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President's message:



Fellows Lions, even though most of us were affected in some way by the tragic events in our beloved city, we proved that Lionism is alive and well. We had 16 events, four meetings, three visitations, and at the same time worked with the City to help the victims recover from their loss. That,

my friends, is an active club!!!

So let's get started. I would like to congratulate Nikki Illingworth on being the Lion of the Month!!!! Well done, Lion Nikki!

We awarded eight Lions with our highest honor, the Melvin Jones Fellowship. Congratulations to Lion Barbara Avakian, Lion Brad Barras, Lion Ray Longoria, Lion Allyn Mattox, Lion Mike Maloney, Lion Nikki Illingworth, Lion Ellen Liebherr, Lion Terry Stephenson. Congratulations, also, to our New Lifetime Member, Lion Bruce Gormley.

As I sat down to write this month's message, I found that I was at two pages and still had not covered everything the Club has done this month. I decided to just thank all of the chairpersons of all of the events and say, "Job well done. Everyone did an outstanding job."

Let's all welcome our new members and show them how great our club is. New members, as you can see there are many chances to serve, so don't be afraid to ask an experienced Lion what would be a good project to help with. Or see me. We will not let a Lion fail!

Remember, "ROCK THE VEST!" This has been a long two weeks emotionally and mentally on all of us. I was so proud of our club, the way we all came together and helped the victims and their families. Now the healing process can begin.

In Lionism,

Mike Haley

ROCK THE VEST has been posted on our clubs web site, Check it out:

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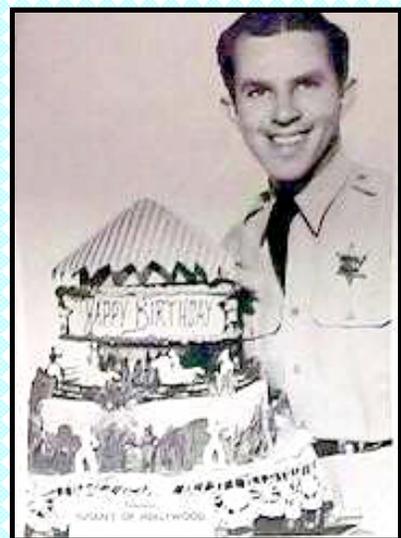
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Upcoming Calendar

Regular & Board Meeting	11/2
District Cabinet Meeting	11/5
Leo Lasagna Dinner	11/7
Ronald McDonald House Dinner	11/8
CSULB Crew Pancake Breakfast	11/12
Canine Companions Graduation	11/12
Special Olympics	11/12-11/13
Regular Meeting	11/16
New Member Happy Hour	11/21
American Family Housing Dinner	11/23-11/24
Seal Beach Christmas Tree Lighting	11/26
Christmas Parade,	12/2
Eye Screening Support	12/3
Christmas Tree Lot	12/5
Regular & Board Meeting	12/7
Breakfast with Santa/CASA Gift Giving	12/10
Christmas Party	12/10
American Family Housing Christmas Dinner	12/21

Happy Birthdays to:

Terry Stephenson	11/3
Cathy Newton	11/5
Barbara Avakian	11/6
Eddie Maginnis	11/7
Bob Luther	11/12
Mike Maloney	11/14
Ray Longoria	11/21
Mary Moser	11/23
Les Shobe	11/28





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When Lions Against Graffiti Chairperson Ray Longoria needed some help removing some tagging in Seal Beach, he decided it was time to call a new Lion cub for some training.

Lion Debbie Laws had previously volunteered to help Lion Ray after he had done such a fantastic job of cleaning up the graffiti behind Finbar's Restaurant, where Lion Debbie works.

So when Ray called on a Tuesday afternoon when Debbie was off work, Debbie jumped at the chance to help. Ray picked her up in his golf cart, the official car of Lions Against Graffiti, and they started off to clean up our town.

The duo first started off at the bridge at the Los Angeles/Orange County line.

"It is so easy," Debbie said. "Anyone can do it. Our Lions have this down to a science."

Debbie was happy the Club provided her with all the equipment to make the graffiti removal so easy, right down to rubber gloves. She was amazed at how easy it was to get the job done.

"When I got to the spray paint, I couldn't stop," Debbie said. "I wanted to make everything look pretty. Ray said to just cover it up and I said that I wanted to do a good job and make it look nice."

Ray and Debbie spent about an hour working to clean up the graffiti around town.

When asked what her favorite part of the project was, Debbie replied, "Seeing all of the graffiti gone."



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Visitations

In the month of October Seal Beach Lions attended three visitations. The first one was at Fullerton. Six Seal Beach Lions drove out to the IHOP in Fullerton, but the Fullerton Lions must have canceled. The next visitation was at Buena Park Silverado Days. The third was at Huntington Beach Oktoberfest, where we always have a great turnout of Seal Beach Lions to do the Chicken Dance!

Instruction on how to do the Chicken Dance can be found here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6UV3kRV46Zs>



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Governor's Visitation

On October 5th, Seal Beach Lions were treated with a visit from Governor Ken Sherwood and members of his cabinet.

Along with Governor Ken, 1st Vice District Governor, P.J. Smith; 2nd Vice District Governor, Sheila Casteel; District Public Relations Chair, Norm Tanaka; Associate District Photographer, Wanda Tanaka; Immediate Past District Governor, Norm Mackenzie; Region Chair, Renee Schulte; and Zone Chair, Bruce Gormley were part of the dignitaries of the evening.

Seal Beach Lions made it a fun meeting, as usual, to welcome their guests. The room was decorated in a festive manner and Lion Ellen Liebherr had arranged for all Lions to wear Robin-Hood type hats to the meeting.

Governor Ken talked to the club about his environmental program and his goals of planting trees.

Seal Beach Lions had planned on planting a tree in Zoeter Park in Governor Ken's name, but the weather did not cooperate. Lion Laura Ellsworth presented the governor with a miniature tree to represent the one that will be planted in the governor's name at a later date.

It was also an evening of festivities.

Governor Ken started out by inducting new members, and presenting Proud Lion and Proud Sponsor pins.

Next Governor Ken presented Lion Mike Maloney with his 25-Year Service pin.

Our eight Melvin Jones Award winners were announced by the governor and he presented three membership keys.

Governor Ken also presented a Life Membership to Lion Bruce Gormley.

Seal Beach Lions presented Governor Ken with a check for \$200 made payable to the Student Speaker Foundation to use as he sees fit.

Lion Allyn Mattox was in charge of a pajama party as well and collected 78 pair of pajamas to be distributed to homeless children at American Family Housing and children in foster care.





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A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED PJ'S TO OUR PAJAMA DRIVE!

**ARO RILEY
DAVE SCHWEIN
LES SHOBE
NIKKI ILLINGWORTH
CATHY & SCOTT
STACY HUJING
BARBARA AVAKIAN
CHRISTY VIVION
LINDSAY SAFE
JUDY O'NEILL
DOTTIE PALASKI
JEAN MUNSON
YASENG YANN
CINDY RAMIREZ
KRISTEN VIRGIN
BRUCE & RENEE
LEE & JEN KOCKEN
GAIL & DAVE
ASHLEIGH ROLLINS**

**ALLYN MATTOX
ROSE-MARIE BAKER
DORA & DINO
ALAN & LORRAINE
CAROL HARTY
MARY NEWTON
MATTI KLINE
BARBARA WRIGHT
KRISTINE ALBERTALLI
RONI BEHREND
KAREN RUSSELL
GLENN JONES
MICHELLE ARELLANO
LEE & DONNA MELODY
TOM & DIANE CHENEY
CAROL & DEWEY
BARB & BRIAN ASHLEY
JEAN MUNSON
LARA EDWARDS**

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO BROUGHT MORE THAN ONE
PAIR AND/OR MADE A CASH DONATION!!
WE HAVE RECEIVED 78 PAIR OF PJ'S SO FAR!!**



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Wag-N-Walk

Seal Beach Lions barbecued Brats and hot dogs for the second year in a row at the Seal Beach Animal Car's Wag-n-Walk.

Money raised at the Wag-n-Walk helps keep the "no-kill" shelter open.

This year, Seal Beach Lions donated \$500 to the Shelter.

Lion Nikki Illingworth had lots of Leos and Lions come down to the Seal Beach Pier to help her with the project.

Lions Gary and Mo Sethi also set up a table with a White Cane Days Project.

Lion Cathy Newton brought her big yellow mailbox and collected used eyeglasses for recycling as well.



Update on Lois & Duke

Many of you asked for Lion Nikki to give us an update on how Lois was doing since her house had been emptied last month when she went into the hospital after a fall. Here is the update on her condition and the condition of her pet poodle, Duke:

Lois is doing much better. She has gotten her things back (mostly) from the daughter, who was found to have taken them.

She has a sister from Riverside who is visiting weekly, or as much as she can being a senior herself, and Lois' ex son-in-law has offered to take on the responsibility of helping her manage her finances.

The State Social Worker has gone to court on Lois' behalf to make sure something like this does not happen to her again. So finally Lois is getting her happy home back.

Duke too has made a full recovery! Her faithful companion is at her side and back to protecting the house.

So happy endings do exist!



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Governor's Fundraiser

On October 1st, Eight Seal Beach Lions attended the Governor's Fundraiser at Pete's Ponderosa in Yorba Linda. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful catered dinner, drinks and dancing. There were lots of lovely silent auction items and raffle prizes, so hopefully Governor Ken went home with lots of cash in his saddle bags.



Founder's Day

The Seal Beach Lions Club participated in the 96th anniversary of Seal Beach Founder's Day. The event featured musical performances by Los Alamitos High School Jazz Band and Marching Band. Guest of Honor was legendary music educator Chuck Wackerman.

Leos cooked brats and hot dogs and provided chips and drinks. Lion Mike Ferreira was in charge of the event. Lions Mo and Gary Sethi also set up a White Cane Day Booth and Lion Cathy Newton also collected eyeglasses.



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Eyeglass Recycling

Lion Cathy Newton has been very busy this month. Not only has she been collecting eyeglasses, she and husband Scott traveled to the Lions in Sight facility in Beaumont to see how glasses are cleaned, typed and sorted.

She then beg, bribed or pleaded with PDG Dottie Allen and Lion Don Ramsey, who oversee the facility in Beaumont, to come to Seal Beach to train our Lions to do some of the work.

On October 8, the first Eyeglass Sorting Party was held at the Fire Station in Seal Beach. Nearly 2,000 pair of eyeglasses were processed in about four hours. Twelve Lions were trained.

In the month of October alone, Lion Cathy collected 1,447 pair of eyeglasses and 8 hearing aids.

Check the Seal Beach Lion's website for locations of where to donate used eyeglasses near you.



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Meritage Victim's Support

The event of October 12th will forever be with us.... but it will not stop our will to Serve. As always, Lions serve in a time of need and this tragedy was no exception. We were asked by the city to help with memorials, we felt compelled by our hearts to participate in vigils, we were asked by families to help with funerals, and we were asked by friends to help support those in need.

The details are not important, and many of our services were performed anonymously but we served none the less. Many of us lost friends because of this tragedy and we all felt the loss in our Lions family. That did not stop us from being who we have always been: servants of our community in time of need.

Our job is not over. We still have more fundraisers to support, memorials to plan, and people to help. The community knows that we are willing and able to do just about anything to help with the healing process. For 72 years we have been the go-to organization in Seal Beach because we care and we never say no.

Special thanks go out to Lion Tim Kelsey who both as a Lion and a Seal Beach City employee has worked diligently to help the families and our community heal.

Other Lions who participated include Mike Haley, Marcia Haley, Scott Newton, Cathy Newton, Nikki Illingworth, Aro Riley, Dino Syrengelas, Laura Ellsworth, Erik Dreyer-Goldman, Katherine McHugh, Meagan McHugh, Roni Behrends, Barbara Avakian, Jim Klisanin, and Linda Palutske.





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Sailing with the Visually Impaired

Seven Seal Beach Lions and two prospective members headed to Newport Beach to help the visually impaired enjoy a day of sailing.

Lion Renee Schulte spent the morning with guide dogs, while other Lions parked cars and served breakfast.

Lion Scott Quinlan, who is visually impaired, enjoyed actually sailing a sailboat!

Wings, Wheels & Rotors Expo

The Wings, Wheels and Rotors Expo was held at the Joint Forces Training Base on October 23rd. Lion Les Shobe chaired a booth on behalf of the Seal Beach Lions Club.

Eighteen Lions and six Leos helped Lion Les over the weekend with the project.

On Friday, Lion Les and his crew chalked out spaces for vendors at the base.

Saturday was setup day. Lions were there to direct traffic and show vendors where their spaces were, so they could drop off things for their booths.

Sunday was Showtime! 30,000 people came out to the base to see the car show, the military display, take helicopter rides and see parachutists drop from the sky.

Seal Beach Lions and Leos passed out Lion tattoos and Leo the Lion even made an appearance.

Our new pop up tent looked great with our name emblazoned across it.

Lions who worked included Scott Newton, Cathy Newton, Ray Longoria, Lee Kocken, Aro Riley, Allyn Mattox, Dino Syrengelas, Dora Syrengelas, Matti Kline, Christy Vivion, Mary Newton, Gary Denni, Gail Hubbard, Dave Hubbard, Camille Romano, Nikki Illingworth, Mike Ferreira, and Les Shobe.



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Seal Beach Lions Club Meeting Minutes October 5, 2011 Khoury's Restaurant

Governor Ken Sherwood's Visitation

President Mike Haley calls meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Lion Alan Chavez leads the club in the flag salute to the greatest country in the world.

Lion Laura Ellsworth leads the club in the Invocation.

Lion Camille Romano leads the club in the City of Hope prayer.

Lion Barbara Ashley leads the club in the song "God Bless America.

Lion Laura Ellsworth, Environmental Chairperson, presents a tree to Governor Ken Sherwood as a symbol of a tree that was to be planted in the Governor's name. The tree planting ceremony had to be delayed due to rain.

Seal Beach Lions and their "Merry Men" give Governor Ken and his cabinet a warm welcome. President Mike Haley reads the following:

"Before we begin our formal introduction of Governor and his cabinet, I would like to welcome them all to Seal Beach's own Sherwood Forest.

"Being a more civilized lot than Robin and his group of marauders, and the fact that it is hard to hide amongst palm trees, we have invited our merry men here tonight.

"However, the drill is the same. You will have to pay the piper!

"At this time, I would like to invite our merry men to stand. You know the drill.

"Merry Men, man your arms! Fire!"

At this time, designated Seal Beach Lions stood with bow and arrows that were tipped with marshmallow. All Seal Beach Lions tossed marshmallows up at the cabinet at the front of the room. The cabinet members were good sports about being "marmallowed."

Introduction of Guests

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Immediate Past District Governor Norm Mackenzie and Past District Governor Ellen Liebherr were present.

A dinner break was taken at 7:08 pm.

The meeting resumed at 7:44 pm.

Seal Beach Lion President Mike Haley introduced Zone Chairman Bruce Gormley.

Zone Chairman Bruce Gormley introduced Region Chairperson Renee Schulte.

Region Chairperson Renee Schulte introduced District Governor Ken Sherwood.

Governor Ken Sherwood talks about the International President's plan to adopt tree planting and environmental programs and how he would like to see Lions plant one million trees around the world.

Governor Ken jokingly informs the club about his acronym CRAP, which stands for Conserve, Recycle And Plant.

Governor Ken also extends his congratulations to the Seal Beach Lions Club. He congratulates the club on its excellent Leo Club, which is one of the top 10 Youth Clubs, and for which IPDG Norm Mackenzie recently won an award.

Governor Ken also introduces Jack Tanaka, Public Relations Chairman; Wanda Tanaka, Associate District Photographer; Sheila Casteel, 2nd Vice District Governor; P.J. Smith, 1st Vice District Governor; and Forum Editor, PDG Ellen Liebherr.

Governor Ken inducted the following New Members into the Seal Beach Lions Club:

Barbara Ashley, Brian Ashley, Diane Cheney, Tom Cheney, Robin Collier, Mike Ferreira, Carol Harty, Staci Hujing, Glenn Jones, Matti Kline, Jennifer Kocken, Lee Kocken, Debbie Laws, Cassie Senniff, Mo Sethi, Gary Sethi, Guy Shurki, Dora Syrengelas, Kristin Virgin, Christy Vivion, and Yaseng Yann

Governor Ken presented the following Proud Lions with Proud Lion Pins:

Barbara Ashley, Rose-Marie Baker, Kevin Bhatt, Frank Carvajal, Tom Cheney, Laura Ellsworth, Mike Ferreira, Richard Gibson, Carol Harty, Matti Kline, Jennifer Kocken, Lee Kocken, Debbie Laws, Dora Syrengelas, Chryste Vivion and Scott Weir.

Governor Ken presented the following Proud Sponsors with Proud Sponsor Pins:

Marcia Haley, Les Shobe, Nikki Illingworth, Scott Newton, Ray Longoria, Barbara Ashley, and Dino Syrengelas.

Governor Ken presented a 25-Year Service Pin to Lion Mike Maloney and listed his many accomplishments and contributions to the club and gave him the pin even though he is only an average poker player.

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Governor Ken announced the 2011-2012 Melvin Jones Awardees:

Barbara Avakian
Nikki Illingworth
Allyn Mattox
Terry Stephenson

Brad Barras
Mike Maloney
Ellen Liebherr
Ray Longoria

Governor Ken presented Membership Keys to the following Seal Beach Lions:

For bringing in two or more new members, a Membership key was presented to Dino Syrengelas.

For bringing in 10 or more new members, a Builder Key was presented to Dave Hubbard.

For bringing in 20 or more new members, a Master Key was presented to Scott Newton.

Governor Ken presented a Governor's pin to President Mike Haley and a First Lady's pin to Marcia Haley. An International President's pin was also given to President Mike Haley.

President Mike presented Governor Ken with a check for \$200 made payable to the Student Speaker Foundation to spend as Governor Ken wishes.

Lion Dino raffles donated prizes.

Lion Brad collects Happy Dollars. Tonight is a "Fine-Free" Meeting.

1st Vice District Governor P.J. Smith comments on how touched he was by the story in the Seal Beach Lions Newsletter entitled "Helping Lois." Lion Nikki Illingworth was chairperson of this project.

Seventy-four pairs of pajamas were collected for the PDG Elizabeth Warren's Pajama Drive. Pajamas were taken by 1st Vice District Governor PJ Smith to be delivered to PDG Elizabeth.

All the Seal Beach Lions picked up marshmallows off the floor.

Meeting is adjourned at 9:13 pm

Seal Beach Lions Club
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2011
Khoury's Restaurant

Meeting is called to order at 7 pm

PDG Lion Ellen Liebherr leads the club in the flag salute to the greatest country on earth, the United States of America.

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Lion Barbara Avakian leads the club in the Invocation.

Lion Robin Collier leads the club in the City of Hope prayer.

GUESTS

PDG Lion Ellen Liebherr introduces the following dignitaries:

Dennis J. Drag, District 4-L2 Governor, PDG Judy Powell, President George Miller, President-Elect Marilyn Shaw and Felix Franklin.

Lion Dave Hubbard introduces PDG Dave Stewart, Bruce Beauchamp, Eric Gaylord, and International Director Candidate and PDG Howard Hudson.

Lion Barbara Avakian introduces Lara Edwards. Lion Staci Hujing introduces Carol Kee. Barbara Wright introduces Patti Meyer. Nikki Illingworth introduces Pamela Wilson. Lion Rick Pierce introduces Pete Mori and Nick Lerma. Lion Chris Langlois introduces his wife Khryste. Lion Dino Syrengelas introduces Marlon Thirlar.

Philip Sneyd and Diana and Gary Bean are also present.

RECOGNITION

The "Lion of the Month" Award is presented to Lion Nikki Illingworth for her work as the chairperson of the Wag 'n Walk project and as the Visitation Chairperson. Congratulations, Lion Nikki!

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

President Mike Haley talks about the recent shootings that happened at the Salon Meritage in Seal Beach where alleged shooter Scott Dekraai shot killed eight victims and seriously injured another person. Seal Beach Lions/Leos were touched due to the fact that one of the persons killed was the mother of one current and two former Seal Beach Leos. Michelle Fast was the mother of Patrick, Laura and Lisa Fast.

Many of the Seal Beach Lions knew many of the victims of the shooting and many people felt the need to come together as a community to bond to keep our community whole in the wake of the tragedy.

It is time to start the healing process. District Governor Ken Sherwood sent a card, which was read by President Mike. Immediate Past District Governor Norm Mackenzie also sent his condolences for the loss of Michelle Fast, Leo mom.

There was a fundraiser at Pavilion Grocery Store on Pacific Coast Highway in Seal Beach. Pavilion matched funds up to \$25,000. Seal Beach Lions donated \$250. Over \$100,000 has been reported to have been raised.

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Patty's Place Restaurant also raised funds for victim Dave Caouette. Dave Caouette was sitting in his Range Rover in the parking lot after the shooting in the salon after just having lunch in Patty's Place. Dekraai allegedly shot Caouette for no reason as he entered his truck when he was leaving the crime scene. Patty's Place is reported to have raised \$20,000 for Caouette's family. Many Seal Beach Lions attended this fundraiser.

On October 20 at Marina Center, Seal Beach Lions are needed to volunteer to help set up for the wake of victim Randy Fannin. Volunteers are also needed to put away equipment on October 21. Please see Lion Mike if you are available to help.

The service for Michelle Fast will be on October 20, 2011, at 11:00 am at St. Anne's.

The service for Michelle Fournier will be on October 24, 2011, at 11:00 am at Cottonwood Church.

NEW BUSINESS

Past District Governor Dave Stewart introduces International Director Candidate Howard Hudson, who speaks on his candidacy for Lions International Director.

VISITATIONS

Lion Nikki Illingworth informs the club that Seal Beach Lions will be attending Huntington Beach Lions Oktoberfest on October 20, 2011. Cost is \$12 per person. She encourages everyone to come and do the chicken dance.

Lion Les Shobe informs the club that Wings, Wheels and Rotors will be held on Sunday, October 23, 2011, at the Joint Forces Training Base in Los Alamitos from 9 am to 4 pm. Lions will be telling the Police and Fire Departments where to set up their equipment. On Friday there will be a "Chalk Party" to chalk spaces on the asphalt, for anyone that would like to help.

Les also introduces Carol Kee, who is a teacher at Sunburst Academy. Sunburst Academy works on the base with Youth who want to turn their lives around in a positive way. The academy is looking for mentors who want to give kids support.

PDG Lion Ellen Liebherr informed the club that the McGaugh Carnival will be held on October 29, 2011 at McGaugh School. The club will be selling hot dogs and hamburgers. The proceeds will be donated to the PTA. O'Malley's and Hennessey's have donated the food. Set up is at 9 am and the booth will be open to the public from 10 am to 4 pm. Leos are working. Please sign up to help.

Lion Dino Syrengelas informed the club that the Chili Cook-off will be on October 29, 2011, at his home. Members signed up to bring chili, salads, and desserts. There will be games and a costume party starting at 4:30 pm. Cost is \$10 per person if you don't bring a chili or wear a costume.

Lion Renee Schulte informed the club that there will be a Second District Meeting at the Pomona Valley Mining Company on November 5, 2011. Interested Lions and those working on their Proud Lions, please sign up. Cost is \$25 per person.

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Lion Jackie Maloney is planning a trip to the LPCCI graduation on November 12, 2011. Trip will leave from Mike and Jackie's at 10 am and arrive at noon. After the graduation, the group will have dinner at Buca de Beppo. Cost of the dinner is not included. \$25 per person includes the cost of the van rental.

OLD BUSINESS

Lion Nikki Illingworth informed the club that this was the second year that we participated in the Wag 'n Walk. Turkey dogs were offered for the first time. \$500 was raised and donated for the Seal Beach Animal Shelter and they were very grateful for the donation.

Lion Mike Ferreira informed the club that this was the first year that the club participated in the Seal Beach Founder's Day BBQ and it could have gone better. People did not know that we would be BBQing. Seal Beach Lions had fun at the event anyway.

President Mike Haley reported for Gary and Mo Sethi that we participated in White Cane Days at Wag 'n Walk. We informed lots of people that Lions serve sight-impaired people and collected eyeglasses.

Lion Dave Hubbard informed the club that nine Seal Beach Lions participated in Seal for the Blind. This was a project that got our club recognition at last year's State Convention for a large project. Lion Renee Schulte spent time with the dogs. Many Lions spent time with the kids. Lion Scott Quinlan, who is sight-impaired, actually was able to sail a boat.

Lion Jackie Howes informed the club that the Christmas Party will be held on December 10, 2011, at the Oakwood Gardens Rec Room. Cost is \$60 per person.

Add-ons to the Agenda

Lion Ashleigh Rollins informed the club that there is a Ronald McDonald House Dinner on November 8, 2011. Master Chef Adriana Ziegenbusch needs two people to help. If you are available, please let Lion Adriana know.

Lion Jackie Maloney informed the club that due to the Seal Beach tragedy, the Leo Lasagna Dinner had to be rescheduled. It will now be held on November 7, 2011. If you had previously signed up to work, please adjust your schedule accordingly.

REMEMBERING OUR LOST FRIENDS

President Mike Haley addresses the Club about the shootings in Seal Beach. He gives club members the opportunity to talk about their feelings on the shootings.

Lion Scott Newton informs the club that the Leos had a candlelight vigil for Leo's 1st Vice President Lisa Fast's mom, Michelle Fast.

Various club members speak and express their feelings.

Lion Dino holds the Treasure Chest drawing.

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The Mystery Lion is Dave Hubbard.

Lion Brad Barras collects Fines and Happy Dollars.

Robin Collier introduces Gary and Diana Bean.

The Meeting is adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Seal Beach Lions Club Board Meeting Minutes October 19, 2011 Khoury's Restaurant

Emergency Board Meeting is called to order to induct new members at 8:52 pm.

Roll call is held with the following board members present:

Mike Haley
Allyn Mattox
Scott Newton
Nikki Illingworth
Ashleigh Rollins
Ellen Liebherr
Brad Barras
Bruce Gormley
Cathy Newton
Gary Denni
Dave Hubbard
Renee Schulte

Lion Ryan Ziegenbusch introduces Philip Sneyd. Lion Barbara Avakian introduces Lara Edwards. Lion Scott Newton (for Karen Russell) introduces Patti Meyers and Diana and Gary Bean.

A motion is made by Lion Bruce Gormley to approve all prospective members for membership. Lion Dave Hubbard seconds the motion. Motion carries unopposed.

Meeting is adjourned at 9:02 pm.



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**Seal Beach Lions Club
Quarterly Board Meeting
October 26, 2011
Seal Beach Fire Station
3131 North Gate Road, Seal Beach, CA 90740**

President Mike Haley calls meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Lion's video "Rockin' the Vest" is played.

Secretary Allyn Mattox takes roll call. The following Seal Beach Lions answer present:

Mike Haley
Allyn Mattox
Terry Stephenson
Scott Newton
Nikki Illingworth
Ashleigh Rollins
Ellen Liebherr
Brad Barras
Bruce Gormley
Cathy Newton
Gary Denni
Dave Hubbard
Lindsay Safe
Renee Schulte

Board members Geri Eckner, Adriana Ziegenbusch, and Camille Romano are not present.

The following guests are present: Bill Blatnik, Mike Maloney, Jackie Maloney, Carol Linehan, Rose-Marie Baker, Les Shobe, Laura Ellsworth.

Membership Proposal – Lion Ellen Liebherr

Lion Ellen Liebherr discusses how we can include more of the new members in the club activities. Lion Jackie Maloney suggests that more experienced Lions invite Cubs to help on projects. Lion Carol Linehan suggested that Lions call to thank Cubs for working on projects. Lion Ashleigh Rollins suggested assigning older members a Cub to work with on projects as a mentor. Lion Allyn Mattox suggested more social events where new/old Lions could mix. Lion Ellen Liebherr suggested a softball game. Lion Bruce Gormley suggested a group photo. Lion Bill Blatnik suggested supporting high school athletics as a group.

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Both Ashleigh Rollins and Scott Newton brought up that it was important to explain to new members "lingo" that is being tossed around by members at meetings, e.g., that "chili cook off" is a social event.

It was also suggested by many members to avoid "cliques" and to try to sit with new members at meetings.

Long-Term Service Project – Lion Scott Newton

Lion Scott Newton suggested that we set aside funds for a long-term service project. He suggested four ideas.

- Landscaping of Eisenhower Park to possibly be renamed Centennial Park.
- An Archway over the Pier.
- Acquiring the Blue House on 12th Street and renaming it "Centennial House."
- Placing a Gateway Arch on Main Street.

These ideas are being floated by people in the community and the idea that most people like is the Gateway Arch on Main Street. The cost of the arch is approximately \$95,000.00.

Lions were shown photos of similar arches in Fresno, Santa Ana, Weed, Garden Grove, and the Gaslamp District in San Diego. The location where the arch would go in Seal Beach was also shown.

A proposal was made that Seal Beach Lions Club lead the Gateway Arch Project and that a committee be formed. The Lions will need a fundraising campaign and require support from the community.

The Centennial Project

- Requires approval by the board
- Needs a committee created
- Needs to be presented publicly at a city council meeting
- Needs to form a committee that includes non-Lions

The Archway project would require three months lead time to order the arch and installation would take two days.

Lion Brad Barras recommended posts with the names of major contributors be sold. Lion Cathy Newton recommended bricks be sold to the community with their names on them to raise money for the project.

Lion Scott Newton made a motion to lead a long-term service project for the community. Motion was seconded by Bruce Gormley. Motion was carried unopposed.

Charity Giving Committee – Lion Allyn Mattox

Committee Members: Allyn Mattox (Chairperson), Terry Stephenson, Laura Ellsworth, Scott Newton, Linda Stephenson, Bruce Gormley, Mike Haley, Ray Longoria (alternate)

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Lion Allyn Mattox passed out Excel sheets with the suggested budget to the Board. The suggested budget was made using the following criteria: whether the project was a Lion-approved project, whether it was sight/hearing related; and whether it was a local (Seal Beach/Los Alamitos) charity.

The Charity Giving Committee had decided to set aside \$5,000 for the Centennial Project and \$1,000 for the Methodist Church Kitchen Remodel project.

The committee divided up charities and did research to see how funds were being used and made determinations on which charities should have more funds, less funds, or remain the same.

The report was reviewed by parties present. Questions were taken. Lion Jackie Maloney questioned the reduction of PADRE. Lion Carol Linehan would have like to seen more funds go to Teen Recognition.

Lion Brad Barras made a motion to approve the budget; Lion Gary Denni seconded the motion. Motion carried unopposed.

Charitable Requests – Various Lions

Lion Bill Blatnik addressed the board regarding school sports at Los Alamitos High School. He stated that the high school has been impacted by budget cuts. School sports have been especially impacted. The wrestling program needs a scale in order to compete and theirs is broken. January 4, 2011, is Senior Night. Lion Bill proposed that Lions make a donation towards a new scale and he would arrange free admission to Senior Night and Lions would receive publicity in the program at the evening's event. The matter was discussed.

Lion Ellen Liebherr made a motion to purchase a scale for up to \$600. Lion Nikki Illingworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unopposed.

Finance Committee Report – Lion Bruce Gormley

Lion Bruce Gormley reported that all fees required by the State and Federal Government, all taxes and all sales taxes have been paid. The \$35 to the Attorney General has been paid. There is approximately \$15,000 in the Administrative Account. MD-4 and International Dues are due in January and February. The club has the funds and they will be paid when due.

Environment & Tree Planting Committee Report – Lion Laura Ellsworth

Lion Laura Ellsworth reported that it rained the day that Governor Ken Sherwood visited the club, so that we were unable to plant the tree in his honor at Zoeter Park. The tree will be planted in the next week. Lion Cindy Ramirez contacted Lowe's after the shootings in Seal Beach and they donated nine trees to planted in memory of the shooting victims. We are going to hold them in the City Yard until we have a place to plant them. We are possibly going to plant them at Eisenhower Park, where other organizations can build a fountain or put in a bench; however, people want to protect their views. According to Lion Renee Schulte, Governor Ken Sherwood has requested to have the tree we dedicated to him, dedicated to the shooting victims.

Sight Programs & Eyeglass Collection Committee Report – Lion Cathy Newton

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Lion Cathy Newton informed the board that she is working diligently on collecting eyeglasses and training Lions to sort and type the glasses she collects. She has expanded the number of collections sites around the city. On the Lion's website, it lists all the locations to donate eyeglasses.

In October Seal Beach Lions collected 1,447 pair of glasses and 8 hearing aids.

Event Sponsorship Committee Report – Lion Bruce Gormley

Lion Bruce Gormley reported that this committee has not yet met.

Equipment Committee Report – Lion Scott Newton

Lion Scott Newton reported that \$770 was spent on new equipment, including a new pop-up tent with the words "Seal Beach Lions Club" on three sides of it and the Lion logo on it. The pop-up tent was used for the first time at the Wings, Wheels & Rotors Expo on October 23, 2011. It gave Seal Beach Lions great visibility to the public. Scott presented visuals to the board members and the board members were pleased with the exposure it gave the club and how nice the equipment looked.

Social Media & Technology Report – Lion Lindsay Safe

Lion Lindsay Safe reported on the Social Media meeting. She reported that Facebook is directed to mostly club members, but that some outsiders do look at the page. People would like to see more things posted on Facebook.

The website is the best way to advertise our club to outsiders. It was felt that our website needs a facelift and it is being looked into.

Military Affairs Committee Report – Lion Les Shobe

Lion Les Shobe reported that the Wings, Wheels & Rotors Expo was held on October 23, 2011, at the Joint Forces Training Base in Los Alamitos. Over 30,000 people attended. Lions gave out tattoos and helped direct people. Lion Les would like to see Seal Beach Lions turn this into a fundraiser next year.

Lion Ellen Liebherr made a motion to form a committee for next year. Lion Nikki Illingworth seconded the motion. Motion passed unopposed.

Additionally, a budget of \$250 for supplies was requested. Lion Brad Barras made a motion to approve the budget. Lion Bruce Gormley seconded the motion. The motion carried unopposed.

Official Name Change – Lion Scott Newton

Lion Scott Newton proposed that there is confusion in our club because some things say Seal Beach "Host" Lions Club and some things say Seal Beach Lions Club. Our original club charter called us "Seal Beach Lions Club." Since we no longer are a "host" club, Lion Scott proposed removing the word "Host" from all documentation and making our name officially "Seal Beach Lions Club" on all official paperwork.

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Two motions are put before the board.

Motion #1 – Discontinue internally and externally to use the name “Seal Beach Host Lions Club.

Motion #2 – Vote to officially change our name at LCI back to “Seal Beach Lions Club” and to obtain the required documentation and signatures to complete the LCI “Club Name Change Request Form.”

Matter is discussed.

Motions are made by Scott Newton as to the above two motions and seconded by Lion Ellen Liebherr. Motions are voted on and passed with 8 votes for yes and 4 votes for no.

Other Business – President Mike Haley

President Mike Haley informs the board that he is having a New Member Happy Hour on November 21, 2011, at Finbar’s Italian Restaurant. He has arranged to have Happy Hour prices on all appetizers for the entire evening.

Lion Bruce Gormley makes a motion for \$100 for appetizers for the New Member Happy Hour. Lion Brad Barras seconds the motion. Motion is carried unopposed.

President Mike Haley informs the board that he has a quotation for \$407.75 for lanyards for club badges. The matter is discussed. The board decides it would like to have “SEAL BEACH LIONS CLUB” imprinted on the lanyard.

President Mike Haley makes a motion to approve payment of \$407.75 for 200 lanyards to Blue Water Promotions. Lion Scott Newton seconds the motion. The motion is passed unopposed.

Open Discussion and Brainstorming – President Mike Haley

None is held at this time

Adjourn

Meeting is adjourned at 9:20 pm.

