

THE GROWL

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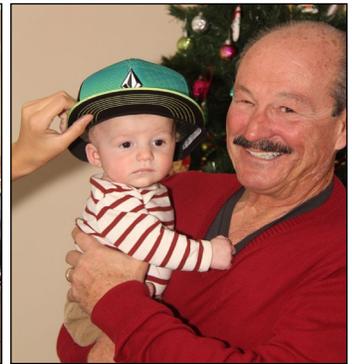
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SEAL BEACH LIONS CLUB

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 give gifts to Casa

DIANA BEAN

Director

Bringing Christmas and fun to the at-risk teens at the Casa Youth Center was a great experience. This was the 29th year and my first time chairing the event and it was so much fun I would love to do it again next year.

We had a stuffing party at our house with Lions Gary Bean and Scott Newton, preparing backpacks donated by Lion Ken Maul and filling them with lots of wonderful colorful socks, wallets, sunglasses, key chains, flashlights, sports drinks, candy, hats, beanies, gift cards and lots of love! The teens arrived for a VIP breakfast, photo op and a chat with Santa, returning to

Casa shelter for some hot chocolate, a tour of the facility and the presentation of the backpacks.

The kids had a great time, as did our Lions, experiencing the joy as we watched the teens receive their presents. They were overjoyed with excitement of the socks and wallets and discovering the gift cards inside sent them over the top!

Many air hugs were given (no contact allowed) and much appreciated thanks from all these wonderful teens. Oh and little Oliver Stone (our grandson) was a hit; he was the little bundle all the teens were taking turns holding—what joy. History was shared that Lion Grant Newton was the first

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CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 2
Lions Power Walk

Wednesday, January 2
Lions Regular & Board Meeting

Saturday, January 5
Melvin Jones Dinner

Wednesday, January 16
Lions Regular Meeting

Thursday, January 17
Ronald McDonald House Dinner

Saturday, January 6
Orange Region Meeting

Wednesday, February 6
Lions Regular & Board Meeting

Friday, February 8 - Sunday, February 10
Lions Rose Float Decorating

BIRTHDAYS

Friday, January 4
Roni Behrends

Thursday, January 10
Adriana Ziegenbusch

Friday, January 11
Pam Wilson

Saturday, January 19
Dominic Giannotti

Sunday, January 20
Kristine Albertalli

Tuesday, January 22
Stanley Anderson
Tom Duszynski

Thursday, January 24
Seth Eaker

Friday, January 25
Jim Duncan

Saturday, January 26
Dave Hubbard

Monday, January 28
Jackie Maloney
Dave Schwien

Tuesday, January 29
David Embree

Friday, February 1
Bob McSweeney
Mike Narz

Saturday, February 9
Gay Snyder-Johnson
Gail Hubbard



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ELLEN LIEBHERR

President

This New Year has a bright forecast for our Lions Club as we continue to grow in membership and new ideas.

Our community involvement is at an all time high and our service to those in need is beyond reproach.

However, as we close out the year, I remember that December is the month where we spread cheer though out the area.

Our involvement with the Christmas Parade, Breakfast with Santa, the Casa Youth

Project, working the Tree Lot, decorating the Lions Rose Parade Float, Ronald McDonald House dinners - we brought smiles to so many faces.

Thank you to all the chairmen who organized these projects for us and thank you to all those that took the time to work them.

Then there was the December 21 Christmas Party—icing on the cake!

It was wonderful to see so many of you having such a good time dancing and enjoying each other's company.

We truly lived up to our reputation as the District's Party Club.

With so much going on, we invite you all to participate in our January membership month.

Let's share what we do with our friends.

Bring them to one of our January meetings so they too can get involved with community service.

For all those bringing a guest, your name will go into a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate to California Pizza Kitchen.

My best wishes to all of you for a wonderful new year. May you stay healthy, wealthy and wise.

January is Membership Month

Invite a friend to join the Seal Beach Lions to help others and better our community.

“Serve Local in 2013”

Lions who bring a guest to either of the January meetings will be entered in a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate to California Pizza Kitchen.

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Christmas parade is special for one

SCOTT NEWTON

First Vice President

An estimated 12-14,000 spectators watched the 34th annual Seal Beach Christmas Parade. This parade was the biggest ever with 110 entries and over 3,600 participants. The parade is a cooperative effort by the Seal Beach Lions Club, the Seal Beach Chamber of Commerce and the City of Seal Beach.

The Seal Beach Lions Club manages the parade and does most of the heavy lifting. We began planning the event last December and it culminated with the parade itself.

Special thanks goes out to some very special volunteers. Lion Tim Kelsey who represents the city and did lots of work on his own time. Marc Loopesco handled the daunting task of installing and removing 16 portable light stations over a three-day period. Lions Cathy Newton handled administration and the information booth. Lion Dave Schwien and Lion Maria De La Cueva, who as new Lions, took on the parks lining up more than 1,000 kids and animals. Lion Tom Duszynski managed the first point of contact to most entries at 11th street. Diana Bean managed the 20 Main street marshals. In addition, Lion Scott Weir had the thankless job of managing the end of the parade. All of the volunteers were heroes, but these ones stood out.

Overall, I have received nothing but compliments about the parade from participants and residents—our Lions rocked!

Besides managing this enormous event,

Lions and Leos all marched together this year near the end so more members could join in. We had five entries including: Leo Equestrian Team, Leo President Evan Jenkins, Lion honored guest Dottie Seatter* (88 year old, sight impaired woman), District Governor P.J. and Georgia Smith, President Ellen Lieberr in a Lions costume (very clever), Scott and Cathy Newton as parade chairpersons and Lion Chris Langlais circling our entries in a Segway and about 40 Lions marching and riding golf carts.

Also a big congratulations goes to Lion Seth Eaker who was named Grand Marshal of the parade and Lion Rosie Ritchie whose Miss Seal Beach Program was named Junior Grand Marshals.

*Note the picture of Dottie Seatter who is wearing the white beanie. The Lions chose her as our honored guest for the parade. She is sitting in her 1929 Antique Fire Engine along with Lions, Leos and a writer from the Orange County Register.

The writer, David Whiting, wrote a front-page story in the Register about Dottie and her parade experience.

“Dottie is 90 years young, is blind and is a big fan of the Lions and our community. This night was truly a highlight in her life.”

Below is an excerpt from a card she wrote us after the parade:

“My thanks to you and the Lions for making a big event in my life where dullness is normal. Thanks to you and the other stalwart Lion who lifted me on and off the fire truck. I loved every minute of it and thank the Lions for giving me that very special pleasure. God Bless you. Love, Dottie”

Leos take pride in serving at Ronald McDonald House

SCOTT NEWTON

First Vice President

The Leos night at the Ronald McDonald House (RMH) proved to be one of the most rewarding dinners I have ever participated in. We made most of the food from scratch, had a great time prepping and cooking and had numerous positive engagements with the RMH residents and patients.

The project came in under budget at \$98.67 (paid for by the Seal Beach Leo Club). We kept under budget by going to the house ahead of time to see what items were already in stock or leftover from previous meals. The Leos also had a great time cooking most everything from scratch keeping the cost down. Leo Chef Carl amazed us by cooking up fresh grilled zucchini and Leos Jasmine and Maddy prepared cakes and muffins.

The Leos served lasagna, garlic cheese bread, Caesar salad, grilled zucchini and dessert.

Lion Participants were Scott and Cathy Newton along with Leo Mom Marienne Spriggs, Leo Nico Spriggs, Leo Carl Aaker, Leo Jasmine Gouliane and Leo Maddy Wochech.

Lions give comfort with food to Ronald McDonald House families

JACKIE MALONEY

Lion

December 27th was a good date to serve dinner at the Ronald McDonald House as the house was full to capacity, including families with children.

We made a meal of comfort food, including meatloaf, seasoned rice, mixed vegetables and a mixed green salad.

Everyone's eyes lit up with the thought of meatloaf.

We had two members of our club, Carole Hamburger and Molly Bounds, who never had an experience at the Ronald McDonald House, and they received a tour and overview given by the office staff.

Karen Russell, Adriana Ziegenbusch, and Jackie Maloney also helped cook and serve the families that night.

Our next date in the New Year is January 17, 2013. If you would like to help, please call Jackie Maloney, 562-431-6092.

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child to visit 29 years ago and we now have Oliver starting a new tradition.

This event could not have been accomplished if not for the loving hearts of our Lions family and their generous donations, thank you so very much Lion Alex Olson, Lions Robin and Tom Duszynski, Lions Megan and Katherine McHugh, Lion Esther Kenyon, Lion Maria De La Cueva.

And last, my thanks to those Lions who shared in the gift giving at the CASA Youth Shelter: President Ellen Liebherr, Lion Gary Bean, Lions Scott and Cathy Newton, our newlyweds Lions Bruce and Rene Gormley and Shannon Egan (Lion Cathy's daughter).



Lions serve breakfast

RYAN ZIEGENBUSCH

Lion

Leos and Lions served up a delicious Christmas breakfast to the Seal Beach community on Dec. 15 at the Marina Center.

This year's Breakfast with Santa was a great time. Leos got to the Marina Center bright and early on Saturday to start making their famous pancakes.

Lions Dave Hubbard and Gary Denni did a great job making the batter and Lion Phillip Sneyd helped the Leos make the pancakes.

We served an estimated 385 breakfasts including pancakes, sausage and perfectly ripe bananas from Lion President Ellen Liebherr as the kids

and their families took photos with Santa who looked a lot like Lion Steve Bowles.

The Leos not only worked and cleaned after the event they also helped the city take down the tree and decorations that Lion Tim Kelsey worked to set up. Several other Lions helped including Gary and Diana Bean, Tom and Robin Duszynski, Laura Ellsworth, Bruce and Renee Gormley, Esther Kenyon, Marcella McSorely, Lee and Donna Melody, Scott and Cathy Newton.

There were many big smiles and full stomachs and some great photos with Santa I'm sure. We had a great turn out by both the Leos and Lions that made the event go smoothly. We received donations totaling \$346.50



Santa visits Tincher

SCOTT NEWTON

First Vice President

Our annual Santa Project at Tincher Elementary School included a visit by Santa to two different special education autism classes.

Santa told stories and met with each child for pictures and to hear each Christmas list. The students with mild to moderate disabilities also sang songs to Santa.

This simple project brings joy to about 25 Pre-Kindergarten four and five-year-old kids with special needs.



Lions party in the Caribbean for Christmas

ELLEN LIEBHERR

President

*It's Christmas in the Caribbean
Snowbirds fill the air
It's Christmas in the Caribbean
Lots of presents everywhere
We don't live in a hurry
Send away for mistletoe
It's Christmas in the Caribbean
Got everything but snow
- Jimmy Buffett,
"Christmas in The Caribbean"*

Ok, it wasn't the Caribbean but we still brought the casual, laid-back feel to our Holiday Party at the Petroleum Club on

December 21.

With lots of tropical attire and even one Rastafarian among us, we danced to a great band, ate some good food and gave away tons of prizes.

It was a fun time, sharing a fine night of partying with 83 of our members and friends.

The night started with more than 40 smart thinking members and guests leaving the driving to a Big Red Bus driver.

Thanks to Lion Camille Romano, guests left from 5th and Marina and were allowed to enjoy libations without worrying about driving.

The Petroleum Club did a fantastic job

too. This wouldn't have happened without the great negotiation done by Lion Scott who arranged for the room, food and band. Not only this, but he also donated a large credit he had with the club toward our bill.

We had so many gift certificates it took four trips to the microphone to give them all away. It should be noted that when we went to ask merchants for donations, no one refused. Many of them commented that it was their pleasure to help say "thank you" to the Lions for all they do for the City of Seal Beach.

It was a great way to end the year—enjoying a good time together—as the Seal Beach Lions know how to do so well.

Official Meeting Minutes

DECEMBER 5, 2012 GENERAL MEETING

President Ellen Liebherr calls meeting to order at 7:00pm.
Lion Ellen led the club in the salute to the flag of the greatest country on earth, the United States of America.
Lion Rose Marie led the club in the Invocation.
Lion Les led the club in the City of Hope Prayer.
Guests: Several Lions visited our Club from Harbor Mesa. We had several guests join us tonight! Lion Diana Brunjes brought Mike Brown "Brownie" and Brad Scott, Lion Scott Weir brought Josh Peasley, and Lion Sue brought Beverly Lloyd and Mardele Gardiner.
Secretary's Report:
President Ellen decided to skip this report tonight.

Treasurer's Report:

We have \$19809 in the admin account, \$53617 in the raffle account and \$28195 in charity. There were several donations made in November.

Awards:

IPP Mike awarded several Lions tonight. The Abdul Award went to Lion Gary and Lion Mo. Lion Scott gave special recognition to Lion Rosie for the Golf Tournament. Lions Ray, Les and Scott received membership award lapel pins from LCI.

Announcements:

- 1) Seal Beach Christmas Parade 12/7 – Lion Scott: It's coming up! If you want to work, come work! Dress festive!
- 2) Tree Lot 12/10 – This event is held at the Youth Center Tree Lot next to Ganahl Lumber in Los Alamitos. Come buy a tree!
- 3) Breakfast with Santa 12/14-12/15 – Lion Ryan: Looking for help on Saturday from 6:30-9am and 9-11:30am. There is also a need for help set-up on Friday as well.
- 4) Casa Project (Breakfast and Gift Giving) 12/15 – Lion Diana Bean: Lion Diana Donations were due today!
- 5) Holiday Party 12/21 – President Ellen: Good times will be had at the Petroleum Club beginning at 6pm.
- 6) Rose Float Decorating – President Ellen: We need some Lions for the 26th.
- 7) Ronald McDonald House 12/27 – Lion Jackie: No report tonight.
- 8) Melvin Jones Dinner 1/5 – President Ellen: The event will be held at Knott's Berry Farm and tickets are \$55 per Lion.

Break at 7:42pm.
Began at 7:49pm.

Old Business:

- 1) Tincher School Santa Project – Lion Scott: All the kids came up with Santa!

Treasure Chest Drawing:

Lion Matti won \$20! There were THREE double winners (it was fixed).

Fines and Happy Dollars:
Lots and lots of happy dollars tonight!

Adjourn:

Without any other business, President Ellen adjourned at 8:23pm.

DECEMBER 5, 2012 BOARD MEETING

1) Call to order: President Ellen called the meeting to order at 8:28pm.

2) Roll call: Diana Brunjes (Secretary), Scott Newton, Camille Romano, Cathy Newton, Les Shobe, President Ellen Liebherr, Terry Stephenson (Treasurer), Nikki Illingworth, Geri Eckner, Mike Haley (IPP), Brad Barras, and Diana Bean. Absent: Bruce Gormley, Grant Newton, Nick Bolin, Adriana Ziegenbusch, and Neil Gormley.

3) Membership Proposals: 2 proposals tonight: Beverly Lloyd and Mike Brown. Lion Brad voted to approve the submitted applications, Lion Diana Bean seconded, no one opposed so the proposals are accepted.

4) Other business: Lion Scott proposed that the Junior Grand Marshall Paul, who works at CVS, be accepted as an honorary member of the club. Lion Les seconded, all approved. Lion Les discussed pursuing a fundraiser for the military like a talent show. President Ellen asked Lion Les to get more information to present to the board. President Ellen asked that the club consider a casino night fundraiser for MD4 Endorsed International Director Larry Dicus. The board was in agreement that it was worth looking into. President Ellen will research and bring more information to the next meeting.

5) Donation Requests:

- a) \$100 for NWS Christmas Party, out of the Military Affairs Budget: Lion Cathy made the motion, seconded by Lion Geri, all approved
- b) \$300 for American Legion Post 857 made to VA: Lion Cathy inquired if the donation would be put in the name of the club. Lion Camille made the motion to approve, Lion Diana seconded, all approved.
- c) \$50 to Elizabeth Greco via VA for 2 bike stands: Lion Seth will donate these. Lion Geri made the motion, Lion Diana seconded, all approved.
- d) \$400 for gift bags for the VFW: These bags are given to every patient by Dan Smaltz. Lion Geri made the motion, Lion Diana seconded, all approved.

6) Adjourn: President Ellen adjourned the board meeting at 8:48pm.