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The President's Message:

My fellow Lions,

Were did the summer go? I realize that as we get older time flies but this is getting crazy. Seems like we just had fish fry. Oh Well.

Diane and I had a wonderful vacation in the northwest and would like to share a part of it with everyone. While there I had the opportunity to spend some time with Lions in that part of the world. What I found was that there is the same level of committment and dedication seen in our club, yet on a smaller scale.

Some of the clubs I visited had less than 20 members. As I listened and talked about our club and its fund-raisers and projects I could not help but think about all the wonderful things that Lions around this country and the world do for their communities. Their fund-raisers are unique, in that they hold: Turkey shoot, fishing derby, pancake breakfast, Pig roast and booths at the county fair and rodeo. But what is the same is the manner they distribute the money earned. LCIF, the local school, shelters and needy individuals all benefit from their hard work. It was truly a treat to be accepted by my fellow Lions in the spirit of Lionism.

Well now on to a little business. First thanks to Lions Bonnie and Jay for assisting me with Veterans Bingo in August. This is always a worthwhile activity for our disabled veterans.

I would like just to briefly mention some of our activities for September. The Sand Castle Festival will see us assisting the Chamber and have the Leo's working very hard at their biggest fund raiser. If you have the time stop by and help both groups. The Lions and Leos will be out there in full force cleaning our riverbeds to ensure clean beaches in our great town of Seal Beach. Congrats to Seaside for a successfull golf tournament.

Finally as we strive for club of the year an important component is club vistations. This month there are several. HB Octoberfest, Northern Ensenada vistation and Casino Night with Fullerton. Go support our fellow clubs!!!!!!!

Well enough for this month.

Take Care and God Bless
The Prez

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The Secretary's Message:

September calls forth the onset of fall, the passing of summer. And what a summer it has been for the Seal Beach Host Lions, Seal Beach Leos and Seal Beach Seaside Lions!

As we go to press, the Leos will have just put the finishing touches on their major fund raiser of the year -- "Art Festival Barbeque" held on the 6th and 7th of September. These young leaders of tomorrow served the community proudly.

It was nearly a fortnight ago, on the 20th of August; the Seal Beach Seaside hosted their Sixth Annual Charity Golf Tournament at the Navy Course. Word from our sister Club is that the event truly exemplified the spirit of Lionism. (See Seal Beach Seaside Lion Jackie Maloney's report on page ?)

For the Host Club, the 12th Annual Opportunity Drawing and 59th Annual Fish Fry held on the 19th and 20th of July was a huge success. After tallying receipts and expenses, the Club amassed approximately \$30,000.00 for the year's charitable distributions.

Congratulations for a job well done to all three groups!

Before forgetting, the derby goes off to my esteemed accomplice for bringing about one of the finest Lion bulletins in the District (and website <http://www.sealbeachlions.com>). Much obliged, Lion Michael Narz for your multitude of talent and artistic contribution.

As an athlete, it is tough when the torch is forced from ones hand. Two minor setbacks occurred for me in recent weeks.

First, "Neptune's Playground" was anything but as the crew of the 'Pythagoras' (a 40' Olson) stalled as the wind Gods firmly stated "no mas, mi amigos" in the Shoreline Yacht Club 'Long Beach to Dana Point Ocean Race', Saturday, 30 August. From the 11:00am start things looked bleak. Off the coast of Corona del Mar 7 1/2 hours later, with winds subsiding to a dismal 4 knots, it was decided to crank up the aluminum sail and DNF.

Secondly, life priorities were the decision maker. On Saturday, 13 September, participation in the 8th Annual North Shore Inline Marathon was the goal. Held in Duluth, Minnesota, the event brings together inline skaters from around the U.S. and several nations dotting the globe. The reason for squandering this athletic opportunity is commitment to career. Instead of skating on the 13th, I'll be sitting in a weeklong testing center class prepping for my General Securities Representative (stockbroker) examination, which with good fortune I'll take the following week. As our friends to the north in the back lots say, "break a leg".

The Long Beach Inline Marathon is on the calendar for the 12th of October. Yet, that event is on the morning after the Casa Youth Shelter 'Silver Linings' 25th Anniversary Auction. Hmmmmm. More choices.....

Sea ya later and roll safe,
Kid



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Club Calendar:

Sunday, September 7

- Spaghetti Splash
- 8:00 am -6:00 pm : Seal Beach Leos Art

Festival Barbeque

Tuesday, September 9

- Admission Day

Saturday, September 13

- Enseneda Lions Northern Visitation Casino Night

- Fullerton Host Lions Casino Night

Monday, September 15

- 6:30 pm -8:30 pm : Leo Board meeting.
- 7:00 pm -11:00 pm : Orange Region Meeting

Wednesday, September 17

- 7:00 pm -9:00 pm : Seal Beach Host Lions meeting night

Thursday, September 18

- Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum
- 7:00 pm -11:00 pm : Oktoberfest Visitation

Friday, September 19

- Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

Saturday, September 20

- Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum
- 6:00 pm -11:30 pm : Lions Chili Cook-Off

Tuesday, September 23

- Saddleback Region Meeting

Saturday, September 27

- River Clean up

Wednesday, October 1

- 7:00 pm -9:00 pm : Seal Beach Host Lions meeting.

Saturday, October 4

- White Cane Days

Sunday, October 5

- White Cane Days
- Annual CHOC/Disneyland Resort Walk

Thursday, October 9

- Enseneda Visitation

Friday, October 10

- Enseneda Visitation

Saturday, October 11

- Enseneda Visitation
- Casa Youth Shelter

Monday, October 13

- COLUMBUS DAY

Wednesday, October 15

- 7:00 pm -9:00 pm : Seal Beach Host Lions meeting night

Monday, October 20

- 6:30 pm -8:30 pm : Leo Board meeting.

Friday, October 24

- Viva Las Vegas



Seal Beach Seaside Lions Sixth Annual Charity Golf Tournament.

A note of thanks to all Seal Beach Host Lions, especially the golfers that participated the the Seal Beach Seaside Lions 6th Annual Charity Golf Tournament.

Lucky Lion Ray Longoria and great golfer Larry Friedlander were in the foursome that took overall 1st place. Congratulations guys. Mahe' won the perpetual trophy for the Seal Beach Food, Wine and Spirits Challenge.

A true highlight of the day was a retired military man and his wife handed us a check for \$1300 in support of Lionism.

How's that for a truly great day of golf!

Yours in Lionism, Jackie Maloney, Chairperson
(Also, lucky wife of SB Host Lion Mike Maloney)



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Veterans Corner:



FREEDOM-the quality or state of being free. How many times have we heard this word? Let Freedom ring, Freedom and Justice for all, Live Free or die and Land of the Free.

Unfortunately true freedom comes with a cost. Our Veterans have been willing for years to defend this country and its freedoms.

>From Omaha Beach to Pork Chop Hill, DaNang to Baghdad we have not only been the defenders of freedom in this country, but around the world. These brave men and women have and continue to step forward when duty calls. Whether it be in or over: the forests of Germany, the jungles of Viet Nam or the deserts of Iraq the service people of this vast nation have gallantly fought to preserve our way of life.

It is easy to sit at home and enjoy our freedoms without the threat of war constantly at our doorsteps as some nation states endure. If it weren't for our Veterans guarding that gate, that base, that fence we would be in the same turmoil that the rest of the world seems to be in. Jack Nicholson's characterizations of Colonel Nathan Jessup said it best when in the movie 'A Few Good Men' he exclaimed, "You want me there. You need me there!"

Now that a wave of patriotism exists in this country let us not forget how we got there on the blood, sweat, and tears of our Veterans. Here in Seal Beach we have created a wonderful opportunity to make a difference and let the Veterans know they're not forgotten.

The VA Hospital in Long Beach assists thousands of Veterans each year with a variety of services. Many of these Veterans are permanently disabled and rarely see the world now except through their bedside window. Each month a small group of dedicated Lions visit those few Veterans fortunate enough to walk to the recreation room, share a snack and play Bingo with them. All who participate warmly receives this very small gesture of appreciation.

If you haven't volunteered to assist with this very worthwhile project talk to me about doing so in the future. You will not regret the evening, nor the small amount of time well spent with our HEROES of Freedom.



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On August 15th Lions Mike Maloney and myself of the Host club, accompanied by Lions Jackie Maloney and Jacqui Howes of the Seaside club, embarked upon the good ship MS Phoenix for a tour of various reaches of Newport Harbor. The occasion for the cruise was a fund-raiser for Vice Governor Barbara (Boom-Boom) Hayward to assist in her run for Governor of District 4-L4.

We were greeted at the gangway by Vice Governor Barbara and were assured of a good time to come. To make sure there would be a good time and uphold the tradition of the Seal Beach Clubs, we were first in line at the bar. We then reposed to the stern where we greeted Lions from other clubs and watched seals cavorting in the harbor. Then it was time to visit the bar again.

Promptly at 19:00 hours (7:00pm for you landlubbers) the gallant crew cast off from the dock, the Capt'n reversed the Phoenix out of her slip and took the engines full ahead towards the southern portion of Newport Harbor. To celebrate the start of our journey, Lion Mike and myself visited the bar. We then went in search of our wives whom we found visiting with Governor Jim North. The Governor wanted a photo taken with the four of us, which is understandable being that Seal Beach is home to the two best clubs in the District. All that posing took a lot out of us, which meant it was time for another trip to the bar. Around 20:00 hours (8:00pm) the caterer set out some delicious hot hors d'oeuvres which made us very thirsty so..... well, I think you know where we went.

During the cruise Lions Mike and Jackie were able to point out various famous restaurants and celebrity homes to us. They did have a difference of opinion as to where John Wayne's home was but a quick trip to the bar to talk it over straightened out their differences.

There was a DJ playing great songs all night. Towards the latter half of the cruise there was a drawing for two DVD players and a digital camera. Unfortunately, none of us won so we went to the bar to help with our disappointment. There was also a drawing for a \$100.00 cash door prize. The ticket that won was only a few numbers away from my tickets, which meant that a trip to the bar was necessary.

Well, we finally docked and I do remember vaguely saying goodbye to Vice Governor Barbara when disembarking. It was a fun night for us all and it was fun helping out Vice Governor Barbara.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion Bill Howes



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The Great Barrier Reef stretches 1,800 miles from New Guinea to Australia. Tour guides take visitors to see the reef. On one tour, the guide was asked by a visitor, "I noticed that the lagoon-side of the reef looks pale and lifeless, while the ocean side is vibrant and colorful. Why is this?"

The guide answered, "The coral around the lagoon side is in still water, with no challenge for its survival. It dies

early. The coral around the ocean side is constantly being tested by surges of power from wind, waves, and storms. It has to fight for survival everyday of its life. As it is challenged and tested, it changes and adapts. It grows healthy. It grows strong. And it reproduces."

Then he added, "That's the way it is with every living organism."

It's that way with people. Challenged and tested, we come alive! Like coral pounded by the sea, we grow. Physically, mentally, and spiritually; we grow, become resilient, and develop strength of character.

(Collective Journeys, 13 June 2003)

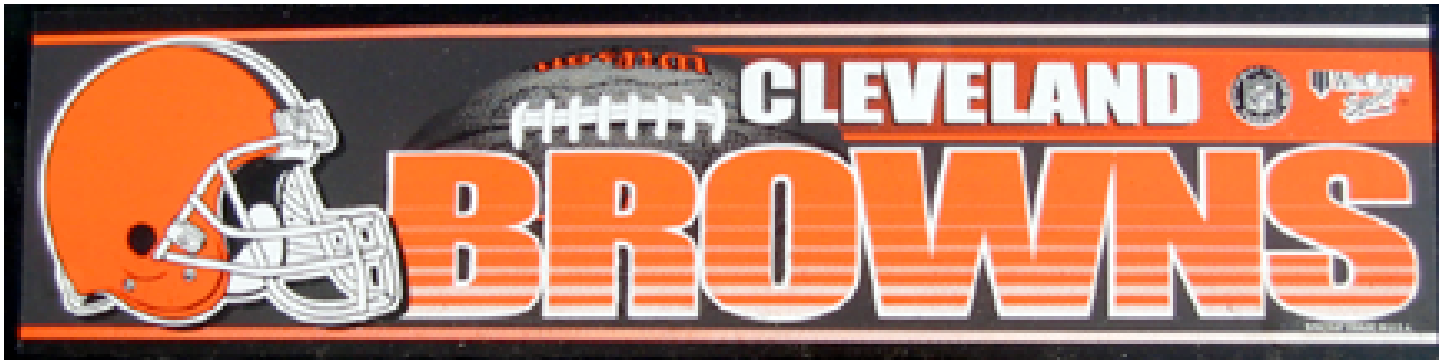


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And So It Begins....

Every year at this time it happens. I call it the calm before the storm. The teams have broken training camp, the preseason games are over and all the cuts have been made. Right or wrong the 49 guys that broke camp are the players the coaches feel can take the team to the Super Bowl. Well, every team except the Cincinnati Bengals. They just hope that they don't get blown out too badly.

I take out the Browns schedule for the year and going game by game, I make my predictions. Here they are:

9/7 – At home against the Colts. This will be a tough one but I think the Browns defense will be able to keep them from scoring a lot of points and Kelly Holcomb will throw a last minute TD to win the game.

9/14 – At the Ravens. See 9/7

9/21 – at the 49ers. See 9/7

9/28 – At home against the Bengals. See 9/7

10/5 – At the Steelers. See 9/7

10/12 – At home against the Raiders. See 9/7

10/19 – At home against the Chargers. See 9/7

10/26 – At the Patriots. See 9/7

11/2 – Bye Week. See 9/7

11/9 – At the Chiefs. Revenge for the helmet game. See 9/7

11/16 – At home against the Cardinals. See 9/7

11/23 – At home against the Steelers. See 9/7

11/30 - At the Seahawks. See 9/7

12/8 – At home against the Rams. See 9/7

12/14 – At the Broncos. See 9/7

12/21 – At home against the Ravens. See 9/7

12/28 – At the Bengals. See 9/7

The playoffs – See 9/7

The Super Bowl – Now here I had to do some thinking. Several different scenarios came to mind. I think it will be a tough one but I think the Browns Defense will be able to keep them from scoring a lot of points and Kelly Holcomb will throw a last minute touchdown to win the game.

See how simple it is?

GO BROWNS!!!!

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