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The President's Message:

My Fellow Lions,

It's that time of the month again to hear from your President. February just like all the other months lately seemed to have flown by. This month started off with a wonderful drive to Primm, Nevada for the Multiple District Convention. When I say wonderful drive anyone heading there either Thursday or Friday knows that it was anything but wonderful.

The 215 to the 15 connector were virtually shut down for almost 7 hours. By the time most people arrived there was no time for gambling or anything that resembled fun. The ceremony of the flags to open the convention is a wonderful sight to behold, even if you have or not seen it before. During the business meeting Past International President Kay Fukushima spoke about several important issues regarding Lions. These I mention in another part of this newsletter so I will not repeat them here. One main point, however, which is worth mentioning, again is Membership. The Lions organization is losing members due to various reasons and is in need of constantly recruiting new members especially younger ones. With that in mind remember our District's contest and our own club contest with respect to membership. Thanks to Lions Dave and Gail Hubbard and Lion Ellen for attending this wonderful event with me. Special congratulations to Lion Ellen for receiving the International Presidents award for all the hard work she has done with our club and at the District level. Thanks to Lions Jay and Bonnie for coordinating the Veterans Bingo games. For those Lions not fortunate enough to attend the Student Speaker Contest you missed a wonderful event. Thanks to Lions Scot Mattox and Dewey for putting this evening together. We had 8 great Speakers and about 27 Lions in attendance. Thanks to all the Lions who showed their support for the speakers and congratulations to the student speakers. Saturday night the 21st found us in New Orleans (Seal Beach) at the home of Ray and Marilyn Longoria as we celebrated Mardi Gras. A great time was had by all and big thanks to Ray and Marilyn for hosting it. On the 22nd Lions Diane Dooley, Khryste, Chris, Herb and myself attended the Teen Recognition dinner at the Garden Grove clubhouse. It was heart warming to hear the stories of these fantastic young people as they do their part in promoting the ideals of staying away from drugs and alcohol to their peers. I would like to thank in advance, for this letter must be in before the next two events happen, everyone who helped out with the Kids baseball project and those of you who attended the Ice Dogs game in support of our Veterans. Now on to March with: Casino Night, Designated Driver, Veterans Bingo and Lions Charity Giving Night.

Yours in Lionism
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:



Life is never simple. The past several days have proven that logic correct.

Triumph can be marred by tragedy. The wheels of reality giveth one day and taketh away on another.

Wednesday, 18 February brought families, friends and members of the Seal Beach Host club together to witness eight leaders of tomorrow participate in the 'Student Speaker' contest. What a delight to be in the presence of such creative minds, having written and practiced presenting their own speeches and delivering them in such a profound manner.

To start the following week, a visit to Garden Grove club's hosting of the 'Teen Recognition Dinner' honoring sixteen students from area schools was made on Sunday. The evening exuded inspiration. Growing up in today's society is difficult enough for any adolescent – let alone advocating a program to peers that suggests staying away from drugs, alcohol and tobacco. It was a privilege to share in the success of the honored recipients.

Taking a stroll down Main Street in beloved 'Old Town' Seal Beach on Monday morning, I stopped into the Mariner Station Post Office to mail a package. There, behind the counter, the Postal Clerk was just concluding a telephone call. Proceeding to greet me their face was noticeably filled with emotion. Inquiring, their teenage son had just learned a classmate passed away in an automobile accident two days prior.

The weekly 'Sun' newspaper arrived, today, as it does each Thursday morning. A page one article documented the Postal Clerk's anguish – a young creature of nature, a 17 year-old female, who had her life taken away. The surviving 19 year-old male driver sited for felony drunk driving.

In a short few weeks Saint Patrick's Day will be celebrated. Several members will be joining project "Designated Driver" Chair's Carol and Dewey Linehan on Main Street providing support to those opting for a ride home. If you haven't volunteered for this community service project before your participation is welcomed. In return you'll be blessed knowing that someone's mother –no matter how young or old– will sleep easier that evening. On the other hand, if you're out kissing the Blarney Stone remember to do your fellow Lion sisters and brothers, the ones you love and most of all YOURSELF a huge favor - - after two libations, surrender the keys and request a ride.

Safe journey,
Kid



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Club Calendar:

Wednesday, March 3

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

Saturday, March 6

6:00 pm : Casino Night

Wednesday, March 10

6:30 pm : Veteran's Bingo
7:00 pm : Orange Region Zone C Student
Speaker Contest

Monday, March 15

6:00 pm : Leo Board Meeting
6:30 pm : Leo Meeting

Wednesday, March 17

St. Patrick's Day
Lions Designated Driver Project

Saturday, March 20

6:00 pm : La Habra Bingo Night

Monday, March 22

7:00 pm : Saddleback Region Meeting

Wednesday, March 24

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

Thursday, March 25

7:00 pm : Foothill Region Meeting

Sunday, March 28

City of Hope Day

Monday, March 29

7:00 pm : Orange Region Meeting

Veterans Corner:



Next time someone accuses you or any veteran of not having a "job" because you're in the military, quote Senator Glenn.

Howard Metzenbaum to John Glenn:

Metzenbaum: "How can you run for Senate when you've never held a 'job'?"

Glenn: "I served 23 years in the United States Marine Corps. I was through two wars. I flew 149 missions. My plane was hit by anti-aircraft fire on 12 different occasions. I was in the space program. It wasn't my checkbook; it was my life that was on the line. This was not a 9-to-5 job where I took time off to take the daily cash receipts to the bank. I ask you to go with me, as I went the other day to a Veterans Hospital, and look those men with their mangled bodies in the eye and tell them they didn't hold a job. You go with me to any Gold Star mother, and you look her in the eye and tell her that her son did not hold a job. You go with me to the space program, and you go as I have gone to the widows and the orphans of Ed White and Gus Grissom and Roger Chaffee, and you look those kids in the eye and tell them that their dad didn't hold a job. You go with me on Memorial Day coming up, and you stand on Arlington National Cemetery -- where I have more friends than I like to remember -- and you watch those waving flags, and you stand there, and you think about this nation, and you tell me that those people didn't have a job. I tell you, Howard Metzenbaum, you should be on your knees every day of your life thanking God that there were some men -- SOME MEN -- who held a job. And they required a dedication to purpose and a love of country and a dedication to duty that was more important than life itself. And their self-sacrifice is what has made this country possible."

"I HAVE HELD A JOB, HOWARD!"



Lions of Distinction



Scot Mattox is a rare individual whose dedication transcends from the classroom to the community without skipping a beat. Since joining the club in January 2002, Scot has volunteered and accepted every challenge asked of him. Whether cooking pizzas at Ronald Mc Donald house, cooking hamburgers at Kids baseball, or being the MC at the student speaker contest, Scot takes each task on with a smile. I am proud to have him a member of the Seal Beach Lions and wish to name him my Lion of Distinction for the month of February.

Congratulations!
The Prez

Celebrating Member Anniversaries:

January

Ed Hirsch	1970
Jim Klisanin	1985
Eddie Maginnis	1987
Scot Mattox	2002
Inger Newton	1995

February

Biff Horvatin	1994
Ed Jones	1988
Don Outland	1994

March

Diane Dooley	2000
Geri Eckner	2003
Mark Etcheverry	1995
Mike Goodrich	1988
Herbert Groom	2002
Gail Hubbard	2000
George Layman	1983
Matt Murphree	2002
Maureen Ramer	2000
Brad Youngs	2002



**Multiple Districts Convention,
Primm, Nevada
February 6 – 8, 2004**

While at the luncheon meeting at the Multiple Districts Convention in Primm, I had the opportunity to hear Past International President Kay Fukushima speak about Lions. He talked about many things that day but here are the highlights:

- LCIF has seen an increase in the number of Melvin Jones Fellows. Currently there is \$1.6 million in the fund
- 6 Emergency grants were given to MD4 for the wildfires
- We need more public relations for the Sight First Campaign
- LCI reported that as of the 27th of January more than 17,000 new women Lions were recruited worldwide

*** We need to continue to attract younger members into our clubs. ***

You can do this by:

Allowing them to network

Develop projects that are relevant to them (environmental, children etc)

Accept whatever time they can devote to the club (even if it is only a couple of hours a month)

*** Long Range Planning ***

Developing new clubs in the Eastern Bloc Nations

Expanding the Lions Quest Program

2017 is the 100th anniversary of Lionism and planning worldwide events is well underway

Assisting Third World countries with Micro Business to help with their economies

Increase Hispanic membership.

As you can see Membership continues to be a top priority for LCI. Please once again visit the notion that there is someone you know who would make a great Lion -- especially young people. REMEMBER ALSO THE DISTRICT AND CLUB CONTEST FOR MEMBERSHIP. DEADLINE IS APRIL 10TH.

Respectfully submitted,
Lion President George Dooley



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