

THE GROWL

WE SERVE

Read how Lions give the gift of sight to those in need.

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WE WALK

Look here to read how our community power does more than help people stay in shape.

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WE MENTOR

Read about our amazing Leo President Evan Jenkins and how getting involved helps our youths.

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WE WORK

Look here for our meeting minutes

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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.

www.sealbeachlions.com



Lions give gift of sight

CATHY NEWTON

Director

RIVERSIDE

Nine Seal Beach Lions and one prospective member provided much needed help at the CLFIS sight clinic in Riverside on Saturday, February 23, 2013.

Some Lions arrived as early as 7:15 a.m. to help with setup and others stayed to the end.

Lions helped people register and check in, measured prescriptions with the refractometers, acted as runners, worked on the computers, searching for available eyeglasses and worked at the end of the line where people get their new glasses.

New Lion Diana Oliveras, her friend and Lion Maria De La Cueva helped immensely by being bilingual.

More than 400 people received the gift of sight from the Lions by getting recycled or new eyeglasses.

In addition to working hard all day, President Ellen presented CLFIS with a donation of \$2,000. President Ellen also did a great job with eyeglass distribution and her Spanish improved greatly as the day went on.

MOORPARK

Lions Scott and Cathy Newton worked the California Lions Friends in Sight [CLFIS] eye clinic in Moorpark on Saturday, February 16.

Lions from Moorpark, Simi Valley, Beaumont, Calimesa and Rancho Cucamonga took part in a clinic where nearly 200 patients were served.

Because it was slow and there were plenty of volunteers, Lion Scott took the opportunity to go through the entire clinic like everyone else.

The clinic stations include: 1) registration 2) prescription reading 3) glaucoma test 3) doctor's exam 4) eyeglass selection and testing 5) eyeglass adjustments and cleaning 6) check out and selection of glass cases.

The total process took nearly 40 minutes and he came away with a great pair of eyeglasses.

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 17

Designated Driver Project

Wednesday, March 20

Lions Power Walk

Wednesday, March 20

Lions Regular Meeting

Sunday, March 24

Garden Grove Lions Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, March 24

Huntington Beach Lions Crabfest

Wednesday, March 27

Lions Power Walk

Wednesday, April 3

Lions Regular & Board Meeting

Saturday, April 6

Larry Dicus Casino Night

Saturday, April 13

Run Seal Beach 0.68K/5K/10K

BIRTHDAYS

Sunday, March 17

Marlen Shaw

Kathi McGoldrick

Monday, March 18

Jean Munson

Friday, March 22

Alan Chavez

Sunday, March 24

Beverly Lloyd

Tuesday, March 26

Jim Klisanin

Ed Jones

Lee Melody

Friday, March 29

Andrew Terbush

Monday, April 1

Molly Bounds

Wednesday, April 3

Todd De Voe

Wednesday, April 10

Mark Kavanaugh



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ELLEN LIEBHERR

President

March brings us some great projects coming up. Over 30 Lions will be heading south of the border for the Ensenada visitation on March 8.

Lion Adriana Ziegenbusch has made plans that include a great hotel in Rosarito Beach, a bus trip to meet and have lunch with the Ensenada Lions - a weekend of fun and friendship. I am sure there will be many stories returning with us. Some we might even be able to share.

Lion Diana Bean has been working hard organizing the Seal Beach Chamber's Health Fair. Our Lions Club, under the direction of Chairman Lion Mike Ferreira, will be doing sight and hearing screenings using the District 4-L4 van. This is a great community service project. Sign up to help.

Speaking of community service, does it get any better than our Designated Driver program on St. Patrick's Day?

With our Lions giving rides home to those who have had a little too much party on Main Street we help keep our highways safer. There are over 100 drivers kept off

the road who might otherwise endanger not only themselves but the lives of innocent people. Chairmen Tom and Robin Duszynski need a lot of help on this project. Each of our rented vans needs a male driver and a female passenger. Give a couple hours of your time. Think of that life you may save.

Now for my personal favor – please sign up to attend the Larry Dicus Casino Night fundraiser.

Our club has made a commitment to help Larry in his quest to being elected to the Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International. Since this is an administrative fundraiser, we will not be selling tickets to the general public but rather relying on Lions to attend.

We need at least 125 Lions to make this pay off. I am still looking for black jack dealers. There is an easy registration on line for the event.

We are just about to elect our new officers for the 2013-2014 year. I am impressed that many of our newer Lions have stepped up with an interest in serving. We are the largest Lions Club in California and in the top 10 in the United States.

These are exciting times for the Seal Beach Lions. We are a mainstay in the community and our obligations and commitments grow more and more as we grow. Leadership is very important to our success.

Thank you to all who have volunteered to help us down this interesting road. Thank you also to all of you who help the leaders of our club with you support and continued volunteer work.

Go Team!

President Ellen Liebherr

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NEIL GORMLEY, lion tamer

MIKE HALEY, membership director

MIKE NARZ, webmaster

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Leos President receives honor

SCOTT NEWTON

First Vice President

Eight Seal Beach Lions, including Barbara Avakian, Nancy Herbert, Mike Maloney, Scott Newton, Cathy Newton and Karen Russell, attended the Lions Teen Recognition Program Awards Ceremony in Garden Grove on Sunday, February 17. Seal Beach Lion Jackie Maloney chaired the program along with Lion Dave Hubbard as her Co-Emcee.

Seal Beach Leo Club President Evan Jenkins was among seven students honored in our district for their work in living and promoting a drug, alcohol and tobacco free lifestyle.

Evan is a Senior at Los Alamitos High School and has performed more than 500 community service hours over the past 3 1/2 years. Besides living a drug, alcohol and tobacco free lifestyle, Evan has been instrumental in guiding the Leos to support programs like Every 15 Minutes, Safe Ride and Grad Night.

Evan received certificates of appreciation from the State Assembly, State Senate, County of Orange, Seal Beach Police Chief, Lions District 4-L4 and more.

Seal Beach Mayor Gary Miller was present to personally award Evan with a certificate from the city.

Happy hour welcomes new Lions

LINDSAY SAFE

Growl Editor

Owner of The Hangout Restaurant and Beach Bar, Aaron Kweskin, opened his doors for the first new member happy hour during Lion Ellen Liebherr's presidency on Monday, February 18.

More than 50 Lions and guests gathered to enjoy great food, lots of drinks and great friendships.

The staff at The Hangout really went all out for the Seal Beach Lions with an endless supply of donated food, including fried chicken and sliders.

Some prospective members joined in on the festivities to socialize and learn more about what it means to be a Lion.

One very unique aspect of our club is that not only do we proudly serve as Lions, but we are friends in Lionism and beyond.

Power walkers locate graffiti

RAY LONGORIA

Lion

Lions on the weekly community walk have been identifying graffiti locations and passing the information on to the LAG team for removal.

On Monday, February 18, Lagers Cathy and Scott Newton cleaned up identified graffiti near the pier, Frist Street parking lot, along the riverbed bike trail and along the freeway fence line near Leisure World.

This along with some additional clean up's in February, service hours totaled 9 hours cleaning 32 graffiti tags in 13 locations.



Just when you think they didn't notice

ELLEN LIEBHERR

President

You just never know how our work will affect the people in our community. I recently received an unexpected letter from a name that I didn't recognize—Jerrie Chapin. Upon opening the envelope a \$100 check fell out. Reading the note accompanying it explained it all.

I'll start with a little history. Up until 1986, Lions Clubs were all men. Ladies were non-voting members of an auxiliary called Lioness Clubs. In 1988, a number of local ladies decided to form the Seal Beach Lioness Club. A few years later, the Lioness Club changed over to a Lions Club. The Seaside Lions were an active group but made a decision after a number of years to turn in their charter and combine membership with the Seal Beach Lions. Many of our female members are transfers from this club.

Jerrie Burton Chapin was one of the charter members of the Lioness Club. She and her husband Roger lived on Seal Way and were friends to many of us. When Roger became ill, Jerrie resigned as a member. After his passing, Jerrie took advantage of the city's offer to purchase a bench in his honor.

Jerrie's letter thanking our club for our bench refurbishment project confirms how deeply we affect people in this fine city. Thank you Lions Laura Ellsworth and Camille Romano for chairing this project and to all of the Lions who gave hours of service to make the benches look as good as new. What a TEAM!

*Dear Lions
 I just want you to know how very special your replenishing of the benches on the pier is.
 I knew Roger Burton's bench was looking pretty weathered, but did not know what to do about restoring it. What a wonderful gift you gave me, the bench is now like new. There are no words except thank you from the bottom of my heart.
 Your hard work is greatly appreciated.
 Seal Beach is very blessed to have such a wonderful dedicated organization.
 Sincerely,
 Jerrie Burton Chapin*

Jerrie's letter reads:

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Jerrie Burton Chapin



Youth Center honors Leo Evan

SCOTT NEWTON

First Vice President

The Los Alamitos Youth Center held their first annual "Night among the Stars" awards ceremony where they recognized the volunteerism of 25 students in the local area.

Leo President Evan Jenkins was one of two recipients who were honored with Stellar Awards and a \$500 college scholarship.

Lions Scott and Cathy Newton attended and had the honor of speaking about Evan and Lionism.



Lions and Leos cook for PONY baseball players

NEIL GORMLEY

Lion Tamer

Pony Baseball Opening Day was a huge success!

The little leaguers started swinging bats and we started flipping burgers!

The Lions once again did a great job serving about 240 meals, including a hot dog or hamburger, chips and a drink for

just \$5.

We had a bunch of Leo's help out with the cooking and serving as well.

Thanks to all the Lions Nikki Illingworth, Bruce Gormley, Alex, Laura Ellsworth, Karen Russell and Gary and Diana Bean.

We all had a great time and look forward to help out next year!

Official Meeting Minutes

Adjourn:

Without any other business, President Ellen adjourned at 7:56pm.

JANUARY 2, 2013

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 Mary led the club in the Invocation.

Lion Renee led the club in the City of Hope Prayer.

Guests: Lion Scott Newton invited Scott Durzo and Lee Lindquist. Lion Diana Brunjes invited Halden Meigs. Lion Ray invited Mark and Laurie Stepanek. Lion Alex Olson invited Laura Gros. Lion Cindy invited Ashley Stevens. Lion Beverly Lloyd invited Mardele Gardiner and Kesa Spatins.

Secretary's Report:

Lion Diana announced PIP Kay Fukushima's Memorial on January 13th as well as the MD-4 convention in Sacramento on February 8-10th. The District 4-L4 convention is coming up on May 17-19th and the upcoming Cabinet Meeting on January 26th in Orange.

Treasurer's Report:

We have \$14,702 in admin and \$74,947 in Charity.

Awards:

Announcements:

- 1) Melvin Jones Dinner 1/5 - The Melvin Jones awards went out to 9 people, at a donation of \$9,000 donated to the Disaster Relief fund. Congratulations Lions: Scott, Cathy, Aro, Adrianna, Christine, Lindsay, IPP Mike, and Grant.
- 2) Ronald McDonald House 1/17 – Served meatloaf! February is RMD wish list month, you can bring single serving items which can be found on rmd.com
- 3) Student Speaker Contest 2/13 – Chair Adriana is looking for help with door timers. The theme this year is “how can we create and keep jobs in America”
- 4) Ensenada Road Trip & Visitation 3/8-3/10 – Our club has been going on this trip for 48 years.
- 5) January Membership Month – Lion Scott encourages all lions to invite guests this month and that our New Years Resolution is to “give back” by joining the Lions in projects.

Old Business:

- 1) Seal Beach Christmas Parade – Chair Scott says that over 100 volunteers helped with the parade. Thanks to our many heroes, including Lion Seth Eaker, as Grand Marshall.
- 2) Tree Lot – Lots of Leos attended this event and it was a great success.
- 3) Breakfast with Santa – Special thanks to Lion Scott, Lion Philly, Lion Dave and Lion Gary.
- 4) Casa Project (Breakfast and Gift Giving) – Eight of the teens were served for breakfast, it was a wonderful event.
- 5) Holiday Party – President Ellen praised the facility, band and the local businesses for gift certificates and prizes.
- 6) Rose Parade Float Decorating – Lots of Lions and Leos participated in this event.

Treasure Chest Drawing:

Lion Bill did a great job selling tickets, except a non-Lion won our \$20!!

Fines and Happy Dollars:

No fines tonight, only happy dollars. Many thanks to Lion Ray!

JANUARY 16, 2013

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 Carol led the club in the Invocation.

Lion Dave led the club in the City of Hope Prayer.

Guests: MD-4 ID Candidate Larry Dicus introduced himself to the club and will be running for International Director. He also brought his wife June and another guest from Whittier. Our club also had several guests tonight. Lion Scott invited Mike Gibbons and Joe Lopez. Lion Mike invited Nancy and Genie. Lion Ray invited Belinda from Vienna Austria Lions. Lion Jim invited Erik Johnson and Lion Adriana invited Deanna. Lion Sue brought Grace Hardy. IPP Mike brought Cat Jones and Cary. Lion Aro invited Tom and Monice and Lion Neil brought Jeff.

Secretary's Report:

Lion Diana announced the upcoming Cabinet Meeting on January 26th in Orange. Another reminder about the MD-4 Convention coming up February 8-10th. There is also a District convention May 17-19th.

Treasurer's Report:

We have \$16,118 in the admin account and just about \$84,000 in charity.

Announcements:

- 1) Ronald McDonald House (Long Beach) 1/30 & 2/3 – Lion Adriana needs help doing dinner for 75 adults on the 30th and lunch on the 3rd.
- 2) Teen Recognition Dinner 2/24 – Lion Jackie will be buying 10 tickets for the club.
- 3) Joe Jost's Party – Lion Ray to host this year at Dave's Other Place in April.
- 4) Student Speaker Contest 2/13 – Begins at 6:30pm sharp! The theme this year is “how can we create and keep jobs in America”.
- 5) Pony Baseball Opening Day 2/23 – hot dogs and burgers in shifts 8:30am-12pm and 11:30am-3:30pm at McGaugh.
- 6) Ensenada Road Trip & Visitation 3/8-3/10 – Our club has been going on this trip for 48 years. The cost is \$20 and a flyer will be in the next ROAR.
- 7) Health Fair 3/16 – Sight and Hearing Van – President Ellen asked for a chair to step up, Thank you Diana Bean for taking this project on. More information at the next meeting.

DINNER BREAK: @ 7:27pm

Program: Kim Caravello, United States Veterans Initiative

Unfortunately our program was a no show

Another Announcement

1) St. Patty's Designated Driver Program 3/17 – Lion Tom is looking for people to help for 2hr shifts and will drive 2 at a time.

Membership Board Meeting Called to Order: President Ellen called this to order at 7:46pm. See board meeting minutes for more specific information.

Old Business:

- 1) Melvin Jones Dinner – Thank you to the 9 Lions who have served the club and were honored.
- 2) Kay Fukushima Memorial – Past IPP, it was a wonderful

tribute to an amazing man.

3) Lion California Friends in Sight Project – Several lions collected used eyeglasses last Saturday for donation.

Treasure Chest Drawing:

Lion Bill did a great job selling tickets, President Ellen won the \$20 prize but not the chest

Fines and Happy Dollars:

Lion Ray is back in action but took it easy on us tonight...

Adjourn:

Without any other business, President Ellen adjourned at 8:27pm.

FEBRUARY 20, 2013

GENERAL MEETING

President Ellen Liebherr calls meeting to order at 7:02pm.

President Ellen led the club in the salute to the flag of the greatest country on earth, the United States of America.

Lion Marilyn led the club in the Invocation.

Lion Neil led the club in the City of Hope Prayer.

Guests:

Lion Laura introduced Linda and Christy, from the Corner Bakery.

Secretary's Report:

Lion Diana announced the upcoming Zone Meeting and Student Speaker Contest on the 27th in Garden Grove. There's also a Region Meeting on the 12th of March at the Brea Scout Center.

Treasurer's Report:

Lion Terry announced the current account balances: administration \$13,930 and \$7325 in charity.

Presentations:

1) Miss Seal Beach – Lion Rosie Ritchie brought several girls from the court to the meeting. The Lions presented Rosie with a \$500 check for the pageant. Get in touch with Lion Rosie if you're interested in helping.

2) Methodist Church – Lion Tia Wildermuth came to announce a renovation at her church in which the Lions will donate \$1000.

Announcements: See chairs for more information

1) Club Officer Nominations from the floor – IPP Mike Haley is currently accepting nominations for club officers. There are many benefits, including outstanding pay and respect.

2) Club Visitations – Lion Camille announced the four upcoming, Huntington Beach, Harbor Mesa, Orange and Crab Fest.

3) California Lion Friends in Sight (CLFIS) Riverside 2/23 – Lion Camille filled in for Chair Lion Scott. This event will include testing al day.

4) Pony Baseball Opening Day 2/23 – Lion Neil still needs help for breakdown at 3pm.

5) Read Across America at McGaugh 3/1 – President Ellen announced that the Lions will be reading to the kids in 15 minute intervals starting at 8:15

6) Ensenada Road Trip & Visitation 3/8-3/10 – Lion Ryan is still accepting RSVPs and you can see him for help with accommodations.

7) Health Fair – operations support 3/16 - Lion Diana Bean can use help from 6-8am to set-up and help with tear down.

8) Health Fair – Sight and Hearing Van 3/16 – Lion Mike Ferreira asked for Lions to sign up to help checking sight and hearing.

9) Designated Driver Program 3/17 – Lion Tom still needs drivers.

10) Larry Dicus for ID Fundraiser 4/6 – President Ellen will be hosting Casino Night at Harbor Party Rentals. Our President still needs Black Jack dealers and help with set-up. We're looking to raise \$4000 for the fund.

11) Run Seal Beach 4/13 – Lion Barbara wants to sign up for the group rate. There will be a party at Lion Ray's before and after.

Break at 7:39pm.

Return at 7:49pm.

Old Business:

1) Garage Move – IPP Mike was pleased how quickly the move finished. There is also keyless entry for easy access.

2) Student Speakers Contest – Lion Adriana said all the speakers were above average. She encourages Lions to attend the upcoming Zone Meeting to show support to William Hung.

3) Happy Hour – Membership Chair IPP Mike says that over 50 Lions were in attendance along with several new Lions.

4) Teen Recognition – Lion Jackie announced that our Leo President Evan was a recipient of an award.

Membership Board Meeting Called to Order:

President Ellen led the meeting and asked IPP Mike to offer membership proposals. See board notes.

Additional Announcements:

Lion Barbara asked Lions to bring an individual package for the Ronald McDonald house.

Treasure Chest Drawing:

Lion Bill must not have put the winning key in this week. Lion Barbara was our \$20 winner!

Fines and Happy Dollars:

Lots of happy dollars this week and Lion Ray was the captain of the "bad" table.

Adjourn:

Without any other business, President Ellen adjourned at 8:24pm.

FEBRUARY 20, 2013

BOARD MEETING

Note: Secretary Diana misplaced her minutes. These minutes have been put together based off known motions and with help of board members recollection.

1) Call to order: President Ellen called the meeting to order at 8:34pm (approximately).

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

3) Membership Proposals:

4) Business:

a) Ronald McDonald House Long Beach. Added \$300 to budget.

b) Constant Contact. Voted to spend \$385 for 1 year service.

c) Christmas Parade. Voted to take over from the Chamber

d) LPCCI. Voted to purchase \$100 in raffle tickets if not already in the budget.

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