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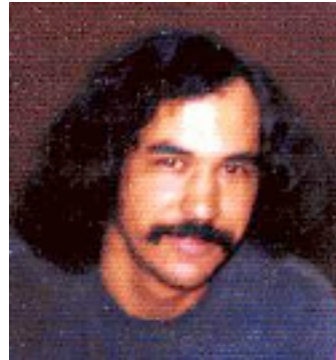
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President's message:



If you missed the Seal Beach Lion's end of year party at Barney's Beach House on the Naval Weapons Station you really missed a good time. The food provided by the Navy Golf course kitchen staff was outstanding and Lions Kraig, Cathy and Diane made sure that the beer and wine was cold and that we did not run out. Many thanks to those three Lions for making the end of year picnic the great event it turned out to be. I did not win a single game of horse shoes but Lions Bruce and

Dino would not let anyone else play more than one game. One last thing about the picnic would the Lion who was mooning please report to the Principal's office.

August has been a slow month but September starts picking up with the Costal Cleanup on September 20th. The even will be chaired by Lion Gary Denni and he will be asking for help in the September 3rd and 17th meetings. Please volunteer. In October the McGaugh School Carnival is coming up and has been asked to supply and cook hamburgers and hot dogs. We need a chairperson for this event. It will be on October 18 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Step right up and volunteer.

Upcoming region meetings to be aware of:

Foothill Region meeting - September 8th - Rancho Cucamonga, 6:30 PM, 11200 Base Line Road.

Orange Region meeting - September 15th - Stanton Club House 10581 Chestnut St. Stanton, Ca. 6:30 PM - Lion Carol is our region chair so support her by attending this meeting.

District 4L4 has just started is own District website - link here:

<http://www.district4l4.org/>

Short and sweet this month gang; see you at the next meeting.

Yours in Lionsim

Lion Ray

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

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Club Calendar

Monday, September 1, 2008, Labor Day
 Wednesday, September 3, 2008, General Meeting & Board Meeting, Lone Star Steak House.
 Monday, September 8, 2008, Foothill Region Meeting, 11200 Baseline Road, Rancho Cucamonga, Ca. 91737, 6:30 PM
 Thursday, September 11, 2008, Patriot Day
 Saturday, September 13, 2008, District Governor's Fundraiser, 6:00 PM, Pete's Ponderosa Ranch, 18103 E Bastanchury Rd. Yorba Linda, Ca.
 Monday, September 15, 2008, First Orange Region Meeting, Stanton Club House, 10581 Chestnut St., Stanton, Ca. 90680, 6:30PM
 Wednesday, September 17, 2008, General Meeting, Lone Star Steak House
 September 18 - 20, 2008, USA/Canada Forum, Saskatoon Saskatchewan
 Saturday, September 20, 2008, Costal Clean Up, 8 AM to 1:00 PM
 Monday, September 22, 2008, Autumn Begins
 Monday, September 22, 2008, Saddleback Region Meeting, Dinner \$15.00, 10410 Edinger Ave. Fountain Valley, Ca.92708, 6:30 PM
 Saturday, September 27, 2008, Huntington Beach Host 70th Anniversary Banquet

Lions Beach Party

As your Secretary I felt I should be responsible for keeping the minutes of this year's beach party. I am proud to say I kept immaculate notes but that when I had recovered from the party the next day I couldn't read my writing. Possibly something to do with the amount of Coors Light consumed? Maybe. What I do remember is the fun time had by all. This party is our chance to cut loose and just have fun which the club members and guests proceeded to do with great enthusiasm. Lions, Diane Kelly, Cathy Bekke, and Kraig Bekke really did a great job putting it together. Lion George Layman was our liaison with the base and the base caterers served lots of good food. The highlight of the day was the horse shoe tournament. Lion George Dooley had the most ringers and I set the record for the shortest throws. Lions Dino, Ray, Mary Newton, Brad, Bruce, and Lion Kris Albertini's Husband Charley also participated. So, now we begin looking forward to the end of the calendar year and the events to come with the knowledge that we are doing our part to keep the breweries of America running.

Lion Bill Howes





District Governor's Message

Dear Lions, Leos and Friends of District 4-L4:

It took me a while to recover from my travels, but looking back on those three weeks in Thailand, it was a wonderfully experience. I did not see much of the sights of Bangkok; remember there was this convention I had to attend! Wonderful speakers, (2 Nobel Peace Prize winners), and incoming International President Al Brandel. What a character! Besides his inspirational, visionary speeches, another indelible memory is of him and his Governor School leader, dressed in top hat and tails, singing a special Lions version of "New York, New York!" at the closing session of the District Governor Elect school in Pattaya. Everything culminated in IPDG Jon pulling off my blue ribbon, and making me the Governor of our wonderful district.

I was able to enjoy a week of touring Northern Thailand with PDG Barbara. Ask me or her about the Burnese border, snakes in bottles of Thai Whiskey, paddy fields, tea tasting, brown and white cows, mosquito nets, and monsoon rains and we'll talk to you for hours! Oh, and don't forget the elephant ride!

Now to more serious business. Our new Lion year has begun. As I visit the clubs, and I am looking forward to that so much, you will hear more about President Brandel's hopes for the year and my own thoughts. Of course, membership is a priority as always, and I want to congratulate IPDG Jon on having a net increase in membership in 4-L4, the first time for a while. This was due not only to his tremendous enthusiasm and leadership, but also to the constant efforts of all the Lions in the District to bring in new members to their clubs. We all need to continue our efforts this year, and I am already hearing of clubs bringing in new members in July.

In President Brandel's eyes we are all "Everyday Heroes", and we perform "Miracles of Service" all the time. I know all of you perform those miracles everyday, so now we have to ask "How can we do that little bit more?" Somebody out there is waiting for you to be their hero.

District 4-L4 recently lost 2 long serving Lions. At their memorial services I learnt some amazing facts about both of them. It made me think that we need to get to know more about each other as people, not just as Lions. This will bring us even closer together as we help those less fortunate than ourselves.

Se you soon,

In Lionism,

Elizabeth, District Governor.



CHOC Children's Hospital

It's time once again for the annual CHOC/Disneyland resort Walk. This year's event will be on Sunday, October 19, 2008. For the 14th year, Lion Lorna Badame of the Fullerton Host Lions Club will be participating as she raises funds for this all-important annual event. She will be one of an expected 15,000 walkers strolling through Disneyland and Disney's California Adventure theme parks, raising funds to support Children's Hospital of Orange County and CHOC at Mission. Since the first walk in 1991, over ten million dollars has been raised.

Lion Lorna asks now that your club, at its next board meeting, considers a donation to this fine event. She is also seeking individual support. Checks may be made out to ChocWalk and sent to her at 210 N Marion Street, La Habra, Ca. 90631. Please consider adding your club to the growing list of District 4-L4 Lions Clubs that choose to become part of the Annual Choc/Disneyland Resort Walk.



Some Thoughts from Region Chairman Carol Linenhan

The other day I was privileged to sit in on a Zone C Meeting. I chatted with Seal Beach Secretary Bill Howes about their annual Fish Fry. Lion Bill felt the fish Fry and other events and fundraisers the club puts on are successful is because the CLUB has two Chairs. The Co-chair becomes the next year Chair. This gives the Co-Chair a feeling that he/she is not out there in left field or alone. They had that year to observe and take notes. Also having a procedure book for all events, updated after the event makes it easier to step into a chairmanship.

"It is not enough to be busy, the question is: what are we busy about?" Henry David Thoreau! Becoming involved and knowing what is happening outside your own Club is important. Patti Wojnarowski a year and a half member and recent Proud Lion from Seal Beach decided to find out for her what an International Convention is. Patti had been hearing older Lions talk about International so I've taken the liberty of writing some of her thoughts. "The 2008 International convention in Bangkok, Thailand was amazing for many different reasons. The opening plenary session by International President Mahendra Amarasuriya was impressive to say the least. His scorecard of how LCIF did in the Challenge to Change (2007 - 2008) left one proud to be a Lion. The Sawasdee welcome show with the dancers and music of Sri Lanka and Thailand was stunning. The music touched your soul and the dancer's costumes and performance were fantastic. I couldn't imagine that a one mile parade route with Lions from all over the world could last for hours. It sure was a bit warm and humid. Warm enough that not even the 10 minute rainfall cooled us down. It was delight to see all of the native costumes, to play "I've Got That Lions Spirit" on bagpipes! It was the longest mile I have ever walked. It was so nice to take it all in. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting many, many Lions from all over the US and the world, all with the same intention to serve. The people and the events will leave an everlasting impression of kindness, generosity and caring. I'm so proud to be a Lion."



Your Fellow Lions

A wise man once said "You never really get know a person until you go camping with them. Since it's just about impossible for all of the members of the Seal Beach Host Lions Club to go camping with each other, I am starting a new column called "Your Fellow Lions". In future articles we will become better acquainted with our fellow Lions. So if I come to your table at our next meeting don't be surprised if I interview you.
Gary Denni, Growl Editor



Your Fellow Lions

Gary Denni

Born in Long Beach, raised in Wilmington and living in San Pedro, Gary Denni is a local native. When standing erect he stands 5' 9" tall.

Gary went to Sts. Peter & Paul Elementary School in Wilmington; Ca. attended Fermin Lausen High School in San Pedro and graduated from California State College at Dominguez Hills. He majored in Political Science. Gary reports that "Political Science is neither political or science."

Gary has worked in the banking industry for thirty one years. He started out at American Savings which was absorbed by Washington Mutual. In 2004 he moved to Pacific Premier Bank in Seal Beach.

Gary's hobbies include astronomy, photography, music and reading. "I got started in reading by my father. One day I asked him, how long would it take to fly to the moon? His reply (after a long day at the office) was I don't know, look it up in the encyclopedia. Well this made sense, I went and looked it up and I haven't stopped reading since".

When asked about his interest in music, he replied that he enjoys music that ranges from Gregorian Chant to film scores to classical music and folk songs. He mentioned that he has been in the St.Charles Borremeo Choir for 30 years and has been very lucky, as the choir sang for Pope John Paul II three times (at a private audience with the pope in 1985, at St Vibianans Cathedral in 1987 when the pope visited LA and in 1988 on the feasts of Sts. Peter and Paul at St. Peters Cathedral in Vatican City the only American choir to do this), we also got to sing the Mozart Requiem with the L A Philharmonic and be part of the musical track for the film Flatliners.

"My other great passion is photography. You just need to look around you and there is always something of interest that will make a great picture if you just get the right angle".

Gary joined the Seal Beach Host Lions club in August 2006. "The main reason I wanted to join the Seal Beach Lions was because I to give back to the community some of what it had given me. An organization whose motto is "We Serve" seemed like the right organization to join. I enjoy the work I do with the Lions especially the Fish Fry, Ronald McDonald House and Costal Clean Up."

Well there it is the first in our series "Fellow Lions".



Hurricane Katrina

As I watch the news of Hurricane Gustav approaching the southern coast of the United States again, I am reminded of how Hurricane Katrina touched my own family a few years ago.

My daughter Ashleigh took a trip to New Orleans to visit her ex-college roommates from her time at Tulane University. When she planned her trip, there was no indication of any hurricanes in the South. When she left, Katrina was beginning to develop and her path was being predicted to flow up the Eastern Coast of Florida. Still, we had concerns.

We told Ashleigh before she left that if there was any indication that Katrina was heading towards New Orleans that we wanted her to come home immediately. Ashleigh downplayed our concern.

"I'll be fine, Mom," she said. "Don't worry."

I watched the news broadcasts with concern. Katrina was getting stronger and stronger and taking a turn into the Gulf of Mexico. I decided to get on the phone and start nagging.

"Ashleigh, I want you to make plans to come home," I told her.

Evidently I was not the only mother with concerns. Ashleigh's roommates' mothers had all been on the phone with their daughters telling them to get out of New Orleans, also. All of the girls downplayed their parents concern but decided to appease us.

The three roommates all decided to drive Ashleigh to the airport and drive east to Jacksonville, Florida, to wait out the storm. They packed up what they could, and Ashleigh changed her airline reservation to fly home.

They jumped on the freeway and sat in bumper-to-bumper traffic. It took two hours to get to the airport in what normally took about a twenty-minute drive. By the time Ashleigh arrived, her seat on the airplane had been sold. The airline told her it was too late to check her bag and refused to let her on the flight. They told her she would have to go on standby on the next available flight.

Ashleigh called and told us the news. We were glued to the television, watching Katrina gain in strength as it approached closer and closer to New Orleans. I told her not to leave the airport and to constantly check in with the airport attendant for a flight home. I was beginning to panic that Ashleigh was not going to make it out of New Orleans in time.

At the end of the day, the airline announced that there would be no more flights leaving that day. Ashleigh's friends had left and driven to Jacksonville. She was alone. In her long wait that day, she had befriended a female army servicewoman who was also waiting for a flight out. The woman had a hotel room and offered to share it with Ashleigh. The airline told Ashleigh to come back the next day to see if a flight was available.

Ashleigh called us and gave us the news.

"Do you think it is safe to share a room with this woman?" I asked.

"She's really nice," Ashleigh answered.

"You be back at that airport at 5:30 a.m. tomorrow," I sternly told Ashleigh. "You be the first one to check in for a flight home." I was serious now. I wanted her to get out of there.

"Mom, the first flight doesn't leave until like 9:00," she replied.

"Listen to me," I said. "I don't care what time it leaves. You be the first one to check in. You be there at 5:30. Do you hear me?" I was into serious nagging now.

"Okay, okay," she replied. "I'll be there."

She left with the servicewoman and took her bag to the hotel room. Then the two of them caught a taxi down to the Market District section of the French Quarter. New Orleans was deserted. They had dinner at an empty Margaritaville, then returned to the hotel for an early night's sleep.

Ashleigh did as she was told. She arrived at the airport the next morning at 5:30 a.m. She had been traveling on a ticket purchased with airline miles. Tickets at this point were selling for around \$900. A kindly ticket agent found a seat for Ashleigh on the next plane out.

We received a phone call from Ashleigh telling us the news. We breathed a big sigh of relief.

"Mom, I almost didn't take the seat," she told me. "The flight goes into Burbank and I was afraid that was too far for you to pick me up."

"I don't care if you fly into Denver," I told her. "Get out of New Orleans!"



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Ashleigh made it out of New Orleans on one of the last flights to leave that day. Not long after she left, the remaining flights of the day were cancelled. With the help of God, a female servicewoman, and a kindly American Airlines ticket agent, our daughter got home safely.

We realized how lucky we were as we watched the devastation the following days on the television. We saw the people who lived in the Superdome for days and realized how close our daughter had been to being one of them.

As Hurricane Gustav approaches the Gulf Coast, I hope the people of New Orleans are spared the devastation that Katrina dealt them. I also hope that all the sons and daughters at the universities in New Orleans make it home safely.

Allyn Mattox

SEAL BEACH LIONS CLUB AUGUST 6, 2008 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held at Lone Star Steakhouse 6575 E. Pacific Coast Highway, Long Beach, Ca.
Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.
Call to order by Lion President Ray Longoria

Introduction of Guests: Paul Harris Guest of Lion Geri Eckner, Bob Luther Guest of Juliet Walters, Paul Yates and Priscilla Duville Guests of Lion Chris Langlais.

Announcements and Correspondence: Lion President Ray and Lion Jacqui Howes advised of upcoming Lion Club events in District. Lion President Ray Longoria reminded members Club will be dark for next meeting, August 20th so that members can enjoy the final Summer Concert on the Beach.

Car Raffle _ Lion Jacqui Howes announced total monies earned \$27,142.00.

Lions Family Picnic - Lions Diane Kelly, Kraig and Cathy Bekke heading up the event on 8-17 at the Naval Weapons Station. Deadline for signing up Tuesday, August 12th. Forms to be turned in to Lion Diane for admittance to base.

Fish Fry- Lion Jacqui Howes reported monies earned \$17,149 as Lion Bill Howes was absent. Total may still change as not all expense receipts have been turned into Lion Mike Gallipeo. Also, Lion Mike advised there may still be a credit coming from the beer vendor on unused beer. Lion Scott Newton reported the general consensus that new lay out was much improved over previous Fish Frys.

Catalina Trip - Lion Dave Hubbard passed around sign up sheet for proposed Catalina weekend trip Oct. 24 th thru Oct. 26th. More details to follow.

Donation Request - Lion Herb Groom presented the Seal Beach Historical_s request for donation for Red Car Museum. It was agreed that Lion Herb would present in more detail options at the Board Meeting.

Lions Lorraine Chavez and Dave Hubbard performed the duties of Tail Twister and Treasure Chest Raffle respectively.

Adjourn Meeting at 7:52 P.M.



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SEAL BEACH LIONS CLUB AUGUST 6, 2008 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held at Lone Star Steakhouse 6575 E. Pacific Coast Hwy., Long Beach, Ca. 90803
Meeting called to order at 8:05 P.M.

Attendance:

Ray Longoria Mike Gallipeo Dave Hubbard Gail Hubbard Alan Chavez Lorraine Chavez Judy O'Neill Gary Denni Bob Heenan Marilyn Redd George Layman Chris Langlais Mike Maloney Jackie Maloney Karen Russell Renee Schulte Jacqui Howes

Treasurer's Report:

Lion Treasurer, Mike Gallipeo reported \$58,606 Charity Account and \$12,201 Administration Account

Old Business:

Motion was made to accept July Board Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Lion Dave Hubbard. Seconded: Lion Alan Chavez by

Club reviewing whether Miss Seal Beach is considered as a budgeted item for the current budget.

New Business:

Motion made to accept new member Bob Luther. Moved by Lion Dave Hubbard. Seconded by Lion Gary Denni

2008/2009 Charitable Giving:

The Steering Committee Recommendations were presented by Lion Dave Hubbard. There was a lively discussion of the budget. Lion Dave Hubbard discussed the process that the Steering Committee members go through to place budgeted items up for consideration.

Lion Jackie Maloney said she wasn't advised of the Steering Committees last meeting. Lion President Ray will update the current list to include Lion Jackie M.

City of Hope has been excluded from current budget as committee believes City of Hope feels our contribution is too small. Therefore, monies could go elsewhere and be more effective and appreciated.

Lion Jackie Maloney would like to have further discussion regarding PADRE Foundation at next Steering Committee meeting.

Club is re-thinking whether Miss Seal Beach should be considered as a budgeted item. More discussion to follow.

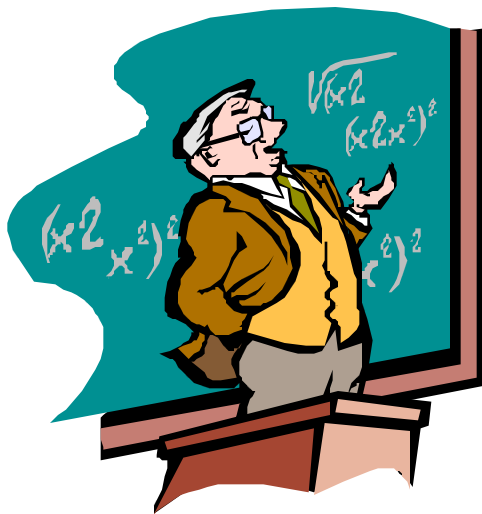
Lion Herb Groom suggested we discuss the budget line by line at the September meeting.

Motion was made to accept the first 16 items in the proposed budget. Moved by Lion Alan Chavez proposed budget and seconded by Lion Bob Heenan.

Donation Request:

Request by Historical Society for Red Car Museum as agreed by Board to be tabled until next Steering Committee Meeting in October.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.



Do You Think English Is Easy?

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse
- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture.
- 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- 7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- 8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum
- 9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- 10) I did not object to the object.
- 11) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- 12) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- 13) They were too close to the door to close it.
- 14) The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- 15) A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
- 16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
- 17) The wind was too strong to wind the sail
- 18) Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
- 19) I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
- 20) How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

Let's face it - English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger, neither apple nor pine in pineapple.

English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France.

Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat. We take English for granted. If we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham? If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth beeth? One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat? Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane.

In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital?

Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell?

How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites? You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in the from by filling it out and which an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects a creativity of the human race, which of course, is not a race at all.

That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible.

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