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The President's Message:

We did it again! Yes, the Seal Beach Lions 60th Annual Community Fish Fry was another success. All weekend long we kept thinking that the crowds were light and the volume was down - we were wrong. In the end, our revenues and volumes turned out to be almost identical to the previous year. Our operations ran so smoothly and efficiently that it felt slow. I guess we are already making progress on one of my President goals for the year - "make things easier"

A big thank you goes out to all Lions, Leos and volunteers who helped at this year's Fish Fry. In particular, I want to thank some special Lions who did a lot of work behind the scenes. The event itself is only the tip of the iceberg. Many hours are spent prior to the Fish Fry itself, which ensures the success of the event. Thank you Lion Khryste who took on the main responsibility for the Merchant Drawing and collected all of those great prizes. Thanks to Lions Dino and Mark for doing the front-end work with the city and the set-up vendors. Thanks to Lion Mike Narz who prepared the great themed music program for the weekend. Thanks to Lion Mike Maloney who stood watch over the fish fry venue overnight on Friday and Saturday. And thanks to all the other Lions who acted as team leaders of the various parts of the Fish Fry.

Now for the big one! The biggest 'behind the scenes' effort goes to Lions Bill Howes and David Blasi. Their incredible effort and dedication made our 13th annual Car Drawing a huge success. Lion Bill did a great job as chairman and was able to get all tickets sold by mid-day on Saturday. Since April, Lion Dave has been processing all the ticket sales and maintaining our database. Thanks Bill & Dave for a job well done. And, thanks to all you other Lions who 'baby-sat the car', sold tickets, and promoted this important fund-raiser. Although the final tally is not in, it looks like another record.

For those who worked at the Fish Fry and the Car Drawing, I think you see that our system is working and the work is getting easier. We have detailed manuals for both events now, which make's the jobs of Chairperson much easier. I am already looking for Fish Fry and Car Drawing chairpersons for 2005. These are very important and very rewarding roles, which I want to fill by September. If you are interested...

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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in chairing one of these two events or acting as co-chairman, please let me know.

Again, thanks to everyone for their great effort at this year's Fish Fry. I look forward to seeing you at our celebration Chili Cook-Off on August 21st.

In Lionism,

Scott



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Club Calendar:

Wednesday, August 4

7:00 pm : Seal Beach Host Lions
Club General & Board Meeting

Friday, August 6

La Habra Corn Fest

Saturday, August 7

La Habra Corn Fest

Sunday, August 8

La Habra Corn Fest

Wednesday, August 11

6:30 pm : Veteran's Bingo

Wednesday, August 18

7:00 pm : Seal Beach Host Lions
Club Meeting & Program night

Saturday, August 21

Hawaii Admissions Day
5:30 pm : Lions Chili Cook Off

Saturday, August 28

Northern Ensenada Visitation

Tuesday, August 31

12:00 pm : Seaside Golf Tourn.

Veterans Corner:



In 1996, Westminster Mayor Frank Fry decided to build a Vietnam War Memorial in honor and commemoration of the American and Vietnamese servicemen. A statue of two soldiers, an American and a Vietnamese, would represent the cooperation between the servicemen who fought side by side during the War. In a national contest to design the Memorial, Mayor Fry enlisted the assistance of a panel of judges who were asked to make the final selection of a sculptor to design the Memorial statue. Judges who considered the work of the competition artists included USMC Major General James J. McMonagle, Ret., ARVN Lt. General Lam Quang Thi, Ret., and artist, Marge Swenson. In August of 1998 the panel selected sculptor Tuan Nguyen to design and produce what is now officially named the Vietnam War Memorial in Westminster.

The Vietnam War Memorial consists of two 10-ft figures cast in bronze authentically depicting an American and Vietnamese soldier on a 5-ft base. Surrounding the sculpture is a black marble wall. The city of Westminster dedicated a 1.45 acre parcel for this remembrance, located on the corner of Monroe St. and 13th St., adjacent to the Westminster Civic Center. The grounds of the memorial are now known as Freedom Park and were officially dedicated by the city on April 25, 2003.



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Celebrating Member Anniversaries: August

		Barry Binder	1995
		Richard Dudash	1992
Ray Longoria	1989	Elmer Freyre	2002
Jerry Mann	2001	Margie Garcia	1998
John Spencer	1999	Bill Howes	1994

Just for fun:

Test your knowledge with these trivia teasers

1. What is the little known punctuation mark that combines a question mark with an exclamation point?
 - a) Exclarotive
 - b) Exclamaquest
 - c) Interrobang
 - d) Wowhow
1. Your uncle is employed as a yegg? What does he do?
 - a) Picture framer
 - b) Safecracker
 - c) Chimney sweep
 - d) Bricklayer
1. What nation was the first to allow women to vote?
 - a) New Zealand
 - b) Austria
 - c) Poland
 - d) United States
1. What is a scrum?
 - a) A newborn snail
 - b) A rugby formation
 - c) A pile of rotted leaves
 - d) A loud argument
1. What is NOT the name of a variety of plum?
 - a) Elephant Heart
 - b) Czar
 - c) Monkey Nose
 - d) Catalina

(Answers in September edition of 'The Growl')



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