



# Seal Beach Host Lions Club

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### The President's Message:

My Fellow Lions,

It is with a bit of sadness and some relief that this will be my last message to you as President. My past two years with all of you have been an experience that I will remember for the rest of my life. You have shown me that when a group of dedicated people put their heads and hearts together that there is

absolutely nothing that cannot get accomplished. I appreciate all you have done for me these past two years and the wonderful work you do for our community and Lionism. When you look up the words dedication, devotion, caring and fun in the dictionary you will see next to them a picture of the Seal Beach Lions.

Thanks this past month to the following Lions: Jay and Bonnie Boire for doing Veteran Bingo, Herb Groom and John Bertalot for assisting me with the Pancake Breakfast in Newport Beach, Dave and Gail Hubbard for all their hard work at convention, all of our club members for everything they do all year long and last but surely not least Scott Newton for his unselfish dedication not only to our club but to the Leos.

When we look back at this past year WE MADE A DIFFERENCE. I asked the club at the beginning of my presidency to step forward and get involved instead of just handing out checks. Well I am proud to say you accepted my challenge and that should make us all feel good.

I would like to leave you now with some pearls of wisdom:

"Life may not be the party we hoped for...but while we are here we might as well dance!"

"Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and a well preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming "WOW, what a ride!!!!"

Thanks for allowing me to be on that ride with you. I wish everyone the best of what life has to offer and I am proud to call myself a Seal Beach Lion.

The Prez

**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

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## *The Secretary's Message:*



Twelve bells. The toll of the impending peal heralds a watch change of this chair and with it the lantern passing to successor scribe--Lion Scot Mattox. Embracing the task, the good Reverend -like his predecessors- will delve into the inner workings of Lionism.

So. Here we are. Entering the final days of the 2003 - 2004 Lion year.

What an exciting and memorable year it's been!

Living daily Governor Jim's mantra, "Set your compass for service", and Lion President George's motto, "Let's make a difference", has indeed been inspirational. Raising the bar a notch each month, one witnessed numerous gyrations of the compass needle as the club traversed the many corners of the community. No matter the direction though, the radius was always in line with service.

Perched atop this vantage point, it has been with great pleasure to record the clubs accomplishments to the District Cabinet each month. Whatever the challenge, the many service and fund raising projects the club conducted were done with compassion and admiration for humankind. With the number of first time projects started this year, confidently fellow Lion sisters and brothers of a generation from now will observe the legacy you sowed in the community of Seal Beach.

Before closing this twelfth and final chapter of Volume 66, I'd like to personally thank Lion President George and Lion Treasurer Scott for asking me to be on the cabinet this year. Much has been garnered from their dedication and diligence and their leadership skills are fondly admired. The mentorship they provided has been extraordinary. Observing and listening, the definition of 'sincerity of purpose' was clearly defined within each of their actions and every conversation. It has truly been an honor to serve with them both. I'm greatly indebted for having this opportunity.

To fellow members of Seal Beach Host, thank you --each and every member- for the privilege of serving as your Secretary this year.

Safe journey,  
Kid



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### Club Calendar:

#### Wednesday, June 2

7:00 pm : Seal Beach Host Lions Club  
General & Board Meeting

#### Sunday, June 6

4:30 pm : Leo end of Year Party

#### Monday, June 7

6:00 pm : Leo's Board Meeting

#### Wednesday, June 9

6:30 pm : Veteran's Bingo

#### Saturday, June 12

Lions District Officer's School

#### Monday, June 14

10:00 am : Flag Day

#### Wednesday, June 16

7:00 pm : Seal Beach Host Lions Club  
Meeting & Program night

#### Thursday, June 17

11:00 pm : Grad Night Project

#### Sunday, June 20

Father's Day

#### Wednesday, June 23

6:30 pm : New Officer Get together  
7:00 pm : Fish Fry Team Meeting

#### Friday, June 25

Kids Ski Project

### Veterans Corner:

#### Bio:



Stephen was KIA 6/8/68 during Operation Allen Brook at Go Noi Island in the Quang Nam Province, RVN. A sniper had Stephen's squad pinned down. He realized that others would die if they didn't get the sniper. He took it upon himself to try and take out the sniper and was killed.

#### Cpl. Stephen E. Austin, 1/27 Marines, Co. C, 3rd Platoon

7 June 68

Dear Mom and Dad,

I am sorry for not writing. But I've had very little chance to even think about writing. This is my 14th or 15th day in the field. I am on an operation south of DaNang. The name of the operation is Allen Brook. Is there anything about it on the news? Its been going on since the 12th of last month. So far we've captured a lot of weapons and tons of rice. June 5th things got a little rough on my company. We took 28 wounded and six dead. So our company is hurting for some new men. On my birthday things didn't go too good. One of my best friends who I met in Hawaii was shot twice in the stomach and he died the following afternoon. His name was Art Sinksen. I am going to write his parents a letter as soon as I go in to Battalion area. I am so sick of fighting I've seen and helped so many boys my age or younger that was wounded or dead. I thank the Lord each morning I get up. Well I should be going on R&R any time. That's about it over here. So say hi to everyone and take care of yourselves.

Bye for now.  
All My Love  
Your Son  
Stephen  
p.s. Write soon.



### Lions of Distinction



The Veterans Bingo project has been serving the veterans at the Long Beach VA Hospital for almost two years. On the second Wednesday of the month the club presents a couple hours of Bingo and refreshments.

At the beginning of this year I relinquished the responsibility to two devoted and kind Lions: Jay and Bonnie Boire. Since taking over the chairperson role they have done a splendid job. For their dedication to our HEROES they are my Lions of Distinction.

Congratulations, Jay and Bonnie.

The Prez

**Be Confident  
Be Proud!!**



### Celebrating Member Anniversaries: June

George Willard                      2000

### Where in the world are our members now!!!



While on a recent vacation to Alaska, Lion Jim Klisanin and his lovely bride Janet, captured this picture of a Lion blood drive.

NOTE: There is only one area code for all of Alaska so note, no area code on sign.



## McGaugh School Reading Day



On March 19th club members and Legionaires from American Legion Post 857 met to read stories to the children at McGaugh School. Pictured from left to right are: Lions George Dooley, Dewey Linehan, Bob Heenan, Legionaires Bill Thomas and Tom White, Lions Herb Groom and Jeff Coplen and Legionaire Joe Barbieri.

The children and teachers enjoyed the visits.

The first grade class Lion Dewey visited was so appreciative they wrote several letters of gratitude for his telling of a story he memorized, bringing along his snare drum to play during the reading and the \$2500 donation the club made to the school from the proceeds of Casino Night.

Joey Schearer's letter ( at right) succinctly expresses that gratitude.





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## Memorial Day tribute:

Dedicated to the memory of  
T/Sgt. Richard M. Cole Jr. MIA June 18, 1972

THE SPIRIT OF THE AMERICAN SOLDIER by  
Beverley Haire

I am a whisper on the wind, of times past, of  
places long forgotten...

Valley Forge, Gettysburg, Pearl Harbor,  
Normandy, A Shau, Saigon, Laos, Cambodia,  
Kuwait, Bosnia.

I am the heart of countless numbers of scarred  
and maimed veterans, and the soul of the buried  
unknown.



I am an integral part of each white cross in Flanders Field... and am sealed within each name on  
THE WALL. I am part of each and every headstone, either real or imagined, of every American  
soldier in every burial place in the world.

I am deeply enmeshed in each tiny undiscovered bone fragment of American soldiers... left behind  
on foreign soil. I am the unseen shadows, the unheard voices in those many empty cells, cages,  
compounds and camps, that once held my brothers in unspeakable torture.

I am the unbearable pain in the hearts of every mother,  
father, wife, sister, brother and child... of missing  
American soldiers from all wars.

I am within each drop of blood the soldiers shed, and I  
am within each of the millions of tears shed in their  
behalf.

I am the essence of each cry of pain, each bead of  
sweat, each moment of death... of each and every  
American soldier of the past or future.

I am the lifeblood of the colors of the American flag,  
blue for my loyalty, white for my steadfastness, red for  
my pride.

I am the spirit of those many names on the black  
granite wall... of those unaccounted for from all wars, of  
those who went away to war as gallant young men and  
women, and came back, older than time... OR NOT AT  
ALL. I AM... THE SPIRIT OF THE AMERICAN SOLDIER!





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## Lions Officers 2004/2005

President

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Scott Newton



Scot Mattox



Ray Longoria

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1<sup>st</sup> Vice President-Dave Hubbard, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President-Mike McFadden, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President-Tom Ahrens, Tail Twister-Dino Syrengelas, Lion Tamer-John Bertalot, Lion Tamer-Bonnie Moision-Boire, Membership Director-Carol Linehan, Director (2 year)-Georgia Syrengelas, Director (2 year)-Gail Hubbard, Director (2 year)-Jeff Coplen, Director (2 year)-Terry Barton, Director (second year)-George Layman Elected previous year, Director (second year)-Biff Horvatin Elected previous year, Director (second year)-Cathy Bekke Elected previous year, Director (second year)-Chris Langlais Replacing Tom Ahrens, Past President George Dooley.

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