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April has been a busy month for Seal Beach Lions. We started out with the Seal Beach 5K/10K run. Lions Ray Longoria and Marilyn Redd opened their home for the pre-race festivities where everyone warmed up for the race. Then in the afternoon, Lions and Leos were off to the Orphanages of Thailand luncheon fundraiser.

The following weekend, a huge group of Seal Beach Lions turned out to celebrate "Joe Jost's at Dave's Other Place," hosted by Bill Howes, Ray Longoria, and Barbara Wright. I'm not sure if we celebrated the Green Bay Packers winning or the Cleveland Browns losing, but either way, it was a lot of fun!

Barbara Wright and Karen Russell chaired the annual Honor the Teacher Night at the Mary Wilson Library. Ten Teachers and one administrator were each given a Harry J. Aslin Student Speaker Award and a donation was made in his or her name to the Student Speaker Foundation. PDG Ellen Liebherr catered a wonderful dinner.

Lions Scott and Cathy Newton co-chaired "Every 15 Minutes" at Los Alamitos High School. Many of the Seal Beach Lions pitched in to help with this project that both the Lions and Leos help sponsor.

Our cubs, Teri Newton, Meagan McHugh and Katherine McHugh, chaired a new project, Roar for Autism, at Marina Park.

Congratulations to Lions Marilyn Redd and Ray Longoria, who renewed their vows in a Catholic ceremony on their 24th wedding anniversary at St. Anne's Church on April 25th. Best wishes for at least another 24 years!

To finish off the month, Lion Mike Haley and Lindsay Safe co-chaired the Pancake Breakfast at the Seal Beach Car Show at the pier. It was a huge success, with a fantastic turnout of Lions and Leos to help work.

Now we look forward another busy month in May. Lions Barbara Avakian and Nancy Herbert have the Cinco de Mayo Golf Tournament ready to go on May 5.

We have a group of Seal Beach Lions ready for convention in Palm Springs the weekend of May 13-15. It's not too late to sign up if you would like to go!

The Leo's Community Support Night is May 16 at the Methodist Church, the Hopkinson School Project is May 20th, and we will be having a Beepball Tournament with kids from the Braille Institute on May 21st.

Installation will be June 11th at Marina Center, so make sure you mark it on your calendar as well!

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Upcoming Calendar

Regular & Board Meeting, May 4
Cinco de Mayo Golf Tournament, May 5
Convention, May 13-15
Leo's Community Support Night, May 16
Regular Meeting, May 18
Beepball, May 21
Dues are Due by, June 1
VisionWalk, June 5
Installation, June 11

Happy Birthdays to:

Lindsay Safe	5/6
Grant Newton	5/9
Jeannie Engel	5/11
Teri Newton	5/13
Chris Langlais	5/21
Kent Maul	5/24
Richard Gibson	5/25
Nikki Illingworth	5/26





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Seal Beach 5k/10k Run

Lions and Leos of Seal Beach helped work the **Run Seal Beach 5k/10k** event attended by more than 5500 runners and walkers on April 2nd.

Lions Tim Kelsey and Scott Newton were on the race committee and charged with managing the starting line operation. Lions George Layman and Chad Burtrum were on the starting line team along with 8 Seal Beach Leos.

Lions Tim, George, Scott and Cathy Newton also helped with set up for registration the day before the race. A total of 61 service hours were worked.

Of course, another 30 or so Lions and Leos ran or walked in the race as well.



This fine tune group of athletes met at the home of Lions Marilyn Redd and Ray Longoria to do their early morning race preparations.

Lots of goodies were provided so that all of the Seal Beach Lions could make the long run over to Clancy's...oops, the finish line.

PROUD LION AWARD

To receive your Proud Lion pin you need to complete five tasks. The five tasks are:

- 1) **Attend a Board Meeting.** You have already accomplished this the night you were voted in. As a note, you are always welcome to attend board meetings which follow our 1st meeting of the month.
- 2) **Attend a Zone, Region or District Meeting.** There are three different meeting opportunities for you to choose from in the next two months
- 3) **Participate in a Club Project.** Most of you have already completed this. If you have not, there are plenty of opportunities in the next couple of months.
- 4) **Visit another Club.** This can be accomplished by attending another club's meeting or fundraising event. There will be several opportunities over the next few months that we will tell you about.
- 5) **Bring a guest to a club meeting or function.** Ideally it would be a prospective member. But any guest will do including your spouse, significant other or friend.



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ROAR FOR AUTISM

Cubs Katherine McHugh, Meagan McHugh and Teri Newton co-chaired an original project on April 23rd at Marina Park. Roar for Autism debuted as a one-day event that gathered children diagnosed as Autistic for a day of socializing and fun.

The New Lions put the project together to show the community of Seal Beach that autism is prevalent in our community and to show the autistic community that the City of Seal Beach can offer its support.

Children and parents throughout the community were invited to join the Seal Beach Lions and Leos in a day set up with fun activities, a guest speaker, lunch and a relay race.

Activity tables were set up that included crafting, reading, putting puzzles together, playing music, and playing with shaving cream.

As the children began to arrive, Lions and Leos would escort them to the various tables and engage in the activities with them.

A guest speaker addressed the adults as the children were engaged in the different activity areas.

A lunch was provided for all participants. Leos and Lions helped parents serve lunch to their children if needed.

The children were also free to play on the playground while the parents networked.

Seal Beach Lions participating included Katherine McHugh, Meagan McHugh, Teri Newton, Scott Newton, Cathy Newton, Grant Newton, Nikki Illingworth, Ray Longoria, Barbara Wright, Ellen Liebherr, Tim Kelsey, Byron Markel, Gary Snow, Mary Newton, Marcia Haley and Dottie Palaski.



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More of the Race Day Photos



Congratulations....to Lions Ray Longoria and Marilyn Redd who renewed their wedding vows in a Catholic ceremony on their 24th wedding anniversary on April 24, 2011!



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Orphanages of Thailand Luncheon

Seal Beach Lions and Leos joined together to attend the 8th Annual Orphanages of Thailand Luncheon in Santa Fe Springs. The luncheon is a Leo District 4-L4 project.

Leo President Tyler Sternagle presented a donation of \$250 on behalf of the Seal Beach Leos Club to the Orphanages of Thailand.

Seal Beach Lions had previously presented a donation of \$500 at its Community Support Night to Chairperson Sheila Casteel.

Seal Beach Lion Scott Newton was recognized with an award for his work on behalf of the Orphanage and with the Leo District.

Lions attending included Alyn Mattox, Scott Newton, Cathy Newton, Ashleigh Rollins, Richard Gibson, Rose-Marie Baker, Mike McFadden & Guest, Dewey Linehan, and Carol Linehan.

Leos attending included Tyler Sternagle, Cat Blumberg and her father, Justin Khalil, Amy Khalil, Joey Castro, Brandon Kent, and Noah Kessenich.



Just Have Fun

Even though Lion Bill Howes (Browns) knows how to pick the worst team in football, he knows how to make the best of it for the Seal Beach Lions Club



This year, he took his Super Bowl pool winnings and treated Club members to drinks at our somewhat-Annual "Joe Jost's at Dave's Other Place" get together.

Lion Bill, along with Lions Ray Longoria (Raiders) and Barbara Wright (Packers), celebrate the end of football season with a fun get together for absolutely no reason at all.

If you weren't there, you missed out. It was fun. Come next time.

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HONOR THE TEACHER NIGHT

Honor the Teacher Night was held on April 20th at the Mary Wilson Library. Teachers from each of the schools in the Los Alamitos School District and one administrator were honored in the evening's festivities.

Those in attendance heard about each teacher and the contribution that each had made to the students and school where they were employed.

Lions Barbara Wright and Karen Russell were the co-chairs of the event and Lion Ellen Liebherr catered a wonderful dinner for everyone to enjoy.

BEAUTIFUL DAY FOR A BARBEQUE

Seal Beach couldn't have been more beautiful on April 30th for the Seal Beach Classic Car Show.

Seal Beach Lions were ready for all the classic car enthusiasts who showed up hungry at our Pancake Breakfast/Bratwurst Barbeque.

Lions Mike Haley and Lindsay Safe co-chaired the event on the pier that went off without a hitch.

It was a perfect day for Lions and Leos to work together.

Lions worked in the ticket booth and supervised the Leos cooking.

They also did food preparation at the Methodist Church. Lion Dave Hubbard worked tirelessly in the kitchen all morning.

Leos, led by president Tyler Sternagle, did most of the cooking and serving.

Cleanup was a breeze this year, as many Lions and Leos showed up to help.

The pancake breakfast/barbeque was our most successful to date.





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Lions Work To Keep Our Kids Safe

Seal Beach Lions and Seal Beach Leos were major sponsors for the Every 15 Minutes program at Los Alamitos High School on April 20th and 21st.

Every 15 Minutes is symbolic for the fact that a drunk driver kills someone every 15 minutes in the United States.

To stress this fact to teens, kids are chosen to participate in this program and every 15 minutes a bell tolls.

A student is pulled from class. As his or her obituary is read, the student lies down on the pavement outside of class and a chalk outline is drawn of his body. He is removed from his family and friends for two entire days.

In this realistic program, the police notify his family that he is "dead." He becomes part of the "living dead" for the next two days. Students place tombstones on a designated area on campus. They post their "deaths" on their facebook pages.

A simulated drunk driving accident is held at lunchtime. A student is arrested. Police take the student to jail in handcuffs.

Another student is pronounced dead and taken in a body bag to the morgue. Other "victims" of the accident are taken to the hospital. Again, parents are notified.

The student who is arrested goes through a trial, pleads guilty, and is sentenced by an actual judge.

The students spend the night together writing goodbye letters to their family and talking about how alcohol has affected their lives.

The next day, there is a video that the entire student body watches in the gym, along with a funeral service for the student that died in the car accident the day before.

Students get emotionally involved, hopefully enough that they will abstain from drinking and driving on our roads.

Lions Scott and Cathy Newton were co-chairs of this program.



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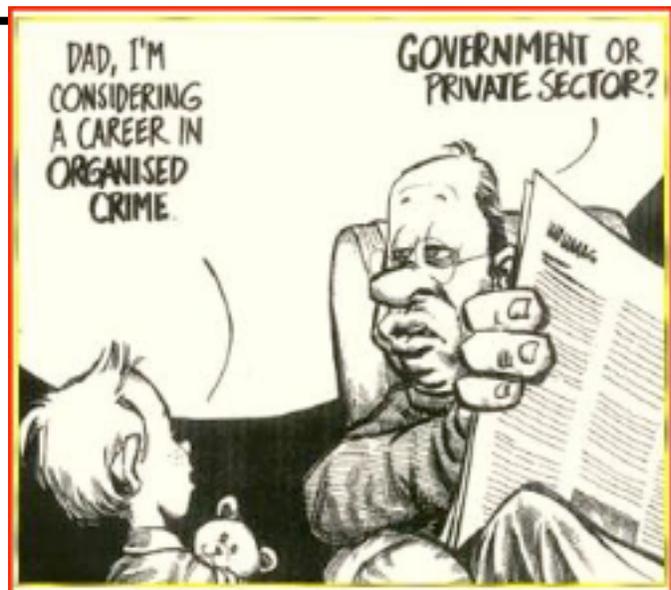


Congratulations to....**Leo Alex Valentencic!** For his fantastic performance in the Leo's District 4-L4 Third Annual Talent Show! Leo Advisors Scott and Cathy Newton, Camille Romano, Allyn Mattox and Nikki Illingworth came out to hear him play three songs by Charlie Parker on his saxophone. Great job, Alex!



Congratulations to....Lion Cathy Newton! She found a permanent home for one of our Lion's yellow mailboxes! It will be located inside the Leisure World Medical Center. In the first two weeks at its new location, Lion Cathy collected 47 pairs of donated eyewear! Great job, Lion Cathy!

Just a reminder, May is "Recycle for Sight Month!" Bring in a pair of used eyeglasses in May!





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Seal Beach Lions Club General Meeting Minutes Khoury's Restaurant April 6, 2011

Call to Order 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation, City of Hope Prayer and Song

Introduction of Guests

Lion President Allyn Mattox said that we need a Chairman for the Vision Walk to be held on June 5. Frank Carvajal volunteered to chair the event.

PDG Ellen Liebherr spoke about the Japan relief effort which is ongoing. 100% of our club's donation goes to the people of Japan through the Japan Lion's Club. Our club has voted to give \$6,000 to the relief effort.

Lion President Allyn Mattox shows us a picture of a proposed new Lion pin. She also had a picture of the Lion's Rose Parade Float for 2012.

Lion Nikki Illingworth received an award for bringing in 2 new members.

Lion Scott Newton gave out some Proud Lion and Sponsorship awards.

Our Club installation will be held June 20 at the Marina Center.

PDG Lion Ellen Liebherr spoke about the Seal Beach Health Fair. It went well.

Lion President Allyn Mattox spoke about luncheon held for The Orphans of Thailand. It was a really nice event with great music and great food.

Our club's annual designated driver program was held on St. Patrick's Day, March 17. We had an awesome Lion's turnout and gave over 100 people a safe ride home.

Lion Cathy Newton spoke about the new eyeglass collection boxes that she and Lion Scott Newton fixed up. She had a picture of one which was a used mailbox that had been painted yellow and had Lion signage added to it. One will be located in Leisure World and another is ready to go.

Lion Bill Howes will be hosting the annual Joe Jost's football event this year at Dave's other place at 2 PM on April 9. 5 awards will be given out. Come have some fun at Bill's expense.

Lion Karen Russell spoke about the Honor the Teacher dinner. It will be held at the Mary Wilson Library on April 20 at 6:30 pm. 10 teachers will be honored.

Lion Ashleigh Rollins spoke about the Long Beach Bar Assoc. scholarship fund. They will be having a fund raiser at Dominico's and donated 20% of proceeds to the fund.

Lion Scott Newton spoke about the Every 15 Minutes program that our club is sponsoring with the Youth Center. It is to discourage drinking and driving to our High School students. It will be held April 20 and 21st. Lion Scott asked for volunteers to help out. Several of our Leos are participating this year.

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Roar for Autism is one of the new events our club will be doing annually. It will be held at the Marina Center on April 23 from 10 am to 2 pm with set up and tear down an hour before and after. There will be speakers and activity centers. Attend the event if you can to support it. They are accepting puzzles and children's books for the event.

Lion Mike Haley spoke about our upcoming Pancake Breakfast. It will be April 30 at the Seal Beach car show. They are looking for volunteers - sign up sheets were sent around or just show up at the event and pitch in.

Golf Tournament will be May 5, 2011 at Bixby Village Golf course. Lion Nancy Herbert reported that we need more players - we have 19 so far. Donate a bottle of booze for a golf door prize. After the golf tournament there will be a taco bar and a no host bar at a venue close to the golf course. Dinner only (without golf) is \$15.

Lion Jackie Malone spoke about the convention in Palm Springs coming up May 12-15. Everyone is encouraged to attend. We will be sponsoring a hospitality room. A good time is guaranteed.

Lion Bill Blatnik spoke about the upcoming Beep ball tournament to be held at McGaugh on May 21 from 11 am to 1 pm. It's a fund raiser for the Braille Institute. Everyone come out to support this new and worthwhile event.

Lion Lee Melody reported on the Car raffle to be held at the Fish Fry. We are selling 600 tickets this year. 1st Prize will be a Ford Edge car. 2nd Prize will be a 55 inch flat screen TV. 3rd prize will be an Ipad. We will start selling tickets at the pier at the car show on April 30. Please sign up to sit with the car at the pier weekends before the Fish Fry.

Guest Speaker Lion Sheila Casteel spoke about her run for 2nd VDG for our 4-L4 Lions district. She would appreciate our support.

Lion Bill Kenney of the La Habra Host Lion's club spoke about an upcoming fundraiser for the Scleroderma Foundation. It will be held at Pete's Ponderosa on April 30 at 6 pm.

Treasure Chest - Lion Bill Howes

Tail Twister - Lion Mike Haley

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Seal Beach Lions Club Board Meeting Minutes Khoury's Restaurant

April 6, 2011

Call to Order 8:50 pm

Secretary's minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's report was given by Lion Mike Maloney and was accepted.

There is a new Lion's Club at Western U. We voted to give them \$100.

We voted to give the La Habra Host Lion's Club a donation for their Scleroderma fundraiser by buying 2 tickets to the event.

A student at the local elementary school has been diagnosed with leukemia and is in need of help. We donated \$100 to him.

Club dues are due by May 31.

1 new member was voted on and sworn in - Linda Palutzke.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10