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Dear Fellow Lions,

This month we slowed down a bit. We had nine events and one visitation. A special thanks to Kristine Albertalli for chairing the Lion's Christmas party. About 60 people attended. It was a night filled with fun and good cheer. The

Christmas trees made an appearance and did a nice song and dance.

I would like to thank everyone that helped out at the American Family Housing Project, especially Lion Ellen Liebherr, the chairperson.

I had a great time riding in the Christmas Parade and heard many Lions cheering for me. It gave me that " Warm Feeling." Great job, Lions, on running the largest parade ever. Special thanks to Chairman Scott Newton.

Thanks to Lion Jackie Maloney for being the chairman for the Canine Companions Graduation. Thanks to Lion Geri Eckner for chairing Breakfast with Santa. It was another successful year for the Youth Center Tree Lot with Lion Barbra Wright as Chairperson. There were eight Lions that helped move trees, put them on stands, sell trees and help customers. Thanks also to Lion Carol Linehan for chairing Interval House Adopt a Family.

We had Santa visit the Special Ed Program at Tincher School chaired by Lion Katherine McHugh. This was the third year our Lions have arranged to have Santa visit the 40 children, who receive a gift bag and a photo with St. Nick.

Lion Teri Newton chaired CASA Holiday Gift Giving. The final Meritage Fund Raiser was at Old Ranch Country Club. Chairman Scott Newton and eight Lions helped out at the Golf Tournament with the dinner, auction, registration, and babysitting the hole-in-one.

We had another visitation to Rancho Cucamonga where six Lions visited. Way to go, Lion Nikki!!! They worked at the California Lions Friends in Sight Eye Screening and gave away over 500 pair of glasses. Chairperson Lion Cathy Newton said that the experience was very heart warming (See? There is that warm feeling again!) to see a person's expression when he or she gets new glasses. Great job, Lions! "ROCK THE VEST!"

Just a reminder: When you chair an event, please make sure you do a project report and send it to me and to Lion Allyn. It is easy who, what, where, and when. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

In Lionism,

President Mike Haley



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Upcoming Calendar

Huntington Beach Lions Pancake Breakfast	1/1
Harbor Mesa Lions Visitation	1/9
Lions Regular & Board Meeting	1/4
Melvin Jones Dinner	1/7
Ronald McDonald House Dinner (Leos)	1/14
Lions Meeting	1/18
Orange District Meeting	1/21
New Member Orientation	1/25
Ronald McDonald House Dinner	1/26

Happy Birthdays to:

Roni Behrends	1/4
Adriana Ziegenbusch	1/10
Pam Wilson	1/11
Dominic Gianotti	1/19
Kristine Albertalli	1/20
Stanley Anderson	1/22
Tom Duszynski	1/22
Seth Eaker	1/24
Jim Duncan	1/25
Dave Hubbard	1/26
Jacky Maloney	1/28
Dave Schwien	1/28
David Embree	1/29
Cassie Senneff	1/31





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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Dear Lions:

As we come upon the holiday season, it is a time to be with family and friends to celebrate the coming of another new year. Everyone should be proud of all the community service hours that we have performed and how many people we have helped. As we start a new year, I challenge all Lions to try a new project or a service project. If you are a new Lion, then I challenge you to get involved. It is easy and we will not let you fail. You will find that when you help the community or someone less fortunate, it will warm your heart.

The past six months have been great, and our club is now the 2nd largest club in California. We are only a few members away from being the largest! In January I want to focus on converting the many prospective members we have into becoming Seal Beach Lions. We could be the largest club by the time we go to the MD-4 convention in February.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. Be good to yourself and be good to your family and friends. I leave you with this thought:

"The most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched; they must be felt with the heart!" - Helen Keller

Lion President
Mike Haley

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Lion Geri Eckner led our crew of Leos and Lions to serving the community of Seal Beach to a wonderful Christmas breakfast on December 10.

Leos manned the grill and served up piping hot pancakes to our guests, while Lions like Alan Chavez kept the pancake batter in full supply.

There was plenty of sausage, oranges, bananas, coffee, hot chocolate and juice for people to enjoy as well.

Lion Tim Kelsey made sure the room looked festive. There was even a giant fireplace on the video screen warming up the room.

Kids staying at the CASA Youth Center were also served a breakfast by our Leos.

Altogether, our club served 205 adults and 210 children a delicious Christmas treat.





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The Magic of Christmas

Someone once told me that “talent” is the ability of making something that is very difficult look easy. We were watching the Lakers at the time and Magic Johnson was flying across the court, making basket after basket. His teammates were Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and James Worthy.

They seemed unbeatable. Their play seemed effortless.

Watching the Christmas Parade this year reminded me that it took talent to make this event go off as easily as it did. Talent also requires hard work and preparation.

Scott Newton was the Parade Chairman again this year and he not only has talent, he does the hard work and preparation that makes this Christmas Parade go off effortlessly.

Behind the scenes there were a few little problems, but the public did not see them. The 15,000 spectators and 3,200 participants enjoyed a wonderful evening.

The Seal Beach Lions that volunteered to help did a marvelous job of helping the crowds of people as well. I worked the volunteer booth, where many people come stressed over where to find their group.

We try to be as accommodating as possible, showing them which area to assemble in, while hoping that the group hasn't decided to relocate on their own.

All around the parade area, Lions are telling people that they have to find places to park and no, they can't drive down to the pier to drop someone off.

Other Lions are trying to help people line up in order, so the parade can go off without a hitch.

The Seal Beach Chamber works with the Lions to do announcing of the participants. Seth Eaker really has the personality for the job and makes every group feel special.

This year's Christmas Parade was magical. As the participants went down Main Street one after another, the spectators pointed, waved and clapped. They didn't realize the work that went on behind the scenes.

It was fun to follow Santa down the street at the end of the parade. It was great to hear the announcer tell the crowd that we were the ones to thank for putting on the parade. What was really special was when people waved at us. It felt good to be a Seal Beach Lion.



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Christmas Party

Approximately 65 Seal Beach Lions, friends and guests attended the annual Christmas party, held again this year at the Oakwood Garden Apartments Recreation Room on December 10.

Lions Jacqui Howes, Kristine Albertalli, and Carol Linehan were the chairpersons.

Our favorite crooner, Tony, was again this year's entertainment. Tony never fails to get everyone up dancing and singing and he makes sure everyone has a great time.

Some dancing Christmas trees names Dewey, Mike and Bill also made an appearance.

Diners enjoyed a dinner of cold cuts and salads, and raffles were held throughout the evening.

**GET WELL WISHES TO
LION KENT MAUL !!
WE ARE HOPING TO SEE YOU RIDING YOUR GOLF
CART AROUND TOWN AGAIN SOON!**

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Salon Meritage Victims Fund Golf Tournament

Seal Beach Lions are still doing our best to help out raising funds for the families of the families of the Salon Meritage tragedy.

On December 19th, the final fundraiser was held, sponsored by Old Ranch Country Club. A golf tournament was held with 150 golfers participating.

Seal Beach Lions helped with the auction, dinner, registration, and green sitting on the "hole-in-one" contest. Scott Newton was the chairman.

The event is estimated to have raised over \$65,000 for the victim's fund.

CLFIS EYE CLINIC

On December 3rd, Sight and Hearing Chairperson Lion Cathy Newton wrangled up a crew of Seal Beach Lions to make an early morning trip to Rancho Cucamonga for the California Lions Friends in Sight eye screening clinic.

When they arrived, a long line of people was already waiting outside the door for the facility to open.

Approximately 500 pairs of eyeglasses were given out that day to children, teenagers, adults and seniors.

Additionally that day, Seal Beach Lions donated 390 pair of glasses to Lions-In-Sight and 639 pair of glasses to CLFIS.

Nine hearing aids were also donated this month. Great job, Lion Cathy!

Lions that worked included Cathy Newton, Scott Newton, Nikki Illingworth, Robin Alexander, Tom Duszynski, Jackie Maloney and Nancy Hebert. Camille Romano and Philip Sneyd also helped with cleaning and typing of the glasses.





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A WARM LION WELCOME TO
OUR NEW MEMBERS!!

PAMELA WILSON
DIANA BRUNJES
TIM TERBUSH
ANDREW TERBUSH
ROSIE RITCHIE
MIKE LANSFORD
SETH EAKER
JIM DUNCAN
DAN SCHMALTZ
TIMOTHY YOUNG

SANTA VISITS TINCHER

For the third year in a row, Lion Katherine McHugh made Christmas a treat for special education students at Tincher Academy in Long Beach.

Forty students plus numerous faculty members were treated to a visit from Santa. Santa not only took photos with the kids, he also gave everyone a goodie bag to enjoy.

Lion Cathy Newton was the official photographer and Santa wore the same size suit as Lion Scott Newton.



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December 21 brought Lions to the American Family Housing Christmas dinner at the Westminster Senior Center. 17 Lions helped Chef Ellen prepare a prime rib dinner for 150 low income or homeless clients that are being helped by AFH.



Guests got first class treatment with plated dinners table served. No buffet! Volunteer from Honda took care of the dining room, serving the guests food. Lions were busy in the kitchen and prep area. Lion Bruce sliced the beef until his arm was numb. Camille and Geri dished the vegetables and potatoes, Barbara W. ladled the au jus, Allyn and Ellen prepared the plates, Shane & Leo Sara Riley got the horseradish and ketchup ready. (No – they were not putting ketchup on the prime rib, it was for the chicken nuggets that the kids got!)

Alan, Renee, Dave H., Les, Ken, Barbara & Brian A. and Carol Harty worked the food distribution hall. Somehow they kept it all together with so much going on. Mary N. and Aro worked the room, doing what they do best.



And..... Brad supervised.

All kidding aside, it is amazing to see Lions work so well together getting the job done and done well. Lion Ellen brought two of her staff servers to help and they were impressed when all of the Lions stepped up to work. They said this was one of the easiest jobs they had ever worked. Seeing Brad and Shane washing the plates, the ladies cleaning the entire kitchen, Dave and crew packing the truck I would say they were right on with their observations.

Thanks to all who took time out of their busy schedules to help out.

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Seal Beach Lions Club Regular Meeting Minutes December 7, 2011

President Mike Haley is unable to attend meeting due to work commitments. First Vice-President Scott Newton calls meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Lion Laura Ellsworth Walker leads the club in the flag salute to the greatest country on earth, the United States of America.

Lion Barbara Avakian leads the club in the invocation.

Lion Marilyn Redd leads the club in the City of Hope prayer.

Guests

Lion Ray Longoria introduces Rosie Ritchie and Mike Lansford.

Lion Les Shobe introduces Dan Schmaltz.

Lion Rose Marie Baker introduces Jim Duncan.

Lion Scott Newton introduces Seth Eaker.

Lion Alan Chavez introduces Andrew Terbush.

Lion Debbie Laws introduces Briley Miller and Lisa Lamazzi.

Lion Aro Riley introduces former Lion Tim Terbush.

Lion Brad Barras introduces Nancy Barras.

Lion Scott Weir introduces Tim Young.

Lion Adriana Ziegenbusch introduces Diana Oliveras.

Lion Ray Longoria introduces past member of Santa Ana Lions Club Raul Rios.

President's Comments

Lion Scott Newton introduces Leo Karl Aaker, who has earned 111 hours of service and is a sophomore at Los Alamitos High School. Leo Karl is here to sell raffle tickets to send Leos to the symposium at the MD-4 convention. Please see Karl if you would like to purchase a raffle ticket.

On Monday, December 12, 2011, there will be a fundraiser golf tournament to benefit the Victims of Seal Beach. Seal Beach Lions will be helping out. Guest John Fox has developed a link on the RefreshEverything.com website sponsored by Pepsi. Pepsi is donating \$50,000 to a charity. John Fox has created a site that will donate \$50,000 to create a memorial for the victims of the Seal Beach shootings if enough people vote for it. John Fox passes out flyers and asks members to vote every day on the site to help Seal Beach win the \$50,000.

Guest Nancy Barras, wife of Tail Twister Brad Barras, addresses the club and asks for a donation for Pathways Volunteer Hospice in the amount of \$400. She advises the club that

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Pathways helps bereaved families in difficult times with free counseling services and they helped her family through the difficult time they faced in the loss of their son. The matter is put over to the board meeting.

Lion Dave Schwein makes a donation of Target gift cards for the CASA kids Christmas gift packs. Lion Kent Maul, who suffered a massive heart attack the day after Thanksgiving and has been hospitalized, still generously made arrangements to have a donation of backpacks and other items so the CASA kids could have wonderful gifts for Christmas. Lion Kent went home from the hospital today, according to his neighbor, Scott Weir. The club wishes Lion Kent a speedy recovery. Lion Cindy Ramirez also donated McDonald's gift certificates.

Lion Allyn Mattox and Lion Linda Palutzke were awarded Proud Lion Awards.

New Business

Christmas Party – The Christmas party will be held on December 10, 2011, at the Oakwood Apartments Recreation Room. Lions Jacqui Howes, Kristine Albertalli, and Carol Linehan are the chairpersons. An after party will be held at Finbar's at 10:35 pm.

Breakfast With Santa – Breakfast With Santa will be held on December 10, 2011. Lion Geri Eckner is the chairperson. Sign up with Lion Diana Bean if you would like to work. Seal Beach Lions will be working with the City of Seal Beach Recreation Department at Marina Center to serve breakfast to the Seal Beach community. Santa will be there. Seal Beach Leos will be cooking.

American Family Housing – The American Family Housing Christmas Dinner will be held on December 21, 2011. Lion Ellen Liebherr is the chairperson. There is no meeting that night. Lion Ellen will be serving a Prime Rib dinner at 6:15. Please be at the Westminster Community Center at Beach and Westminster at 5:00-5:30 if you can help.

Melvin Jones Dinner – The Melvin Jones Dinner will be on January 7, 2012. It is a semi-formal dinner. Cost is \$50 per person. See our club secretary if you would like to attend.

MD-4 Convention – The MD-4 Convention will be held on February 3, 4, and 5 in Ontario. Lion Dave Hubbard in the chairman. Please sign up to be a delegate.

Visitation – There will be a visitation on January 3, 2012. Lion Nikki Illingworth is the chairperson. There was some confusion on which club we are visiting, but the meeting place is Costa Mesa Country Club at 6:30 and cost is \$20 per person.

A short break was taken at 7:34 pm.
Meeting resumes at 7:44 pm.

Old Business

CSLIS – Lion Cathy Newton reported that Eyeglass recycling is going well. Seal Beach Lions recently shipped many pair of glasses to Valencia and Lions in Sight. Please watch the ROAR for the next cleaning and sorting party. Seal Beach Lions recently helped fit people with glasses on December 3, 2011, and helped give many people free glasses. Many of the participants had never had a pair of glasses before.

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Sweet 1017 Cut-A-Thon – Lion Cathy Newton reported that Seal Beach Lions and Leos worked with U.S. Water Polo to raise over \$8,000 in the pouring rain to be donated to the Victims of the Seal Beach Shootings. Leos cooked brats and hot dogs. Lion Cathy thanked everyone who came to support the event.

New Member Happy Hour – The New Member Happy Hour also ended up being Lion Ray Longoria's birthday party. President Mike Haley was unable to attend due to work obligations. At least 60 Seal Beach Lions attended. President Mike and wife Marcia presented Lion Ray with a birthday cake and Lion Ray gracefully accepted becoming a full-fledged senior citizen. He was fully able to fill out his Social Security application the next day. Seal Beach Lions purchased appetizers for everyone and Flnbar's graciously kept Happy Hour prices available for all Lions the entire evening. Everyone had a great time.

Seal Beach Christmas Parade – Lion Scott Newton was the chairperson. Eighty Seal Beach Lions volunteered. There were 112 entries; 3,300 participants; over 15,000 spectators; and over 100 volunteers from the Chamber, Leos and Lions. Lion Scott Weir did a superb job on Pacific Coast Highway; Mark Lopesko did a great job on the lighting; Seth Eaker did a great job announcing; Gina Phillips was the Queen of Main Street; and Rick Paap did a great job announcing at his post as well. Some of the comments received said, "This was the smoothest parade ever," and the "best ever." Lion Scott also thanked Lion Ray Longoria and Lion Laura Ellsworth for use of their golf carts and Lion Jim Klisanin for his mentorship. Another comment on the parade said, "You and the Lions did such a phenomenal job of bringing the spirit of Christmas to all of us." A parade go-er lost her keys at the parade and someone turned them into the Information Booth. The owner of the keys, Carol Graves, made a donation to Seal Beach Lions for \$25.00.

American Family Housing Thanksgiving – Lion Ellen Liebherr led her team again this year to feed 500 hungry people at American Family Housing. Seal Beach Lions turned in 50 turkeys. At the turkey carving party, Lions, Carol, Tom Robin, Camille, Adriana, Ray and Dave helped out. Lion Ellen especially thanked Dave, Camille and Diane for being there from beginning to end. American Family Housing could not put the dinner on without Seal Beach Lions help. Lions Brad, Aro and Shane were the muscles of the group. One future Lion helped as well. Lions Lee and Donna Melody were thanked for having 25 turkeys donated from Armour. A big thank you from Lion Ellen was extended to all Seal Beach Lions who worked and donated.

Youth Center Tree Lot – Lion Barbara Wright and eight Seal Beach Lions and Leos worked at the Youth Center Tree Lot. Leo Karl Aaker, and Lions Nikki Illingworth, Pam Wilson, Philip Sneyd, Patti Meyers, Mike Ferreira, and Gary and Diana Bean helped customers pick out trees, load them on cars, water the trees on the lot, and serve cocoa to cold customers.

Treasure Chest – Lion Bill Howes collects lots of money from lots of losers.

Mystery Lion – Lion Mike Haley picked himself as the Mystery Lion. Since he is not at the meeting, he requests everyone be very generous with Happy Dollars.

Fines and Happy Dollars – Everyone is very generous, per President Mike's request.

Meeting is adjourned at 8:32 pm.



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Seal Beach Lions Club Board Meeting December 7, 2011

Meeting is called to order. President Mike Haley is unable to attend meeting due to work commitments. First Vice President Scott Newton calls meeting to order at 8:37 pm.

The following board members are present:

Scott Newton
Allyn Mattox
Terry Stephenson
Nikki Illingworth
Ellen Liebherr
Brad Barras
Adriana Ziegenbusch
Cathy Newton
Camille Romano

The following board members are not present:

Mike Haley
Ashleigh Rollins
Bruce Gormley
Gary Denni
Dave Hubbard
Lindsay Safe
Renee Schulte
Geri Eckner

Secretary's Report

The secretary provides a copy of the November Growl for anyone to peruse who has not seen the recorded minutes of the club. A motion is made by Lion Brad Barras to approve the minutes for the month of November. Lion Alan Chavez seconds motion. Motion is carried unopposed.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer presents a written report to the board with balances for both the administrative and charity accounts. A motion is made by Lion Brad Barras to approve the Treasurer's report.

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Lion Alan Chavez seconds the motion. Motion is carried unopposed.

Membership Proposals

The following prospective members are presented to the club for membership:

Dan Schmaltz with his sponsor Lion Les Schobe
Jim Duncan with his sponsor Lion Rose-Marie Baker
Tim Young with his sponsor Scott Weir
Rosie Ritchie with his sponsor Diana Bean
Mike Lansford with his sponsor Gary Bean
Andrew Terbush with his sponsor Alan Chavez
Tim Terbush with his sponsor Aro Riley
Seth Eaker with his sponsor Scott Newton

A motion is made by PDG Lion Ellen Liebherr to accept the prospective members into the Seal Beach Lions Club for membership.

Lion Cathy Newton seconds the motion.

The motion carries unopposed.

The new members are welcomed into the club.

New Business

MD-4 Convention

President Mike Haley would like to see half of the \$50 registration fee for convention paid by the club up to \$300.

Lion Ellen Liebherr makes a motion \$300 towards convention registration fees. Lion Nikki Illingworth seconds the motion. The motion carries unopposed.

Rose Parade Donation

Lion Allyn Mattox requests additional funds to purchase items towards the Rose Parade Float Items from Sheila Casteel. The matter is discussed.

Lion Allyn Mattox makes a motion for \$56 for two Rose Parade Sweat Shirts to be raffled as a treasure chest prize. Lion Camille Romano seconds motion. Motion is carried unopposed.

Matter of the Pathways Volunteer Hospice that Guest Nancy Barras requested at the Regular Meeting earlier in the evening is considered.

Lion Ellen Liebherr makes a motion for \$400 for Pathways Volunteer Hospice. Lion Camille Romano seconds motion. Motion is carried unopposed.

Meeting is adjourned at 8:56 pm.