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The 73rd annual Seal Beach Lions Community Fish Fry was held by the pier on July 15th & 16th, 2017. It was a beautiful weekend with more than 8,000 attendees, 6,000 meals served and 14,000 drinks consumed. Bands played all weekend with non-stop dancing on the grass. This is our biggest event of the year that culminated with the car drawing Sunday afternoon. It was a big success due to the 179 Lions and 80 Leos volunteering their time. Thank you to Lions Scott Newton and Mike Haley for chairing this event and to all the Team Leaders who worked so hard to keep us all organized.

CALENDAR

Aug 26	Lions Admin Garage Sale	Nov 1	Lions General Meeting SBYC
Aug 27	Inner City Tennis Lessons & BBQ	Nov 4	CLFIS Sight Screening: Griffith Park Glendale
Aug 30	New Member Happy Hour – Glory Days	Nov 4	CSULB Crew Team Pancake Breakfast
Sept 6	Lions General Meeting SBYC	Nov 10-12	CLFIS Sight Screening: San Luis Rey
Sept 9	CLFIS Sight Screening: Ontario	Nov 11	Veteran's Day Ceremony Support VFQ
Sept 9-10	Lions Peace Poster Contest Display at the Pier	Nov 15	Lions General & Board Meetings SBYC
Sept 9-10	Seal Beach Arts & Craft Fair	Nov 18	CLFIS Sight Screening: West Covina
Sept 11	Region Meeting	Nov 18	District Cabinet Meeting
Sept 16	CLFIS Sight Screening: Thermal Flying Docs	Nov 20	SB Police Foundation Golf Tournament
Sept 16	Coastal Clean Up Day	Nov 23	Seal Beach Thanksgiving Dinner @St. Ann's
Sept 20	Lions General & Board Meetings SBYC	Nov 25	Seal Beach Christmas Tree Lighting
Sept 22	CLFIS Sight Screening: Tecate, Mexico	Nov 29	Youth Center Tree Lot Project
Sept 27	SB Police Depary Family Summer BBQ	Nov 30	Parade Lighting Set-Up
Sept 30	Animal Care Center Wag-N-Walk BBQ	Dec 1- 3	CLFIS Sight Screening: Imperial
Oct 4	Lions General Meeting SBYC	Dec 1	Seal Beach Christmas Parade
Oct 7	CLFIS Sight Screening: Long Beach	Dec 6	Lions General Meeting Mary Wilson Library
Oct 14	Lions District Governor's Fundraiser	Dec 6	Youth Center Tree Lot Project
Oct 14-15	CLFIS Sight Screening: Oxnard	Dec 8	Military Youth Holiday Event at NWS
Oct 18	Lions General & Board Meetings SBYC	Dec 8	RCSA Tree Lighting & Beer Garden Rossmoor Rush Park
Oct 21	McGaugh School Carnival	Dec 9	Breakfast with Santa Project
Oct 21	Sail for Blind & Visually Impaired – Newport	Dec 9	CASA Project (Breakfast & Gift Giving)
Oct 22	Lion Lloyd's Birthday at Newport Dunes	Dec 9	CLFIS Sight Screening: Montebello
Oct 27	Trunk or Treat at the NWS	Dec 9	VA Hospital Christmas Party LBVA Hospital
Oct 28	CLFIS Sight Screening: Jurupa	Dec 12	Leisure World Sight Impaired Club Luncheon

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A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT SETH

Fellow Lions,

It has been an amazing first two months of Lionism for me personally and for our club. Thanks to the diligent work of the prior board, leadership, and members; our club, we not only achieved a great deal; we are on the path to even greater successes in leadership and service. It is only because of the leadership and mentors of my cabinet and board that any of my goals will be achieved. Here are a few of the things which you may or may not know we are moving forward with or have successfully completed:

- One of the top five most financially and socially successful Fish Fry events ever.
- The formation of a committee to guide me in appointment of various committee chairs and leadership positions.
- The identification of a Zone project led by zone chair Marcella McSorley & Lion Brian Ballard, focusing on Diabetes in the January – March 2018 time frame in Stanton.
- The twinning with our new “sister club” the Ensenada Lions – thanks to IPP Bruce Gormley, Ryan Ziegenbusch and Adriana Presciado-Ziegenbush during the Fish Fry.
- The early scheduled, wonderfully attended and well received visitation by District Governor Judy Barr and her Cabinet.
- Presentation of Madison Berry from the VBA Leos as an International Leo of the Year.
- Development of an IT “action team” with Board and general members working together to update the website, enhance our social media presence and ensure current content.
- The formation of an ad hoc committee to evaluate designs and produce our next official Seal Beach Lions Club pin.
- The successful “Yes we Can” food bank project with Coastline Community College for their veteran’s pantry executed by PDG Ellen Liebherr and the Military Affairs Committee (MAC).
- An expanding membership with nearly 20 new members inducted within the first 45 days of this year (by the way, my goal is 400 after any drops for the end of my year!)
- Presentation of our clock project at the International Lions Convention by Membership Chair Laura Ellsworth.
- Delivery and use of our new 11 passenger cargo van (soon to be wrapped).
- An on-going calendar of events which could fully engage all of our members with projects every weekend, as we do all year long, and as highlighted thanks to the continued efforts of Lion Scott Newton in the ROAR you get every week.
- A modified schedule of board meetings to reduce the burden on our leadership and moving new Lion inductions to our general meeting.
- Visitations occurring already at both events, like the La Habra Cornfest, and also other district Lion meetings by our Visitation chair, Jim Whittaker.
- Not to mention, Fishing Derby Pancake Breakfast, our Lions BBQ at Barney’s Beach house and Sailing for the Blind, all of which happened just this last weekend!



And, I have no doubt forgotten to mention events, special moments of sharing between Lions, our support of other organizations, acknowledgement of fellow Lions passing, and so many other acts of service and kindness which resonate with all of us through our shared vision of, “We serve.” So, to all of you, I offer thanks, praise and gratitude, for it is due to you, that our club moves forward. May we all be grateful most for our ability to serve others still – for that is at the heart of our club.

Yours in Lionism,
Seth

Yes, We CAN!

Through the generosity of the Seal Beach Lions Club we were able to fill the veteran's pantry at Coastline Community College.

SB Lion Tom Bosworth is the Director of the Veterans Resource Center at CCC which offers veterans help with books, computers, counselling, employment opportunities and sources for housing. In addition, the Newport Beach facility offers veterans a pantry for food when their money runs out between checks.

When we heard about this program the cupboards were bare and veterans were being turned away. Within a week we had packed the place with about 1000 cans and non-perishable items. PDG Ellen and her group of shoppers, which included President Seth and Lions Ramona and Camille, filled baskets at local supermarkets taking advantage of sales. Club members were generous with cash and in-kind donations. Thank you to Lions Frank & Margie Hall for the muscle provided in collecting the cans and delivering them to Coastline.



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meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 pm at the Seal Beach Yacht Club, 255 North Marina Drive, Long Beach

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PANCAKES FOR FISHING DERBY

Talk about jumping in feet first, new Lion Rudy Hueza did just that by co-chairing the pancake breakfast for the Rotary Fishing Derby. We thank him and Lion Mike Haley for taking on this project. Thanks also to Lions Angie, Biff, Scott, Seth, Ryan, Mark, Inger, Sonja, Stan and Chardy and her Leos who served 120 kids and many of their parents a hearty breakfast before they took off down the pier for the fishing contest.



A "CORN" VISITATION

Lions had a fun time visiting our friends at the La Habra Corn Festival on August 6. This is their biggest fundraiser of the year and we are always excited to support them. They have been doing this for 69 years which includes food, games, a carnival and car raffle.



SAILING WITH THE WIND

The Seal Beach Lions and The Seal Beach Yacht Club hosted "Sailing with the Blind and Visually Impaired" on Sunday August 20. Over 80 sailors –for-the-day enjoyed a fantastic time on the water. Thank you to the SB boat owners for helping with this wonderful experience for the visually impaired. Thank you to Lion Mary Hollen for chairing this event and all SB Lions who cooked and helped make this worthwhile event a great experience for those attending.



THE GOVERNOR VISITS SEAL BEACH

Our August 16 meeting brought District 4-L4 Governor Judy Barr and her cabinet to Seal Beach for the annual visitation. President Seth presided over a lively meeting as Governor Judy presented International President Naresh Aggarwal's (from Delhi, India) goals for the year.

His plan is to reach a new level of service both to Lions and from Lions. One lofty goal of his is right up our alley. He challenges each Lion to serve at least 10 people a month. If this happens worldwide, Lions would serve 170 million people this year.

1st Vice District Governor Randy McMillan talked about the long history of support and the special bond between his La Habra Lions Club and the Seal Beach Lions. 2nd Vice District Governor Mark Piva is from the Huntington Beach Lions, which sponsored our club 80 years ago. He thanked us for our support of the Lions Rose Parade Float.

DG Judy did us the favor of inducting 13 new Lions. Seldom does a Governor get the change to welcome such a large number of Lions into the family.

In addition, a special presentation by Past Council Chairman David Radtke was made to Village Bible Academy Leo Madison Berry who was selected as International Leo of the Year. FYI – only 32 of these awards are given out for the 175, 000 Leos worldwide.

Leo Madi is a very special young lady with a long resume of community service. Attached to this newsletter is her biography. It is worth reading. It will reinforce your belief in our younger generation.

Leo Madi also told us about her trip to Austria. Our club sponsored her trip through the Lions Multiple District 4 Youth Exchange Program. We all enjoyed her slide presentation.

Thank you to the Seal Beach Yacht club for providing dinner and Lion Mary Hollen and Laura Ellsworth for putting this all together. Thank you also to Lion s Linda Stobbe & Ellen Lieberr for making the cute centerpieces.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

President Seth and Lions Knute, Camille, and Ramona represented our Club on August 1 at the Target shopping center in Los Alamitos. We appreciate our Seal Beach and VBA Leos for participating. They served free popcorn under the supervision of Leo Advisors Lisa Landau and Terry Young.



Leos of the Year Award
Nomination Form
Madison Berry
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Village Bible Academy Leo Club
MD4
4-L4

1. How did this Leo demonstrate leadership skills? List examples including offices held by the candidate and dates of service.

Madison Berry is a leader with a servant's heart both within Leos and outside of Leos. Madi has served as 2015-2016 VBA Leo Club President, as 2015-2016 4-L4 Leo Orphanages of Thailand Chair, and 2014-2015 VBA Leo Club Director. For 2016-2017, Miss Berry was elected to be both the VBA Leo President as well as the 4-L4 Leo District President. Both her own Leo club as well as the district Leos look upon Madi as a leader

Madi's leadership can be described as a servant leader. She shows others how to serve by serving herself. No job is too small and menial or too large for her to perform. You can find her washing tables, taking trash out, or even assisting others behind the scenes so they can shine in the spotlight. Because she is willing to do the lowest jobs, others want to come alongside her and help her. Madi takes the time to show new Leos how to do a job while giving them dignity. Inspired and motivated by her example, Leos and others just want to follow her lead.

Being a leader also included guiding and instructing. Madison takes time to help Leos under her to learn how to be a leader. She will take the time to instruct them and then will guide them along till they are successful at their job. Taking credit for teaching others and helping them become great leaders is not in Madi's make-up. If asked about her success in helping others to succeed, she will reply in a true humble response that she was just doing what anyone else would do, but that is not true since Madi goes above and beyond what is "normal" for her job description.

Not only is Madi a leader in Leos, she is a leader in the local baseball league. As a coach for boys' baseball for 12-13 year olds for 2015-2107, she has earned the respect of her players. They see that not only is their coach, Madi, a great baseball player, but she can lead them to become even better players than herself. She uses all her leadership skills to motivate and encourage the boys to step up and take leadership roles on the team. The administration of the league also noted her leadership skills and Miss Berry was elected to be the only youth to be on the executive board for the league for 2016 and has been elected to be the recording secretary for the league for 2017. They have never had a young person on the board before, but with Madi, they almost forget that she is a student, and a 16-year-old girl, because she is such a leader even among the adults.

Through all Madi's leadership roles and activities, she leads with a servant's heart and is never afraid to get her hands dirty. She helps those around her to become great leaders themselves so her leadership can go on and on like the ripples on water when a stone is dropped into a pond. Madison Berry exudes leadership.

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Maddie has a special heart for senior citizens, veterans, and the needy. This is not to say she does not help other areas, but these are her special projects and she has organized and implemented projects in each of these areas.

Surrounded by many different senior citizen homes filled with lonely residents enticed Madi to want to bring joy to the residents' lives. In the fall, Madi organized a visitation to a home to help decorate the rooms with fall items. Living in Southern California doesn't produce much fall, so after Madi organized Leos to make a trip to the Dollar Tree, the group was ready to bring autumn to the residents. The residents were ecstatic. At Christmas, Madi organized Leos to make cards and draw pictures for the residents as well as wrap warm sock for small presents. She then planned a trip to another home to carol, visit, and hand out the gifts. For spring, Madi decided to do something a little different and gathered supplies so the Leos could make small planters and then plant small

succulent plants for the residents of yet another home. Yes, she had the Leos make cards as well. These are just a few examples of her organizational skills in working with the elderly. The beneficiaries of these projects were the residents of the nursing homes. The real gift and the projects' outcome is the love she brings to each senior citizen she visits and how she models this for her fellow Leos. Love multiplies love.

Veterans hold a very soft part in Madi's heart. She feels they have given so much to our country, so we should give something back to them. In addition to the annual letter writing campaign to the Vets and the letter distribution at the local VA Hospital that Madi has organized and implemented the last few years, this year she wanted to do something more for the vets. She decided the Leos would make *quality* blankets for the vets. She helped raise money, picked out the material for the blankets, set up a time and location for the blanket making, taught the Leos how to make the blankets, and then led a group of Leos to distribute the blankets just before Christmas as a special gift. Many vets cried with appreciation. Over 30 vets at the Long Beach VA Hospital were impacted by this project. One last event with the vets so far this year was the Valentine making and baking at Fisher House, a home for emergency shelter for families of vets that are in the hospital. Again, Madi wanted this to be special so she organized the Leos to once again get out their creative juices to make valentines them come bake at the Fisher House. Even though she was very sick, her mom still brought her to encourage the Leos (from the safety of her car) to go in and bless the families, and then she went back home to bed. This project impacted more than 20 families of vets. One family said they didn't even have time to think about Valentine's Day due to their loved one's situation, so they were glad we were there.

The last category of service projects covered here will be working with the needy. This is also an important item for Madi because she wants to reach out to help them. Madi has organized and implemented several clothing drives, food drives, and other sorts of drives for a homeless shelter in our community. Madi also organized several trips for our Leos to go serve meals at the shelter as well and to help with a woman's luncheon for the needy. A project that really showed Madi's organizational skills involved making individual homeless bags. She organized what would be needed for each bag, put together a list of items to be donated, collected many items herself, encouraged Leos to gather other items, and then had everyone bring the items to a club meeting. Madi discussed the homeless situation in our area and told the Leos how to make the bags and why each item was being placed in each bag. She then guided the Leos to make the bags and ended up with over 80 bags! The Leos were then to distribute them (with an adult) to either homeless people or a place that will distribute them to the homeless. The beneficiaries of these projects were the needy and the homeless people in the community whether they were at a homeless shelter or not. These projects were successful in meeting the needs of some of the needy in Southern California.

3. How did the Leo make contributions to the development and growth of the Leo Club Program? Include the number of new members sponsored by the candidate, the candidate's contribution to establishing new Leo clubs, and Leo publicity efforts made by the candidate.

As president of both her local Leo Club and the Leo District, Madi has been personally involved in helping the Leo program grow. In her club, Madi has invited new people to join Leos and when they come to either a club meeting or a service event, she goes out of her way to make them feel welcome and a part of the group. It is so important to get a personal touch from someone when you go somewhere new, and Madi adds that touch. She has personally sponsored 5 new Leos to VBA Leos.

On a district level, three new Leo clubs have joined Leos since Madi has been president of the district. She has personally gone to each of their charter nights, encouraged the new executive boards, and made herself available to help in any way that she can to help the clubs succeed. Even before the clubs were official, she would seek out the members to help them along the way. There is one club that will soon be chartered that she has walked the entire path from their inception of the plan to start a Leo Club. Madi has been very involved in the recruitment of this soon to be fourth new Leo Club to our district.

In addition to working with her Leo Club and the new Leo clubs, Madi went to Lions meetings both regional and district to share about Leo Clubs. She discussed how a Leo club would be beneficial for a Lions Club and how to go about starting a new club. She invited Lions to contact her or to discuss with her how to start a club. I think many of the new clubs may have been a result of her publicity efforts. There are several other Lions clubs that are seriously interested in Leo Clubs.

Lastly, Madi has promoted Leoism through social media on Facebook and Instagram. She also included a small blurb about Leos on the TEDxYouth@Alamitos Bay website, and she spoke about Leos to the attendees of the event, so the word on Leos has been spread far and wide

Madi had done a great job bringing in more Leos both on a club and a district level through individual and club registration. She has used her time and her resources to promote Leos whenever she is able.

4. How did the Leo demonstrate distinct achievements in community or school activities outside the Leo Club Program? List detail on how the community benefited from the candidate's involvement and any special recognition received by the candidate.

Although Madi loves being a Leo, her service, involvement, and awards extend past the realm of the Leo Club. As stated before, Madi is and has been very involved in the local baseball league. She not only serves as a coach for 12-13-year-old boys, she also plays the game herself and was chosen to be on the All-Star Team. While on the team, she was awarded the Player of the Year Award for 2016. She was also elected to serve on the executive board for the league in 2016 and to be the recording secretary in 2017. When the league needed help for a special 2-week tournament, Madi was asked to organize and work the event. She did everything from painting the lines on the field, to cooking in the snack shack, to announcing the games. She also organized all the volunteers for the event. Madi was recognized for her extraordinary help with this event since she could reach out to the baseball community in a way that many usually can't do singlehandedly, especially a young woman of Madi's age.

When you think of a girl playing baseball, you think of a Tom Boy, but that is not Madi. She loves to dance, especially swing dance and is an assistant for dance at a local Cotillion for youth. Madi gives of her time to help others learn to dance. She was awarded the Dance Volunteer of the Year Award. She has also earned Awards for her dance. Her dancing help has benefited young students in the Cotillion classes in which she helps because the instructor cannot give the individualized instruction to each of the students as Madi can as she moves through the class. Madi also impacts people wherever she goes to dance since she helps them learn new steps and new dances.

Academics rounds out Madi Berry. She is taking Honors Level Spanish 4 and has earned the National Spanish Exam Gold Medal 2016, NSE Silver Medal 2015, NSE Gold Medal 2014. She is planning on majoring in Spanish in college so she can reach out to people that do not speak English. Madi did get a chance to practice her Spanish skills at a Lions Vision Screening this year. She has also used her Spanish when working with the homeless and the needy. This is one skill that will continue to impact the community for the rest of Madi's life. In addition to Spanish, Madi is taking many honors level courses and earns straight A's.

Awards that Madi has won include:

2017 TEDxYouth Talk Speaker
2017 Lions Teen Recognition Award
2017 MD4 Leo of the Year
2016 Co-Junior Grand Marshal of Seal Beach Christmas Parade
2016 Lions Young Leaders in Service Gold Award
2016 Presidents Gold Volunteer Service Award
2016 Gold medal Recipient for the National Spanish Exam
2016 Stellar Volunteer Award
2015-2016 4-L4 Leo of the Year Award
2015-2016 VBA Leo of the Year Award
2015 Lions Young Leaders in Service Gold Award
2015 Presidents Gold Volunteer Service Award
2015 Silver Medal Recipient for the National Spanish Exam
2015 Beta Club Service Award for 100+ hours of Service
2014-2015 Rookie Leo of the Year
2014 2nd Place in ACSI Speech Meet