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## The President's Message:



So it's October. I love October because it means Fall. Yes, the leaves on the trees are beginning to turn color. Soon the rains will come followed by snow.....Oh wait a minute. This is California. Never mind.

We leave September behind with memories of our District Governor's Official Visitation, The Ensenada Visitation, and of course, Huntington Beach Host's Oktoberfest. We also cooked hotdogs for the annual beach clean-up although, due to a

misunderstanding, the people we were cooking for were cleaning up in a different location. I will leave it to the Chair's of the above events to report on them because I would like to speak about this month's events and there are a lot of them.

We start with a visitation to Tustin Lions "Tiller Days" on the weekend of the 6th, 7th, & 8th. Here's a chance to have fun and help the club get another visitation under its belt. The following Saturday, the 14th will be a busy day. First we are having a Garage Sale for the Administration Fund at Lion Margie Garcia's house. If you have anything around your house that you want to get rid of here is your chance to get rid of it and help the club. Contact Lion Margie at 562-627-8900 or Lion George Dooley at 562-433-0627 to arrange to drop your stuff off. October 14th is also the Casa Youth Shelter Auction & Dinner Dance. I believe that all our tables are full but you can contact Lion Scott Newton for information on this event. This weekend is Also Buena Park Lions Silverado Days Visitation. Again, you can have a great time at this event and help our club with our visitations. October 21st we again have two events. The McGaugh School Carnival Service project and the Sail for the Visually Impaired service project. You can sign up for these projects at our October 4th meeting. The final weekend of the

**Meeting schedule:** First and Third Wednesday of the month. Meetings begin at 7pm sharp and are held at 'The Lone Star SteakHouse', 6575 E. Pacific Coast Highway, Long Beach, CA



month will also be very busy for the club. It starts on Friday night the 27th with the Harbor Mesa Lions Casino Night Fundraiser. I'm definitely going to this one. The fact that there will be a Craps Table there has nothing to do with it of course. Saturday the 28th is our annual Lions Halloween Chili Cook-Off. Bring your chili and win some great prizes. October 28th is also The Rebuilding Together Project. Lion Khryste Langlais is our Chairperson for this event and she is looking for Lions to help. This is a great project that involves renovating a house for someone who, due to unfortunate circumstances, needs help. So, a lot of events this month to keep us busy every weekend. I should make it clear that we do not expect every member to participate in every event. We all do what we can to help so pick out whichever events you can participate in and volunteer. After all, the reason we are Lions is "To Serve".

Your President,  
Bill Howes

## CLUB CALENDAR

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| Monday, October 2<br>Yom Kippur                   | Monday, October 9<br>Columbus Day                 | Wednesday, October 18<br>membership meeting-Program night |
| Wednesday, October 4<br>General and Board meeting | Friday, October 13<br>Silverado Days Visitation   | Saturday, October 21<br>McGaugh Carnival                  |
| Friday, October 6<br>Project LOOK                 | Friday, October 13<br>WORLD SIGHT DAY             | Saturday, October 21<br>Sail for the Visually Impaired    |
| Friday, October 6<br>WHITE CANE DAYS              | Friday, October 13<br>U.S. Navy birthday          | Tuesday, October 24,<br>United Nations Day                |
| Saturday, October 7<br>Project LOOK               | Saturday, October 14<br>CASA Youth Auction        | Saturday, October 28<br>Rebuilding Together               |
| Saturday, October 7<br>Admin. YARD SALE           | Saturday, October 14<br>Silverado Days Visitation | Saturday, October 28<br>Halloween Chili Cook-off          |
| Saturday, October 7<br>Sukkoth                    | Sunday, October 15<br>Silverado Days Visitation   | Tuesday, October 31<br>Halloween                          |
| Saturday, October 7<br>WHITE CANE DAYS            | Monday, October 16<br>Leo meeting                 |   |
|   | Monday, October 16<br>National Boss's Day         |   |



## Lions International Convention 2006

Did you say the International Convention was going to be in Boston? Isn't Boston the home of the Red Socks, Bruins and the Patriots? Boston also has the best Lobster, Duck Tours, a super Italian District called the Little Italy with Mike's Pastry Shop, the original Cheers restaurant and plenty of pubs and bars (lots of Irish people live in Boston) and of course the Boston Commons. Not to mention Filenes's Basement for shopping. Over the 4th of July the Boston Pops play at the Hatch July 3rd and 4th with spectacular fireworks display on the 4th. What a show. We had front row seats in our room watching TV and standing to hear the music and from our balcony we saw the fireworks display with out 200,000 other people

Lion Dewey and I went to Boston a week early to visit family and friends.

On June 30th Lions Eddie and Mary met us and we began to party with Lions from all over the world.

Friday evening we met up with high school friends from Erie, Pa and went to Legal Seafood fabulous food and also went to the Pru (that's the Prudential Building) shops and spectacular view from the top.

Saturday July 1st was the International Parade. Dewey and I dressed in our California attire and marched with over 200 Lions from MD4 California 20 blocks with other Lions from all over. The parade lasted over 6 hours. Everyone who passed by the International President stopped and either sang, danced or tooted horns. The outfits of Lions from all over are a multitude of COLORS.

The convention center where we went for the break-out sessions, International Dinner and Melvin Jones Lunch was a few miles from where we were staying. They had buses running back and forth from the hotels to convention center. It was quite organized. The convention center also had Lions stores where you could purchase any thing that's in the catalog and other Lions apparel that was just for Boston and the 2006 Convention. The Caucuses for International Directors were informative and fun. The run for Second Vice-President was a very heated race. Two very active Lions were running and only one could be elected to be our second VP.

I don't think we missed any of the good food and we saw downtown Boston backwards and forward. Using the T to get around was quite an experience.

All in all it was a great time. This was our second International Convention and we hope to make more in years to come.

Lions Dewey and Carol Linehan



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