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WE FRY

Check out how our Lions raise funds by frying fish.

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Fry brought Lions success

LINDSAY SAFE

Editor

Another year. Another Fish Fry. Another success.

With only a bit of in climate weather Sunday morning, the weekend of July 21 and 22 offered a beautiful setting for the 68th Annual Fish Fry.

Year after year, this event brings people together at Eisenhower Park to enjoy food, sun, music and fun while supporting the Lions club and the surrounding community.

With plenty of seating, room for dancing and room for drinking, people had a wonderful time.

Attendees were heard complimenting the new layout, the new beer garden and of course, the food.

Thanks to Co-Chairman Lion Mike Halley, the security team was commended as well for their visibility and effectiveness.

Complete with their green vests as well as Lion Dave Hubbard's special RITY-SECU vest, these volunteers kept the event

safe for all.

Thousands heard music from a great lineup of bands including Joe Schmoe, Cuzin Judy, Robby Armstrong, Persons of Interest, Ty G and the Firestorm, Dangerous Stranger and The John Grillo Band.

A welcomed surprise came when Ty G brought in some amazing performers to play their Tribute to Rick James. Complete with black and red outfits and an inspired lead singer, this band was a definite crowd pleaser and will most likely be welcomed back next year.

The Lions Academy Award winning weekend continues to get bigger and better each year.

As Chairman Scott Newton confirms in the "Lions Weekly ROAR," this was our biggest Fish Fry ever with "record sales, record crowds and record fun."

Thanks to the 250 Lions, Leos and friends who helped to make this successful event possible. It is only because of volunteers that the Seal Beach Lions Club is able to do what we do.

SEAL BEACH LIONS CLUB

Meetings on the first and third
Wednesday of the month at
Khoury's Restaurant
110 Marina Drive, Long Beach
7 p.m.



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CALENDAR

Engaging Our Youth

This month's Global Service Action Campaign focuses on "Engaging Our Youth." Lions can engage youth in service by planning projects to which young people can relate. Encouraging their input and participation can help today's youth gain valuable leadership skills in a world of service. Project ideas include painting a playground, donating supplies to local schools, organizing a board game drive and more. Learn more about "Engaging Our Youth" and our other Global Service Action Campaigns at www.lionsclub.org.

Wednesday, August 1

Lions Regular & Board Meeting

Friday, August 3 - Sunday, August 5

La Habra Host 64th Annual Corn Festival

Saturday, August 4 - Sunday, August 5

Lions Garage Sale

Tuesday, August 7

National Night Out

Wednesday, August 8

Concert in the Park - Robby Armstrong

Wednesday, August 15

Lions Regular Meeting

Thursday, August 16

Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base Tour

Friday, August 17 - Sunday, August 19

American Family Housing Ribs, Pigs & Watermelon Summer Festival & Pro BBQ Competition

Saturday, August 18

Lions Beach Party

Wednesday, August 22

Concert in the Park - Elm Street Band

Wednesday, August 29

Concert in the Park - L.A. vation - U2 Tribute

Friday, August 31 - Sunday, September 2

Orange Lions Street Fair

Wednesday, September 5

Lions Regular & Board Meeting

Saturday, September 8

The United Nations' International Literacy Day

Wednesday, September 19

Lions Regular Meeting

Wednesday, October 3

Lions Regular & Board Meeting

Saturday, October 6 - Sunday, October 7

Inaugural Seal Beach Lions Oktoberfest



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ELLEN LIEBHERR

President

OUTSTANDING! There is no better word to describe our 68th Annual Fish Fry. From beginning to end, the weekend was a huge success. We keep breaking records as our major fundraiser continues to grow. Why? Because of club participation. From all of the meetings with the team leaders prior to the event to members working throughout the weekend, it was a team effort. With close to 250 volunteers, how could this be anything but a success?

Special thanks to Chairman Scott Newton who held the proverbial oil can to the machine. The first one there, the last one to leave, Lion Scott gave it his all. He spent countless hours getting things organized and keeping us all on track. It should be noted that most of the changes implemented in recent years have come from Lion Scott's suggestions. Great job Scott.

Kudos also to other team leaders – IPP Mike Haley for security, Lion Dino Syrengeas for the great entertainment and food and beverage purchases, Lions Laura Ellsworth and Terry Stephenson for keeping track of the money, Lion Camille Romano for the merchant raffle, Lion Gary Denni for set up, Lion Lindsay Safe for volunteer scheduling, Lions Cathy Newton & Philip Sneyd for managing the Leos, Lion Marilyn Redd for dishing the

cole slaw, Lion Jackie Maloney for keeping the condiments in order, Lion Chris Langlais for the ticket booth, Lion Andrew Terbush for grill management, Lion Eric Reese for the T-Shirts, Lions Mark and Inger Newton for table cleaning, Lion Alan Chavez for managing the trailer and equipment, Lions Robin and Tom Duszynski for food prep, Lion Seth Eaker for publicity, Lion Tim Kelsey for sponsorships, and of course Lions Brad Barras, Grant Newton and Diana Bean for managing the ever popular beer booth.

And...a very big thank you to Lions Bruce Gormley and Renee Schulte for chairing the car opportunity drawing. We sold out early again this year due to their diligence. They did a super job keeping track of all 600 tickets. It was great to see a Seal Beach resident win the car and how about Lions Gary and Mo Sethi winning the 2nd and 3rd prizes. I guess that is what happens when you buy 10 tickets!

There were also some un-sung heroes that added to our success. Lions Gay Snyder-Johnson and Shanie rae Erickson put us all to shame when it came to ticket sales. Did anyone say NO to them? I don't think so. And thanks to Lion Brad's brawn and Lion Grant's brains we now have new beer garden booths. (That will probably cost me a few dollars at the next meeting!)

Again thanks to all who participated. The funds raised from this event will help us make a difference in the lives of many people.

Now let's get ready for some fun. Our volunteer appreciation beach party is right around the corner. Join us on August 18 at Barney's Beach. Lion Les Shobe and crew are busy making plans for an enjoyable day of BBQ, beach, music and fun. Make sure you have given him your waiver or you will not be allowed on base.

We are already off to a great start so let's keep that team spirit going to log another banner year for the Seal Beach Lion Club.

Regards,

President Ellen

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Chairman effected changes

LINDSAY SAFE

Editor

In the past, Lions and Fish Fry patrons alike were familiar with the pileup that ensued after the fish met the plate. As one tried to get to the tartar sauce and other condiments he would battle the “bar” crowd. However, this year was different.

Chairman Scott Newton decided to make some changes to the event layout. Not only did he add an information booth and greeters to help with the flow of event goers, but he also moved the beer truck from its long-

time position at the end of the food line to the middle of the park.

In addition, beer garden team leaders Lions Brad Barras and Grant Newton aided in the decision to create one giant beer booth. The latter decision did not come without some skepticism. However, the skeptics concerns were put at ease when nothing but positive comments came from the crowd.

Complete with bistro tables, ashtrays and lots of room for visiting, Wally’s Watering Hole kept the libation lovers out of the way of the fish fanatics.

Fish Fry on Facebook

What was your favorite part of this year’s Fish Fry

“Fish was delicious! But, watching sooo many Lions working so hard amazed me. What a great group you have.”

- Vicki Ferguson

“Security was my favorite.”

- Mike Haley

“My favorite part was making new friends and spending time with old friends. The Fry is our favorite event of the year!”

- Michele Gemar

“Getting together with all the locals eating, drinking, and being merry.”

- Michael Cullen

“I served beer!! Seeing everyone happy, smiley, social and just stoked, to me, is such an amazing atmosphere! The live music was absolutely amazing as well :)”

- Alexandra Joseph

“The coleslaw was awesome. And, such friendly servers.”

- Marilyn Redd

“The Jon Grillo Awesomeness Experience Band, of course.”

- Ryan Corbin

“I LOVED the new set up (booth and table settings)!! The tall tables at the back by the water made it so nice for conversing while standing and for the smokers! It kept people from blocking the walkways and kept the cigarette smoke from bothering people when they were eating!! It also seemed like it allowed more seating tables!!! Kudos to the people that set everything up this year!!!!!!”

- Lisa Trepanier

“Bands,beer,brats,broads...LOL.”

- Ian Gordon

“No sleeves on Coultrup.”

- Shannon Phillips

“Working with fun people and serving all the happy people at the Fish Fry.”

- Michael Ferreira

“Working on the set up crew on Friday making sure everything was perfect. Also, helping Camille with the mini raffle. GREAT job Lions - WE SERVE!” - Margie Garcia

68th Annual Seal Beach Lions Club Fish Fry



Bands rock the Fry



BIRTHDAYS

Tuesday, August 2
Ryan Tulay

Sunday, August 5
Mike Slack

Monday, August 6
Kevin Bhatt

Tuesday, August 7
Gary Bean

Sunday, August 12
Scott Weir

Tuesday, August 14
Nancy Herbert

Sunday, August 19
Jasa Denny

Tuesday, August 21
Nancy Grgas
Cynthia Ramirez

Saturday, August 25
Annie Friend

Monday, August 27
Richard Dudash

Tuesday, August 28
Neil Gormley, RN

Wednesday, August 29
Diana Bean
Michael McFadden

Thursday, August 30
Keith Berry
Tia Wildermuth



Local lady wins car

LINDSAY SAFE

Editor

Again Lions sold 600 tickets in record time for this year's car opportunity drawing.

At the height of the Fish Fry, Lions Bruce Gormley and Renee Schulte along with the Miss Seal Beach girls drew the winning tickets for this year's prizes.

With 10 tickets in their names, the iPad and the TV went to our

very own Lions Gary and Mo Sethi.

Although she cannot drive anymore, a local Seal Beach woman won the black 2012 Ford Edge.

Each year she buys a ticket in support of the Seal Beach Lions Club and the charities served.

As she does not need the car, she decided to sell it back to the dealer and take the money instead.

Leos served with smiles and heart



Leos triumphed at the Fish Fry

LINDSAY SAFE

Editor

Our ever-popular Leo program came through for the Lions once again.

From set up to clean up, this wonderful group of young adults, helped the club pull off another hugely successful event.

Under the supervision of Lion advisers Cathy Newton and Philip Sneyd, the Leos worked tirelessly to grill up our infamous bratwursts, Cajun sausages and jumbo hot dogs. The advisers growing expertise in expediting and the Leos hard work kept the line for the grills from backing up once.

Not only did these kids work diligently to man the grills, they were always on hand for other tasks as well. Leos were there building booths, hauling equipment, scooping coleslaw, filling condiments and drinks, cleaning tables and even helping those in need.

As always our Leos are in need of the deepest praise—they are the future of this club.

Lions having FUN while FUNdraising



Official Meeting Minutes

JULY 4 - HOLIDAY (NO MEETING)

JULY 18, 2012

GENERAL MEETING

President Ellen Liebherr calls meeting to order at 7:00pm.
Lion Gunny Smaltz leads the club in the salute to the flag of the greatest country on earth, the United States of America.
Lion Diane Martin leads the club in the Invocation.
Lion Dave Hubbard leads the club in the City of Hope Prayer.

Guests:

Lion Jennifer introduced Corine and Lion Rose introduced Carol. Lion Jim introduced Lynn Adkins and Lion Les introduced Penny.

Awards and Recognition:

1) IPP Mike handed out one last award to Lion Dave Hubbard and Lion Bill gave Lion Grant a skull (no one is quite sure why).

Secretary's Report:

Lion Diana announced the Cabinet Meeting on Saturday, July 28th at the Costa Mess Golf Course. The cost is \$26. Please notify Lion Diana or Lion Dewey if you plan on attending.

Treasurers Report:

Lion Terry announced that approximately 40 lions are still outstanding. The Club will be getting the bill soon, please pay your dues!

New Business:

- 1) Car Opportunity Drawing - Lion Bruce and Lion Renee have sold out! Great work!
- 2) New Lensometer - Lion Cathy: thanks to generous donation from OMG we now have a Lensometer and can Read glasses before donating!
- 3) Lions T-shirts - Lion Cathy: new logos, get yours today!
- 4) Visitations - Lion Camille: will have sign up sheet next time, need at least 8 people every visitation to qualify due to new rules.
- 5) Fish Fry - Lion Scott Newton:
 - a. Work schedules: Thank you Lion Lindsay for putting the schedules together. If you have a change to your schedule, please let Lion Lindsay know ASAP!
 - b. Merchant raffle: over \$700 from merchants, over 225 items, Lion Camille thanks all those who donated!
 - c. T-shirts: Lion Eric \$10 to club, \$15 to public, sizes small

through XXL.

d. Zone Meeting: Lion Gary encourages those in attendance to come! Only 30 minutes, at 11:30am on Saturday. Great opportunity for Proud Lions and it's free!

e. Other: Lion Scott warns: Be careful about parking on ocean, not drinking during event, volunteers are to go to the information booth to sign up and receive work duty instructions, need help both days from 5-7, but really from 3-7 on Sunday. If the event is set up on time, pancakes will be served on Saturday by Lion Scott and burritos on Sunday by IPP Mike. Lion Scott says help is still needed for the break down on Sunday at 7pm. Lion Brad also added that drinking while working is not appreciated...

f. Lion Scott also handed out Lions pins to those who had not received them. Lion Scott also added that the Fish Fry is the Mother of all events, 68 years strong. Those with work schedules should have them and please read your volunteer sheets. Wear your Lions badge. Parking is limited. Put the pass in your window from 5-7:30 both days. It's okay to just show up to help!

6) Garage Sale – Lion Margie: This event will take place on the 4th and 5th of August. Please bring household goods on August 3rd. See Lion Margie with questions.

7) Beach Party - Lion Les: Sign up! You will need to complete a waiver to get on the base. Fill it out even if you're not sure if you will be attending. Only \$5 and must have car registration if you drive. Blind vets will be visiting as well.

8) Oktoberfest - Lion Tom- Motel 6 rooms reserved. \$80 per person per room, up to 4 people. Must have rooms reserved by August 31st.

9) Ribs, Pigs, and Watermelon - President Ellen: Event presented by American family housing. Great opportunity for Lions to raise some money! More information to come, but President Ellen is thinking about Friday and Sunday.

10) International President's Program on Literacy - President Ellen: Would like our club to get a hands on project going. Start thinking about ideas.

11) Holiday Party - President Ellen: As the holidays are busy, who would be interested in day before New Years party? Pretty split, President Ellen to decide.

Old Business:

1) Bench Refurbishment – Lion Camille: Hooray! The Lions finished all 20 benches, 33 man hours and 15 Lions participated. Lion Camille is looking to put resin on benches so they last longer.

2) Concert in the park - President Ellen: A fun time was had by all. The Club sponsored the first concert, which was a Beatles cover band.

Treasure Chest Drawing:

Lion Scott requested break. President Ellen granted a five minute break. Lots of happy faces (for those who won some cash). But, as usual, no winners for the chest.

Fines and Happy Dollars:

Lion Brad returned to many Lions chagrin. After the barrage of fines, happy dollars were a plenty!

Adjourn:

Without any other business, President Ellen adjourned at 8:14pm.

JULY 18, 2012**BOARD MEETING**

1) Call to order: President Ellen called the meeting to order at 8:21.

2) Roll call: Grant Newton, Terry Stephenson (Treasurer), Diana Brunjes (Secretary), Nick Bolin, Scott Newton, Mike Haley (IPP), Bruce Gormley, Camille Romano, Brad Barras, Adriana Ziegenbusch, Geri Eckner, Cathy Newton, Les Shobe and President Ellen Liebherr.

3) Membership Proposals: none tonight. President Ellen noted that The Club needs twenty new members to replace newly dropped members.

4) Business:

A. Short term charitable budget: Lion Scott discussed the interim budget. These are items that the Club regularly pays for or have been requested, which totals approximately \$20000 (see attachment A). IPP Mike asked about donations to measures. Lion Brad motioned to approve the budget. Lion Adrianna seconded. All accepted.

B. Short term administrative budget: Lion Terry- these funds usually go to charity, the Seal Beach Chamber of Commerce and our Club website. Now these are being taken out of administrative. Lion Brad motioned to keep all in administrative, Lion Geri seconds, none opposed, all approved.

4a) Additional Business: Lion Scott asked about giving money to the upcoming BBQ. IPP Mike motioned to budget \$1000, Lion Scott added comments regarding social events. Lion Scott requested motion changed to \$750. Lion Scott rescinded motion after some board discussion. IPP Mike also rescinded. Lion Bruce motioned for \$750. Lion Adriana added that other people outside of the Club are welcome to come and always enjoy the event, might be good opportunity to recruit members. IPP Mike seconded Lion Bruce's motion. President Ellen called for vote. All approved.

5) Adjourn: President Ellen adjourned at 8:37pm.