concludes and we start 2010 and the second half of our Lion's year, we can take stock of the past and look ahead to the future.

Looking back to December, there was Lion Scott and numerous Lions helping and participating in the Seal Beach Holiday Parade. Lion Scott, your organizational skills "shined" during the parade and the lead up to the parade. You should be proud of a job well done, as should all Lions who participated in the event. Lion Barbara Wright and her helpers at the Christmas tree lot enhanced the holiday spirit. You should all be pleased with the superb job you did at the lot. Special thanks go out to Lion Juliette and club members who put together a wonderful "Breakfast with Santa" (under unfavorable weather conditions). Finally, we come to Lion Kristine and the great Christmas Party she hosted. I also need to thank Lions Bill and Jacquie and the entire Christmas Party committee for organizing a superb party.

Looking forward to January, there is the Melvin Jones Awards Dinner at the Costa Mesa Country Club, the Third Cabinet Meeting at Meadowlark Golf Club, 16782 Graham Street, Huntington Beach, Ca. 92649, 9 AM to 1:00 PM, and our project to refurbish and build new booths for various club events.

As mentioned above, in January we look forward to the New Year. This is the perfect time for new members to complete their Proud Lion Project. Remember you only need to do five tasks (all simple) to be a Proud Lion. 1. Attend a club board meeting, 2. Participation in a club service or fund raising activity, 3. Introduce a new member to the club, 4. Make a visit to another club and 5. Attend Zone Meeting, Region Meeting, District Convention, Multiple Region Convention or International Convention.

In conclusion I want to leave you with two thoughts:

1. To the new members, just as 2010 is a new year, we must think anew. We are depending on you to give us new ways of looking at projects. After all, you are the future of the club.

2. To the existing members, you are the backbone of the club. Without you, nothing we do as a club would be possible. We rely on you to keep up the good work and listen to and encourage our new members.

To all club members, have a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Yours in Lionism,
Lion President Gary

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

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Club Calendar

- January 15_18 MD_4 Lions Leadership Seminar, Harris Ranch
- January 16 Melvin Jones Dinner
- January 23 - Cabinet Meeting, Meadowlark Golf Club
- January 30 Teen Recognition Dinner Holiday Inn Diamond Bar
- February 5_7 MD_4 Convention, Riverside CA
- February 19_21 Lions Flag Days
- February 22 Deadline for Club Student Speakers Contest
- February 26-March 1 Ensenada Visitation
- March 6_7 Hearing Days
- March 20 Ontario_Upland Lions Bunco Night
- March 28 Lions City of Hope Day
- March 28 Huntington Beach Host Lions Crab Fest
- April 18 Cabinet Meeting Speakers' Contest , Costa Mesa County Club
- April 24 Rancho Cucamonga Community Lions Fashion Show
- March 16 Orange Region Meeting
- March 22 Saddleback Region Meeting
- March 31 Foothill Region Meeting
- May 1 Ontario_Upland Lions Spring Tea
- May 13_16 District 4_L4 Convention, Ventura Marriott
- June 29_July 2 Lions International Convention, Sydney Australia

Happy Birthdays to:

- Pat berryhill.....1/08
- Kristine Albertalli.....1/20
- Dave Hubbard.....1/26
- Jackie Maloney.....1/28





A Visit To The Fullerton Pride By Allyn Mezin Matto

Visitations are part of being a Lion. Lions Jackie and Mike Maloney have done an excellent job this year of lining up numerous visitations for our club to attend. I have tried to attend some of these and I have thoroughly enjoyed going from club to club, seeing how other clubs run their meetings.

On December 15th, seven of our Seal Beach Lions visited the Fullerton Lions Club at the International House of Pancakes Restaurant for a dinner meeting.

Their club was a lot smaller than what we were used to in Seal Beach, but their presentations were fantastic.

We first heard from Greg Pate, Dispatch Supervisor for Lynch Ambulance Service. He told us about emergency preparedness and relayed some of his experiences of Hurricane Gustav, the California wildfires and the Northridge earthquake, which have all occurred during his tenure.

He also reminded us that it is time to check on our own earthquake kits at home. Our Lion Nancy Herbert asked how long it takes after a disaster for things to get back to "normal," and the answer was about three days.

Pate suggested that in your home earthquake kit that you store one gallon of water for each person times three days. For example, if there are two people living in your home, you should have two gallons (one for each person) times three days or six gallons of water stored for an emergency.

Some of the other things he suggested you store are MRE's (meals ready to eat), which can be purchased at Quartermaster Supply Store or REI; three days worth of prescription medication for yourself and your animals; a spare pair of eyeglasses; and toiletries such as shaving cream and toothbrushes.

Pate also suggested that you keep your important papers such as passports and birth certificates or any special photographs in a fireproof storage box.

Our next presentation was by Susan and Steve Vinton of Village Schools, International. These two people really love the work that they do.

They told us about living in Tanzania, East Africa, where they help build schools and educate children who would otherwise not receive any education beyond the seventh grade.

The Vintons are currently in the United States because their own son is here having heart surgery. While they are here, they try to recruit people to go to Tanzania to teach, even if it is only for one year.

The people that live in the villages in Tanzania make the blocks that build the classrooms where the students go to school. It is truly a labor of love.

The villages are poor and there are many orphans because so many of the parents have died from AIDS.

Many of the children are heads of the family and are raising the smaller children. Other children live with grandparents.

Families prefer to send their sons to school over sending their daughters. The tuition has been adjusted to try to get more parents to send their daughters.

The cost for a boy to attend school is \$110 per year; the cost for a girl to attend is \$35.

For more information or if you would like to help the Vintons or volunteer to teach, please go to their website at www.villageschools.org.

The Fullerton Lions may have a smaller club, but the meeting was really enjoyable. They were wonderful hosts. Thank you to our Lions, Jackie and Mike, for setting up this great visitation!



The Seal Beach Lions annual Christmas party was held on December 12, 2009, at the home of Lion Kristine Albertalli in Newport Beach. Most club members departed from the Pavilion parking lot in Seal Beach. Lion Bill Howes was mistaken for Will Ferrell from the movie Elf as he waited for the party bus. He only scared a few adults, children and animals. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful ride down the beautiful California coast to Kristine's lovely home.

As usual, Kristine outdid herself with lovely appetizers, decorations and entertainment. Our Lions partied under a big tent in the rain to the music provided by Tony O'Dell, who manages to get just about every club member up and dancing. Lots of door prizes were taken home and everyone had a great time!



A bunch more photos can be found here:
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With the help of the Seal Beach Lions the City of Seal Beach had its **largest holiday parade ever** with approximately 3,100 participants and 92 entries.

Lions Scott Newton organized the event.

Lion Jim Klisanin hosted a wonderful holiday buffet at Baytown Realty before the event, where many Lions like to go to "warm up" before getting to work.

Lion Dewey Linehan met two Navy officers from the USS Dewey that is stationed in Seal Beach until March of 2010.

Everyone pitched in to make sure the parade was a success.



Ronald McDonald House By Jackie Maloney

Our Club provided another delicious meal for the residents of Ronald McDonald House this December 17, 2009. The team was lead by new members Bijan Norri and Steve Lewis. Bijan and his mother made the most delectable chicken and cheese enchiladas, Spanish rice and beans.

Bijan's family also provided the house with many Mattel toys. When the families and their little children came to dinner, the children got to choose a gift. We saw many smiles and they expressed their gratitude to us.

Our assistant chefs were also new member Dominic Giannotti, Christine and Gene Craig and Jackie Maloney.

Ronald McDonald House is in need of gifts of all sorts, large and small. The recession has hit there too. They have managed to stay open but are always looking for other ways to support this home.

After the beginning of the New Year, they will have a Walk-a-thon at Honda Center. Maybe our club could participate. How about it, Lions?



Seal Beach Lions help Past District Governor Ellen Liebherr prepare dinner for her **Family Housing Project in the City of Orange.**

The dinner is provided to families who would be homeless, but are provided with homes on the condition that they participate in drug testing, job training and counseling.

Thanks, Lion Ellen and her elves, for reminding us about the true meaning of Christmas!



Have a Happy 2010

Just A Friendly Reminder...

In the interest of keeping harmony in our club, it is a Lions Club policy not to discuss politics at Lion events.



Random Thoughts for the Day:

1. I think part of a best friend's job should be to immediately clear your computer history if you die.
2. Nothing sucks more than that moment during an argument when you realize you're wrong.
3. I totally take back all those times I didn't want to nap when I was younger.
 4. There is great need for a *sarcasm* font.
 5. How are you supposed to fold a fitted sheet?
 6. Was learning cursive really necessary?
7. Map Quest really needs to start their directions on #5. I'm pretty sure I know how to get out of my neighborhood.
8. Obituaries would be a lot more interesting if they told you how the person died.
9. I can't remember the last time I wasn't at least kind of tired.
 10. Bad decisions make good stories.
11. You never know when it will strike, but there comes a moment at work when you know that you just aren't going to do anything productive for the rest of the day.
12. Can we all just agree to ignore whatever comes after Blue Ray?
I don't want to have to restart my collection...again.
13. I'm always slightly terrified when I exit out of Word and it asks me if I want to save any changes to my ten-page research paper that I swear I did not make any changes to.
14. "Do not machine wash or tumble dry" means I will never wash this -- ever.
 15. I hate when I just miss a call by the last ring (Hello? Hello? Damn it!), but when I immediately call back, it rings nine times and goes to voicemail. What'd you do after I didn't answer? Drop the phone and run away?
16. I hate leaving my house confident and looking good and then not seeing anyone of importance the entire day. What a waste.
17. I keep some people's phone numbers in my phone just so I know not to answer when they call.
18. My 4-year old son asked me in the car the other day "What would happen if you ran over a ninja?"
How do I respond to that?
19. I think the freezer deserves a light as well..
20. I disagree with Kay Jewelers. I would bet on any given Friday or Saturday night more kisses begin with *Bud Lites* than Kay.



Seal Beach Lions Club Board Meeting Minutes December 2nd, 2009

- I. Call to Order: 8:16 pm
- II. Roll Call: The following Board members were in attendance: Lions Christine and Eugene Craig, Gary Denni, Bruce Gormley, Jackie Maloney, Allyn Mattox, Scott Newton, Renee Schulte and Barbara Wright. Excused Board members: Al and Lorraine Chavez, Dave and Gail Hubbard, Ray Longoria, Jacqui Howes and Brad Barras. The following non Board members were in attendance: Lion Carol Linehan and Nikki Illingworth. Guests in attendance: Ryan and Adriana Ziegenbusch.
- III. Remarks by the President: None
- IV. Reading and Approval of the Minutes: M/ S/ Carried
- V. Reading and Approval of the Treasurer's Report:
Administration account: \$8,860.86 +/-
Charity account \$58,257.39 +/-
M/S/Carried
- VI. Old Business:
- A. Taxes-Correspondence has been received from the IRS regarding the clarification of our tax exempt status which indicates that they are working on it. Additional 9999 tax form information has been requested by the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Stations as a result of our 2008 end of the year party. Past treasurer Mike G. to forward form.
- B. Brix visit being explored by Lion Gene to report next meeting-possible February 3rd date discussed.
- VII. New Business: Ryan Ziegenbusch was recommended to join our Club. Passed unanimously.
- VIII. Adjourn meeting: M/S/C 8:36 pm



Seal Beach Lions Club General Meeting Minutes December 2nd, 200

- I. Call to Order: 7:00 pm
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance: Lion Ken Wirtz
 - B. Invocation: Lion Christine Craig
 - C. City of Hope Prayer: Lion Juliet Walters
 - D. Lions Song: Lion Dewey
- II. Introduction of Guests: Lion Nikki introduced her two guests, Ryan and Adriana Ziegenbusch.
- III. Announcements & Correspondence: Lions Gary and Renee reported and sent around the "Something of Interest" File, which included other Lion's, club announcements/newsletters, the GROWL, MMR's and thank you notes. Lion David Hubbard has contacted the pin lady and will follow up.
- IV. Committee Reports:

Seal Beach Holiday Parade/December 4th: Lion Scott reported that this year's parade is the largest in its history with 95 entrants, 8 bands and 3,217 participants. Lion Captains have been assigned and are to report to their designated areas.

Breakfast with Santa/CASA/December 12th : All preparations and gifts are ready.

Christmas Party/December 12th, 7:00 pm Details spelled out in flyer. Be at Pavillions parking lot 6:30 pm to meet bus.

Christmas Tree Lot/December 7th and 14th: Lion Barbara Wright needs volunteers between 5-9 pm on those days. Sign up sheet passed around.

Melvin Jones Award Dinner—January 16th, 2010

Student Speaker Contest: Lion Carol Linehan reported the competition will be Feb. 17th at the Mary Wilson Library.

Signage—To be looked into further by Lion Gary.

Other Business:

 - A. 3rd Cabinet Meeting, January 23rd, 2010 at Meadowlark Country Club/10:00 registration
 - B. PDG Lion Ellen reported on the upcoming service project "Holiday Dinner for American Family Housing" scheduled for December 16th. She provided an update regarding the Forum and GROWL publications; requesting articles. Lion Ellen also provided a reminder of the upcoming MD-4 Annual Convention in Riverside, CA February 5th-7th 2010.
- VII. Dinner: no break
- Resume Meeting:

Mystery Lion: Lion Bonnie

Treasure Chest: Lion Bill Howes all LOSERS

 - C. Tail Twister: Lion Brad
- IX. Adjourn: 8:07 pm

Respectively Submitted: Lion Secretary, Renee Schulte