



# Seal Beach Host Lions Club

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## President's message:

Greetings Fellow Lions:

The month of April has been a busy one for Seal Beach Lions. It has seen the 5K & 10K Race on April 10th, chaired by Lion Barbara Avakian; Honor the Teacher, chaired by Lions Barbara Wright and Karen Russell; new club booths, chaired by Lion Brad Barras; Joe Jost's run by Lions Bill Howes, Ray Langoria and Barbara Wright on April 17; and finally the Pancake Breakfast & Bratwurst BBQ on April 24th. It was quite a busy month.

Barbara Avakian did a superb job as chair of the 5K - 10K Race. Heard there was a good time had at the "traditional" short cut. Lions Barbara Wright and Karen Russell and staff are to be congratulated on running an efficient event in the record time of 90 minutes.

I want to thank Barbara and Karen for the best Honor the Teacher Night in recent time. I have three relatives in the teaching profession and I know the times are hard for teachers (as it is for all of us). It is important that we show the talented people who educate our children, how much their efforts are appreciated. I also want to thank PDG Ellen Liebherr for the great dinner she prepared for the event. I heard many of the teachers and their guests talking about the how good the chicken was and they would like to have her prepare food for their school events. Congratulations, Lion Ellen.

The club also needs to thank Lion Brad for the time and effort he took in getting supplies (in many cases free) to build our new booths. You did a great job, Brad. We also should thank Lion Scott for organizing the painting of the booths (over 150 hours went into the effort). Thank you, Lion Scott and fellow painters, for a job well done. If club members want to see how the new booths look, check out the Growl article on the pancake breakfast.

The Pancake Breakfast was a great success. Lions and Leos were there all day serving breakfast and lunch. I want to thank all Lions who helped in the take down. Everything was in the truck within 30 minutes. Lion Dave Hubbard and Gary Snow did a superb job at the church kitchen. Thanks to Lion Ray for the use of his electric vehicle. I would like to make one observation. The pancake breakfast is a little like going to the library. Everybody has a book they want to read. When they are finished, they put the book back at the central station of the library. The book still needs to be put back on the correct shelf. If only one or two persons do this, the process can take some time. If everybody pitches in, all the books are back on the correct shelf in a short period of time. At both the Pancake Breakfast and the Fish Fry we need to take the equipment back to the garage. If we all help with this last part of the take down, it's a breeze. Once again, many thanks to all Lions who helped in the event. You are what makes the club great.

The month of May has the Hopkinson Elementary School Carnival and the District 4-L4 convention in Ventura on 5-13 to 5-16.

We must also remember that the Fish Fry is quickly approaching. If you want to help in our most important fundraiser, contact Lion Mike Haley.

Once again, many thanks to all Lions who made April the great month it was.

Yours in Lionism,

Gary Denni

Lion President

**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

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## Club Calendar

**May 5 - Meeting, Lone Star Steak House - 7 pm**

**May 7 - Hopkinson Carnival 2:30 - 7 pm**

**May 13-16 - District 4L4 Convention, Ventura**

**May 17 - Leo's Community Support Night**

**May 19 - Meeting, Lone Star Steak House - 7 pm**

**June 18 - Installation, Barbara Wright's Home - 6 pm**

**July 17- 18 - FISH FRY**

## Happy Birthdays to:

James Boire 5/4

Barbara Locastro 5/6

George Dooley 5/7

Grant Newton 5/9

Chris Langlais 5/21

Kent Maul 5/24





## Seal Beach Lions honored the teachers of the Los Alamitos School District on April 21st.

Lions Karen Russell and Barbara Wright did an excellent job chairing the event, and Lion Ellen Liebherr was again the chef extraordinaire!

Ten teachers were honored at the Mary Wilson Library. One teacher was chosen from each school in the district.

The teachers chosen were Lori Avalos, Hopkinson Elementary; Nancy Murphy, Laurel High School; Chloe Myers, Lee Elementary; Nichole Walters, Los Alamitos Elementary; Jason Farvour, Los Alamitos High School; Mike Hartman, McAuliffe Middle School; Kristina Scott, McGaugh Elementary; Todd Schmidt, Oak Middle School; Beth Ellis, Rossmoor Elementary; and Alysha Brendel, Weaver Elementary.

Each teacher was presented with a plaque and a Harry Aslin Award was purchased by the Club in his or her name.

Teacher Hartman told the club, "I became the teacher that I wish I had," when he was presented with his award.

He works as a physical education teacher and garnered some laughs when he informed the group that this was the first time all year that he had long pants on.

When asked what subject he would like to teach, he told his principal, "I just want to be employed."

Teacher Farvour, an Advanced Placement history teacher, thanked his fellow teachers for teaching his students the fundamentals of reading and writing that made his job so much easier when his students reached high school.

All of the teachers were grateful to receive the awards and be honored as the 2010 Teachers of the Year.

Teachers and Lions all enjoyed the wonderful chicken dinner and delicious chocolate ravioli prepared by Lion Ellen.





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## THE TICKETS ARE HOT OFF THE PRESS!!!

The car will be in town starting with the Pancake Breakfast/Brat Lunch.  
The club needs your help.

The beautiful Ford Escape will be at Baytown during the week.

We need you to sign up to sit with the car at the pier.

We are adding Friday early evening (date night) to the schedule.

Saturday two 3-hour shifts, as well as two 3-hour shifts on Sunday.

This is a chance for those that do not attend meetings to participate in the success of our club.

I will be emailing the schedule, as well as taking sign ups at club meetings. **THIS THE BIGGEST PROFIT PRODUCING FUNCTION IN OUR CLUB. IT IS EASY IF YOU JUST TALK TO ENOUGH PEOPLE. PEOPLE ARE INTERESTED IN THE OPPORTUNITY DRAWING.**

GIVE IT A TRY.

Jackie Maloney

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## INSTALLATION FIESTA

Lion Barbara Wright has graciously offered her home for our Installation of Officers Fiesta! The party will be held on June 18th. Come help celebrate our last year's officers being relieved of their duties and our next year's officers being installed. This is a night to celebrate and have fun. Lion Ellen will be catering! See Allyn Mattox to pay or for questions.

Home of Barbara Wright  
1245 Crestview Avenue  
Seal Beach  
Happy Hour 6-7 pm  
Dinner 7 pm  
\$10 per person



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The Seal Beach Pier was cool on April 24th, but the participants of the Annual Seal Beach Car Show were warmed up with pancakes and coffee served by the Seal Beach Lions.

As the day warmed up, Lions fired up the barbeque and also served bratwurst and hot dogs as people strolled down Main Street looking at the cherried-out classic cars that lined the street.

Lion president Gary Denni chaired the event with help from Mike Haley and Scott Newton.

Many of our Lions woke up early to make pancake batter at the church, but our Leos Club turned out to do a lot of the work also.

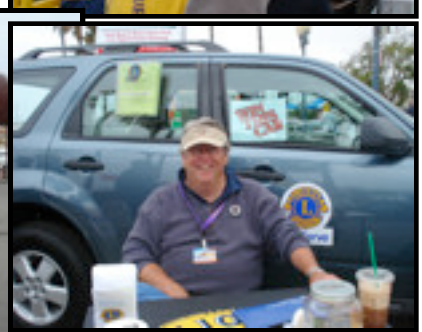
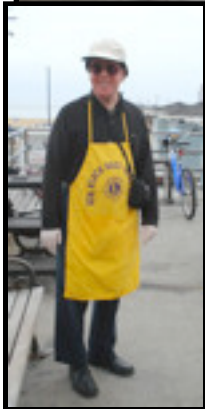
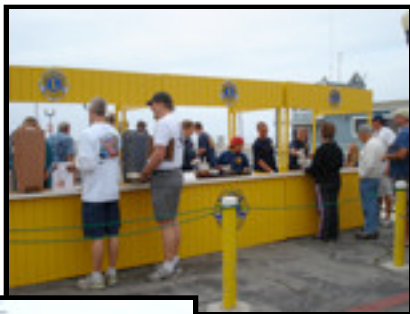
Leos started working this event on Thursday, when they stuffed 500 Lions flyers into the car show goodie bags.

On Friday, they came out in force to set up for Saturday morning.

On Saturday, 35 Leos and 6 Leo advisors showed up to work the event. Some showed up as early as 4 a.m and worked all the way through cleanup.

Together, Seal Beach Lions and Leos served 410 adult pancake breakfasts and 65 kids breakfasts and 350 bratwursts and 350 hot dogs.

Special thanks, also, to the Coffee Bean for providing the wonderful coffee and coffee coupons to our customers. They were a huge hit!





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**Seal Beach Lions finally got a new glimpse at our new shiny yellow booths** at the Pancake Breakfast/Bratwurst Barbeque on April 24th.

Lion Brad Barras and Scott Newton were in charge of the project.

Seal Beach Lions donated 159 hours cutting, hammering, and painting to get the new booths together.

Lion Brad assembled some of his workers to frame and cut the booths and get the project going. He also wrangled some donations from Ganahl Lumber towards our project.

Lion Dino Syrengelas provided the venue at South Coast Seafood for us to put the booths together, and hopefully we didn't leave too much yellow paint in his parking lot.

Baytown Realty donated its truck for us to move the booths from the construction sight. Thank you, Jim Klisanin!

The booths that we retired at the Pancake Breakfast were 20 and 30 years old. Lions Scott Newton and Ray Longoria were the only Lions that worked on both booth projects.

Lions helping this time were Brad Barras, Ray Longoria, Dino, Syrengelas, Scott Newton, Lee Melody, Gary Denni, Dominic Giannotti, Eric Reese, Terry Stephenson, Bill Howes, Marsha Haley, Mike Haley, Mike Maloney, Jackie Maloney, Cathy Egan, Steve Raroha, and Brad's workers.

Lion Allyn Mattox made pizza for the workers and the club provided drinks.

The new booths are coated with 14 gallons of paint and have formica counter tops for easy cleaning. They are also stenciled, so they will be easier to put together.

A big THANK YOU to all the Lions that worked on this project and that are still scraping yellow paint off their skin and clothing!!



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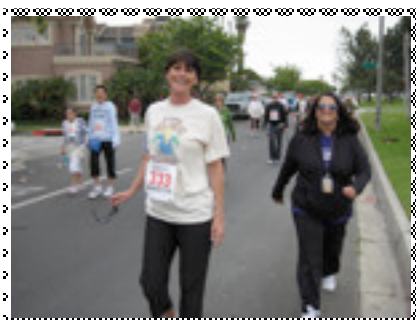
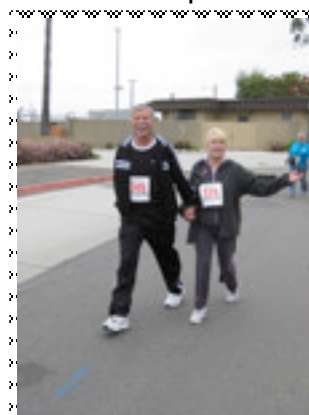
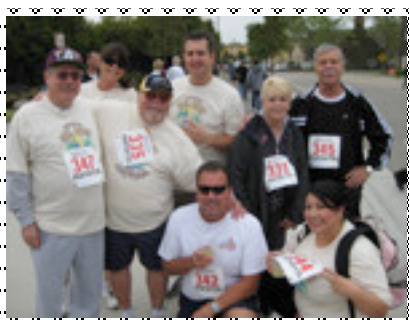
Lion Barbara Avakian rallied the troops to get their running shoes on and participate in **the Annual Seal Beach 5K/10K Run** on April 10th.

The morning started off with everyone getting warmed up at Lion Ray Longoria's house with Bloody Mary's at 6:00 a.m.

While most Lions stuck to the actual route, some took a sharp left on Main Street and ended up at Clancy's waiting for the others to finish the race.

Lions Bill Howes, Ray Longoria, Terry Stevenson, Scott Newton, Cathy Egan, Dave Hubbard, Barbara Avakian, Steve Raroha, Adriana and Ryan Ziggenbush, and Alan Chavez were among the Seal Beach Lions that were somewhere on the route.

Seal Beach Leos helped pass out water on 15th and Electric as runners passed by.



## May 5 Meeting - Opportunity Raffle - No Purchase Necessary

Interested in going to the Interval House Fund Raiser? May 14th, 6 -12 pm

Two lucky Lions could each **win 2 free tickets to the dinner/show at Don the Beachcomber.**

Interested in going to the **Save Our Beach Fund Raiser?** May 22nd

Two lucky Lions could each **win 2 free tickets to the dinner,** also!

Our Club donated to these two events.

I will be raffling the tickets at the May 5th meeting.

Lion Carol Ann Linehan



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Over 90 people including Seal Beach Lions and Leos were present at the Baci di Roma Trattoria on April 9th to celebrate with the Huntington Beach Marina High School Leo Club as they became official. District Governor Judy Schnitzer was also present.

Deal Beach Lions Dave Hubbard, Dewey Linehan, Scott Newton, Cathy Egan, Mike and Ellen Liebherr, and Allyn Mattox celebrated with Seal Beach Leos Shaina Denny, Melanie Martinez, Daniel Caponetto, Davi Bustillo and Alex Valentice were present.

Leonard Gleason, President of the Huntington Beach Lions Club, presided over the ceremony and installed Kalia Asato as the incoming president of the new Leo Club.

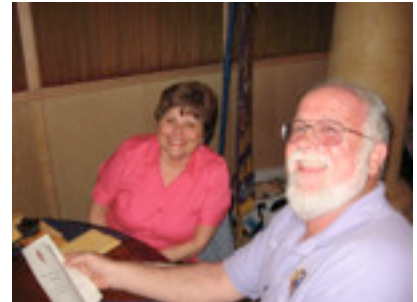
Kalia is the granddaughter of Barbara Ahumada, who is a very avid supporter of the Seal Beach Leos. She was beaming with pride as she watched her own granddaughter be installed.

Seal Beach Leos and Marina High Leos worked together this year serving dinners at Crabfest, a fundraiser put on by Huntington Beach Lions.

Seal Beach Lion Scott Newton presented the Marina High Leos with a check for \$597.77 for their share of the tip money that was earned at Crabfest.

Shaina Denny, president of the Seal Beach Leos, presented the Marina High Leos with a check for \$50 to help them establish their club.

Seal Beach Lions also donated \$75 to the Marina High Leos to help them get established.





## LEOS NEWS

By Scott Newton

On April 19th the Seal Beach Leo Club Elected its officers for the 2010-2011 Leo year. I am happy to say that every one of the new board members are active and contributing Leos which makes this one of the best boards we have ever had.

Our new President, Tyler Sternagle, has been a Leo since 2006, is a tireless worker and has shown great leadership skills.

**Our new officers will be inducted at our Community Support Night on May 22nd at 7pm. Please join me in congratulating our new board.**

<b>President</b>	<b>Tyler Sternagle</b>
<b>1st VP</b>	<b>Alex Valentic</b>
<b>2nd VP</b>	<b>Justin Khalil</b>
<b>3rd VP</b>	<b>Noah Kessenich</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Laura Fast</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Sammi Jo Woodard</b>
<b>Directors</b>	<b>Carl Aaker</b>
	<b>Amelia Bolton</b>
	<b>Kurt Buse</b>
	<b>Tosh Demello</b>
	<b>Lisa fast</b>
	<b>Evan Jenkins</b>



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## Seal Beach Lions Club General Meeting Minutes April 7th, 2010

I. Call to Order: 7:00 pm

- A. Pledge of Allegiance: Lion George Layman
- B. Invocation: Lion Adriana
- C. City of Hope Prayer: Lion Nikki
- D. Lions Song: none

II. Introduction of Guests: Brea Lions Ed Salinas, Mark Piekadski, P. J. Smith and Jim Schweitzer, "Save Our Beach" representative Steve Masoner, parents of Ryan Z., Ted and April Ziegenbusch, Lion Renee introduced her return guest, Aro (Otto) Riley-Rauhut and Lion Mike Haley introduced prospective member, John Hartford.

III. Announcements & Correspondence: Lion President Gary handed out "Lion and Cub of the Year" ballots to be filled out by those in attendance and interested. He then introduced prospective Vice District Governor, "PJ" Smith who described his qualifications and will to be the District's next VDG and asked our Club for his support in the upcoming election. Lion President Gary then introduce, "Save Our Beach" representative, Steve Masoner, who described the group's 10 year service history and invited the Club to join them in a celebration "Beach Party", Saturday, May 22nd, 2010 at the Seal Beach Yacht Club. See Flyer or contact Lions Renee, Scott or Gary for additional details.

IV. Committee Reports:

- 5K & 10K Race 4/10, Lion Barbara A. described the final details. The Club has 17 walkers and 1 runner. We will meet at Lion Ray and Marilyn's for the warm-up and afterwards at Clancy's for the "cool down".
- Honor the Teacher: 4/21 Lion Karen Russell reported on the special evening at the Mary Wilson Library where our Club honors the District's teachers to be saluted/dinner @ \$10.
- Nominating Committee: Lion Allyn read the 2010-2011 officer slate for the second time. M/Lion Scott/Second/Lion Mike H Carried the now final 2010-2011 officers. New officer installation to be June 18th, Friday at the Mary Wilson Library at 6:00; to be catered by Lion Ellen at a \$10 per person.
- Club Booths: Lions Brad and Scott: Construction and painting of 6 new booths to commence Sunday, April 11th, 8-11 am. See Brad for painting and construction details and Service Project formal report for all the information.
- Joe Jost's Lion Bill H. April 17th 2 pm at Dave's Other Place. First 50 in attendance to receive a commemorative piece and "awards" to be determined.
- Fourth Cabinet Meeting 4/18th: Lion Zone Chairperson Karen Russell reported the details.

G. Pancake Breakfast: Lion President Gary 04/24 Signup sheets were passed around again. Contact Lion Gary for further details. Street banner is now up at Central and Main.

H. Hopkinson School Carnival, May 7th 2:30-7 pm: Lions Scott and Alan are ready to go.

I. District 4-L4 Convention Ventura May 13th-16 Lion Zone Karen Russell reported. See flyer in "Folder".

J. Fish Fry July 17th and 18th: Car tickets are being printed and will be available shortly. Car will be available and on display at the Pancake Breakfast and Car Show.

K. Other Business: Leo Community Support Night May 17th 7-8 pm First United Methodist Church. Lion Scott invited fellow Lions to celebrate the Seal Beach Leos 14 years of service and @75k in donations over the years. See flyer in "Folder".

VI. Dinner (already eaten)

VII. Resume Meeting (??pm)

- Mystery Lion: Lion President Gary
- Treasurer Chest: Lion Bill Howes all losers
- Tail Twister: Lion Brad (mean but funny as usual)

VIII. Adjourn Meeting 8:06 pm

Respectively submitted: Lion Secretary Renee Schulte



## Seal Beach Lions Club Board Meeting Minutes April 7th, 2010

I. Call to Order: 8:08 pm

- Roll Call: The following Board members were in attendance: Lions Barbara A., Al and Lorraine Chavez, Christine and Eugene Craig, Gary Denni, Bruce Gormley, Allyn Mattox, Scott Newton, Renee S., Terry Stephenson and Barbara Wright. Excused Board members: Brad Barras, Dave and Gail Hubbard, Jacqui Howes, Jackie Maloney, Ray Longoria, The following non Board members were in attendance: Lions Carol Linehan, Dominic Giannotti and Linda Stephenson. Guests in attendance: none

- Remarks by the President: Apparently our past tax woes are over. Lion President Gary couldn't stress enough that we should NEVER be in that position again. Mechanisms are in place in hopes of assuring the continuity of the process.

- Reading and Approval of the Treasurer's Report:

Administration account: \$4,186.64 +/- M/S/Carried \$3,947 +/- after tonights ' activities.

Charity account \$30,466.43 +/- M/S/Carried

- Acceptance of Minutes by Club Secretary: M/S/Carried as amended (Lion Carol L. did not donate Crab Fest tickets-- she donated them for raffle purposes).

VI. Old Business: Tax issue appears to be resolved allowing the Club an additional \$12K to be allocated to selected, needy charitable organizations.

- New Business: Unplanned giving: (1) Save Our Beach Four (4) tickets @ 35 for members to attend BEACH PARTY Saturday, May 22, 2010 = \$140 (2) \$50. PJamas for Rancho Cucamonga's charity project (3) 4th Annual Interval House Awareness Project—Four (4) tickets @ \$30 for members to attend Don The Beachcomber charity event May 14th, 2010 = \$120 (5) Correspondence and award to be requested on behalf of Lion Ray Longoria as a Life Membership Award. (6) Lion Carol L. to move \$210.41 from Leos administrative account to their charity account per Leo advisor Lion Scott Newton. (6) \$\$'s requested on behalf of the 95th Seal Beach Party deferred to after July 1st, 2010

VIII. Adjourn meeting: M/S/C 8:36 pm

Respectively submitted: Lion Secretary Renee Schulte



**Seal Beach Lions Club  
General Meeting Minutes  
April 21st, 2010  
Honor the Teacher Program**

- I. Call to Order: 7:00 pm
- A. Invocation: Lion Barbara Wright
  - B. Pledge of Allegiance: Lion Karen Russell
  - C. Announcements: Lion President Gary announced the upcoming, Saturday, April 24th, pancake breakfast in conjunction with the annual Car Show. He then introduced First Vice District Governor, Lion Ken Sherwood, who briefly explained the dynamics of the Student Speakers Contest and the Harry J. Aslan Fellow award that each of our honored teachers received tonight.

II. Dinner

III. Introduction of Teachers, Principals and their Guests: Hopkinson Middle School/Lori and Phil Avalos and Linda Steward; Laurel High School/Mark Johnson, Nancy and Tim Murphy; Lee Elementary/Andrew Pulver, Chloe and Steve Myers; Los Alamitos Elementary School/Nicole Walters, Robin and Rick Schwecke; Los Alamitos High School/Jason Farvour, Russell, Dawna and Harmony Farvour; Los Alamitos Unified School District/Kristina Scott, Jeanne, Barbara and Sharon Loveless, Daryle Palmer, Eamonn O'donovan, Greg Franklin and Sherry Kroper; McAuliffe Middle School/Michael Hartman, Davis and Colin Hartman; Rossmoor Elementary/Beth and Noel Ellis and Kiva Adele; Weaver Elementary School/Alysha and Eric Brendel and Erin Kawinsky.

IV. Adjourn: Before adjournment, Lion Karen related a few historical facts highlighting the multiple decade Honor the Teacher program.

Respectively submitted: Lion Renee Schulte, Secretary



**A SENIOR MOMENT** - An elderly lady actually wrote this letter to her bank. The bank manager thought it amusing enough to have it published in The Times and this newspaper thanks him most sincerely.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to thank you for bouncing my cheque with which I endeavoured to pay my plumber last month. By my calculations, three 'nanoseconds' must have elapsed between his presenting the cheque and the arrival in my account of the funds needed to honour it. I refer, of course, to the automatic monthly deposit of my Pension, an arrangement which, I admit, has been in place for only thirty eight years. You are to be commended for seizing that brief window of opportunity, and also for debiting my account £30 by way of penalty for the inconvenience caused to your bank. My thankfulness springs from the manner in which this incident has caused me to rethink my errant financial ways.

I noticed that whereas I personally attend to your telephone calls and letters, when I try to contact you, I am confronted by the impersonal, overcharging, re-recorded, faceless entity which your bank has become. From now on I, like you, choose only to deal with a flesh-and-blood person. My mortgage and loan payments will therefore and hereafter no longer be automatic, but will arrive at your bank by cheque, addressed personally and confidentially to an employee at your bank whom you must nominate.

Be aware that it is an offence under the Postal Act for any other person to open such an envelope.

Please find attached an Application Contact Status which I require your chosen employee to complete. I am sorry it runs to eight pages, but in order that I know as much about him or her as your bank knows about me, there is no alternative. Please note that all copies of his or her medical history must be countersigned by a Solicitor, and the mandatory details of his/her financial situation (income, debts, assets and liabilities) must be accompanied by documented proof.

In due course, I will issue your employee with a PIN number which he/she must quote in dealings with me. I regret that it cannot be shorter than 28 digits but, again, I have modeled it on the number of button presses required to access my account balance on your phone bank service.

As they say, imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.

Let me level the playing field even further. When you call me, press buttons as follows:

- 1-- To make an appointment to see me.
- 2-- To query a missing payment.
- 3-- To transfer the call to my living room in case I am there.
- 4-- To transfer the call to my bedroom in case I am sleeping.
- 5-- To transfer the call to my toilet in case I am attending to nature.
- 6-- To transfer the call to my mobile phone if I am not at home.
- 7-- To leave a message on my computer (a password to access my computer is required. A password will be communicated to you at a later date to the Authorised Contact.)
- 8-- To return to the main menu and to listen to options 1 through 8
- 9-- To make a general complaint or inquiry, the contact will then be put on hold, pending the attention of my automate answering service. While this may, on occasion, involve a lengthy wait, uplifting music will play for the duration of the call.

Regrettably, but again following your example, I must also levy an establishment fee to cover the setting up of this new arrangement. May I wish you a happy, if ever so slightly less prosperous, New Year.

Your Humble Client

IMPORTANT to REMEMBER that this letter was written by a 98 year old woman.

DOESN'T SHE MAKE YOU PROUD!!!

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Jesus and Satan were having an on-going argument about who was better on the computer. They had been going at it for days, and frankly God was tired of hearing all the bickering.

Finally fed up, God said, 'THAT'S IT! I have had enough. I am going to set up a test that will run for two hours, and from those results, I will judge who does the better job.'

So Satan and Jesus sat down at the keyboards and typed away.

They moused.

They faxed.

They e-mailed.

They e-mailed with attachments..

They downloaded.

They did spreadsheets!

They wrote reports.

They created labels and cards.

They created charts and graphs.

They did some genealogy reports .

They did every job known to man.

Jesus worked with heavenly efficiency and Satan was faster than blazes.

Then, ten minutes before their time was up, lightning suddenly flashed across the sky, thunder rolled, rain poured, and, of course, the power went off...

Satan stared at his blank screen and screamed every curse word known in the underworld.

Jesus just sighed....

Finally, the electricity came back on, and each of them restarted their computers. Satan started searching frantically, screaming:

'It's gone! It's all GONE! 'I lost everything when the power went out!' Meanwhile, Jesus quietly started printing out all of his files from the past two hours of work. Satan observed this and became irate. 'Wait!' he screamed. That's not fair! He cheated! How come he has all his work and I don't have any?' God just shrugged and said,

**JESUS SAVES**