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Presidents message:



After a busy October, it was kind of nice to have a quiet November. But we must digress for a moment. The last weekend of October saw 2 service projects completed. On Saturday, October 27, Lions Khryste, Chris, George Layman, George Dooley, and I spent the day with Rebuilding Together refurbishing a home in North Long Beach. It

was a long but rewarding day. I think the recipient will be happy with what was done- interior and exterior painting, a new front porch, 2 wheelchair ramps, new carpeting, a refurbished bathroom and kitchen. And on Sunday, we cooked dinner for Ronald McDonald house. Chef Dino led a group of enthusiastic cooks that included Lions Barbara Locastro, Elizabeth Locastro and sister Suzanne, Lion Jackie Maloney, Mike Haley, and myself. Chef Dino created a Greek dinner that was absolutely fabulous. There were a lot of compliments from those staying at the house. For their efforts, Lions Dino and Mike were awarded October's Pirate Parrots.

For November, congratulations go to Lion Bob Heenan for receiving his first membership key. We have had 3 or 4 potential new members visit the club. Hopefully, we will have some new members in December. Ask your friends and neighbors. Why shouldn't they enjoy the fun? We had a visitation to Tustin and Lions Herb, Gail, and I attended the District Cabinet meeting. Congratulations to Lion Herb for being the first District Environmental Photo Award Winner. His photo is on its way to MD-4 for the Multiple District contest. And speaking of contests, we had 189 contestants in our 1st Annual Peace Poster Contest. The winning posters from Oak and McAuliffe schools were great. My thanks to Lions Karen and Gail for putting it all together, and to Lion Allyn and her mother for helping with the judging. Lions Allyn's mother was so impressed that she donated \$10.00 prizes for each of the Honorable Mention winners. Lions Gail, Barbara Locastro, and I attended the Stanton Lions 60th Anniversary Dinner. It was a really nice affair. We need to start working on our 70th which will be celebrated next Lions year.

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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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To round out the month, we donated 6 tickets for the Marine Corps Ball to Marines just returning from Iraq who could not afford the cost of the tickets. With the tragic fires that destroyed property in Orange County, we donated \$3,000 to those whose lost their homes. Another \$10,000 was donated to LCIF's Campaign Sight First II. Lion Bruce and committee are busy determining who the next 10 Melvin Jones Fellows will be.

December is going to be a busy month. We need help with the Christmas Parade on Dec. 7. On December 15, we need help with Breakfast with Santa, Casa Christmas, and Interval House Christmas. And if you plan on attending the club's Christmas Party at Old Ranch Country Club, you need to RSVP with either Lion Allyn Mattox or Lion Bob Heenan before December 1. The cost is \$50.00 per person. It is going to be a great event, one that you won't want to miss.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving and prepare to celebrate the Holidays, let us all give thanks for what we have. It wouldn't be there without the sacrifices of many. I hope that you will all have a wonderful holiday season. My sincerest wishes for a Happy Holidays to you and your families and a prosperous New Year. AAARRRGHHH!

The Captain

CLUB CALENDAR

Saturday, December 1, 2007 World Aids Day

Monday, December 3, 2007 Youth Center X-mas Tree Lot 5 PM to 8 PM

Wednesday, December 5, 2007 General and Board Meeting 7 PM , Lone Star Steakhouse

Friday, December 7, 2007 Seal Beach Christmas Parade 4:30 PM

Friday, December 7, 2007 Pearl Harbor Day

Monday, December 10, 2007 Youth Center X-mas Tree Lot 5PM to 8 PM

Saturday, December 15, 2007 Breakfast with Santa 7 AM, Mary Wilson Library

Wednesday, December 18, 2007 General Meeting & Program Night 7 PM, Lone Star Steakhouse

Friday, December 21, 2007 Christmas Party 7 PM, Old Ranch Country Club.

Saturday, December 22, 2007 First day of Winter

Tuesday, December 25, 2007 Christmas Day

Monday, December 31, 2007 Buffet Breakfast and Float Tour, Castle Green 50 E Green St. in Old Pasadena



Christmas Parade

The annual Seal Beach Holiday Parade will be on Friday, December 7th at 7 PM. Once again, the Seal Beach Lions are in charge of the parade event.

Fifteen to twenty Lions will be needed to work this event. Lions already signed up are Jim Carson, Bill Howes, Alan Chavez, Carol & Dewey Linehan, Jacqui Howes and renee Schulte.

Work times include:

4:30pm - 6:30pm 2-3

5:00pm - 7:00pm 4-5

5:30pm - 7:30pm 4-5

6:30pm - 8:30pm 8 - 10

If you can help, please contact Scott Newton, Parade Coordinator.



Christmas Party

Remember, if you are planning to attend this year's Lions Christmas Party, the deadline for RSVP and payment for the party is November 30th. The cost is \$50.00 per person. Contact Lion Allyn Mattox (ph 562-430-9452 or e-mail mrmaddog29@aol.com) . The party is Friday, December 21st at the Old Ranch Country Club. Entrees are Prime Rib, Polynesian Chicken and Pasta Primavera. This is going to be an event that you won't want to miss. Please RSVP as soon as possible.



Lions Club Peace Poster Contest

The first ever Lions Club Peace Poster contest was held on November 15, 2007. The two middle schools in the Los Alamitos School district, Oak and McAuliffe participated. Lion Karen Russell chaired the event 189 students entered their projects. There were a winner and two honorable mentions from each of the schools. The club had allocated a \$50.00 check to each of the winners. Lion Allyn Mattoxis mother, a local artist volunteered to do the judging. She was so impressed with the work of the students, that she donated \$40.00 for the four honorable mentions. Both winning pictures will move on to the district where they will compete with other schools. There is one winner at the district level. That poster will move on to the multiple district. That winner will be judged at the International level.

Oak: Jenny Liang- winner, Cynelle Barraza - honorable mention, Anna Chang - honorable mention, Principal - Sally Neiser

McAuliffe: Thomas Smith - winner, Taylor Bolton - honorable mention, Deff Majoros - honorable mention, Principal - Dennis Sackett

Judging: Dorothy Mezin, Allyn Mattox, Karen Russell.





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On November 18, 2007 the Stanton Lions Club celebrated their 60th anniversary. Members of the OC Children's Theatre supplied the afternoons entertainment.



Tustin Visitation



Costa Mesa/Orange Coast Visitation



More information & updates at - <http://SealBeachLions.com>



A Message from Jimmy M. Ross, 2007-2008 LCIF Chairperson

LCIF, Lions respond to California Wildfires

LCIF is working with Lions leaders in Southern California to help victims of the California wildfires. A total of \$45,000.00 in emergency grants and relief funding has been approved to date. Sixteen fires across the southern part of the state have destroyed more than 1,300 homes and more than 500,000 residents have evacuated. Lions in Districts 4-L6 (San Diego area) and 4-L5 have mobilized their emergency response team. Lions in District 4-L6 have also set up an online message board for those able to offer assistance or ideas. LCIF continues to work with Lions in Southern California to assess the situation and determine a course of action. An LCIF designated account has been established for those wishing to donate to the relief efforts. For updated information, continue to visit our Web site.

Year of Campaign SightFirst II

Programs like SightFirst have made Lions the international leaders in the fight against blindness.; Together, we have saved or restored sight to more than 27 million people and improved the vision treatment for hundreds of millions of individuals. Several of these individuals' stories are included in two new DVDs, The Faces of SightFirst and The Year of CSFII. Like an MJF, a Progressive MJF designated to CSFIII has the power to save 166 individuals from blindness.

New SightFirst Publication

To promote the work of Lions and LCIF through the SightFirst program, a new publication titled ForSight has been created. Produced three times a year, ForSight is distributed to current and past international officers, partner organizations, technical advisors, SightFirst chairpersons and other supporters of SightFirst. The August and October issues can be viewed online. Future issues will be available in all official languages. This publication is especially valuable for those considering donating to Campaign SightFirst II.

Jimmy M Ross



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Seal Beach Host Lions Club Loan Star Steak House Meeting Minutes October 17, 2007

Call to Order: 19:00 by President Dave Hubbard

Introduction of Guests: Maddie, guest of Marcia Haley, Dave Esquire, guest of Dave Hubbard, Christine Craig, guest of Carol Linehan, DG Jon Casteel, Sheila, wife of DG, VDG Elizabeth Warren, Cabinet Secretary Martha Herbert, Gegion Chair, Margaret Santandrea.

Reports:

A. President Msg-Success of new member orientation held 10/10/07, Zone mtg. 10/18/07, fund raiser 10/20/07, next Cabinet mtg. 11/03/07, Christmas party update, success of chili cook-off.

B. Visitations-Lion Carol Linehan, Silverado Days 10/20/07, Costa Mesa 10/23/07, San Clemente 10/24/07, Harbor Mesa 10/26/07. November visitations to include; CM Orange Coast 11/01/07, Tustin 11/06/07 and Stanton 60th 11/18/07.

C. Melvin Jones Nominations - Lion Bruce G. due 11/10/07.

D. McGaugh - Lion Mike H - cooks

E. Ronald McDonald - Lion Barbara Locastro - Dino is chef, next one due 12/11.

F. Sailing for the Blind - Lion Dave Hubbard - Need help with parking and assist escorting the blind.

G. Peace Poster Contest - Lion Karen Russell - contact with questions, judging to be held 11/3/07.

H. Rebuilding - Lion Chris Langlais 10/27/07. Contact Lion Chris, this one in Long Beach. April will be in Seal Beach.

I. California Council for the Blind - asking for volunteers - club to donate \$100.00.

J. Lion Margie back to work soon. Pins removed from heel.

K. Lions Environmental Photo contest - Lion Gail H - Judges: Lion Eric R, DG Jon C, Guest David Esquire (Professional Photography). Entries by Lions Dewey L, Herb G, Erik D, Gail H, Allyn M, Gary D. Winner was Lion Herb. His photo will go to the district level competition.

Induction of New Members:

Lion DG Jon performed the ceremony. Six new members were in attendance with their sponsors: Todd Bolander, Erk Dreyer-Goldman, Joseph Gallo, James Carson, Patti Wojnarowski, Kristine Albertalli. Welcome to Seal Beach Lions Club. The Governor then gave his talk regarding this year in Lions, membership-, support, assist fellow Lions.

Mystery Lion for the evening was Lion Mike Haley.

With no further business to discuss, the Meeting was adjourned 21:23. Next meeting scheduled for 11/7/07.



**2007 - 2008 district 4L-4
Cabinet Meeting and Brunch
Foothill Region
Saturday, 3 November 2007
Diamond Bar Golf Course**

District governor Jon Casteel and cabinet presented a well-rounded agenda. After the customary opening obligations, various PDG's presented enlightening project reports. The reporting included: Campaign SightFirst II; Leadership (where PDG Dan Mayer taught everyone how to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich); Lions Rose Float; and, Southern California Wild Fires.

The highlight of the day's presentations was hearing from distinguished guest and Keynote Speaker, International Director Dana Biggs. Lion Dana provided the attending congregation with the following information relating to fire disaster relief and other ongoing Lions Projects. The following districts have received direct Emergency Grants from LCIF:

4-L6 \$25,000

4-L5 \$10,000

4-L4 \$10,000

4-L3 \$10,000

MD-4 also provided a Disaster Grant of \$5,000.00

California approved for a major Catastrophic Grant for Districts affected by fires for \$100,000 by LCIF

Total to Fire Affected Areas - \$160,000

As of today's date - 245 days left to contribute to SightFirst II.

Multiple District 4 received a \$20,000 public relations grant to be used for the Rose Float PR and SightFirst II - Non-matching grant.

LCIF authorized a brand image rejuvenation initiative. Updates will be forthcoming to promote community image, LCIF website and "The Lion" magazine will receive a modified and mainstream look.

LCIF has approved 50 standard - International assistance and Core 4 grants - to date this year totaling \$2,415,880.00.

LCIF was voted as #1 Non-governmental Organization, worldwide, by "Financial Times" newspaper.

Seal Beach Lions club attendees included: Lion President Dave Hubbard and Lion Herb Groom.



Jan & Jill

Once upon a time in Texas there were two sisters, Jan (a brunette) and Jill (a blonde). They owned a cow ranch (as is very common in Texas). The time came for their prize bull to retire from the breeding game and the ladies had to find a new breeding bull. The two sisters had only \$1,000.00 in the bank and knew they would need every dollar they had to get a new bull. Jan told Jill that she would look for a new bull and then send a telegram to her with instructions on where to go to pick up her and the new bull. Jan asked Jill if she would be able to follow these instructions. Jill responded saying "Just because I am a blonde you don't think I can follow instructions". "Don't worry when you sent the telegram I will come and pick up you and the bull". Jan said "ok".

Jan visited several ranches before she found the bull she was looking for. She went to the owner of the ranch and told him she wanted to buy the bull he had but she only had \$1,000.00. The owner of the ranch said he would only accept \$999.00 for the bull not a dollar less or more. Jan bought the bull. She went to Western Union and told the employee that she only had \$1.00 and needed to send a telegram to her sister to pick up the bull and herself. The Western Union employee informed Jan that there was a cost of \$1.00 per word for a Western Union telegram, and he didn't think she would be able to send a telegram to her sister. Jan said "wait a minute and let me think". After a few moments Jan had a brainstorm. She went back to the counter and gave the Western Union man a one word telegram "Comfortable". The man behind the counter told her he would send it, but he didn't think it would work. Jan told the Western Union employee "look, my sister is a blonde and she reads very slowly, so when she sees the telegram she will read com for da bul". Of course Jill did come to pick up Jan and the new bull.



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