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# **President's message:**

On March 14th of this year the Seal Beach Lions Club will be officially celebrating our 70th anniversary. This is a big event and Lion Jackie Maloney and her very capable committee has been work diligently for the last month or so planning to make this event really special. It will be held at St. Anne's Parish Hall on 10th street in Seal Beach. The theme is "That's Amore" and there will be Italian food catered by Finbars (?) and entertainment. There will also be dignitaries rumor has it that someone whose name rhymes with darn old and possibly someone whose name rhyme with crock have been invited. It will be a large celebration of our Club's past 70 years

so make plans to attend. Cost will be \$32.50 per person and we need a count before March 1 so contact Lion Carol Linehan before then.

Don't forget that the second meeting of this month (February 18th) will feature our annual Student Speaker Contest. Coming up also is the annual Mardi Gras party to be held at Lion Gloria's on February 21.

There is still a lot to do the remainder of this year which brings up one missing chairperson. WANTED - someone to chair our annual golf tournament fund raiser. Remember, this event raises about 20% of the clubs budget thus having a major effect on the clubs overall fund raising. Lion Brad will assist whoever volunteers and you will have help from a lot Lions who have worked and chaired the event in the past. It's a relatively easy assignment, but does require a lot of preparation and planning. We need a motivated self starter (I know there are several club members that meat this criteria). Please, I don't want to have to cancel the event due to no chairperson.

Thanks again for all the hard work this past year.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Ray

<u>Meeting</u> <u>schedule</u>: 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

Wednesday, February 4, 2009, General Meeting / Board Meeting, Lone Star Steakhouse, 7 PM

Thursday, February 12, 2009, Lincoln's Birthday

February 13 - 15, 2009 MD-4 Convention, Fresno

Monday, February 16, 2009 President's Day

Wednesday, February 18, 2009, Student Speaker Contest, Mary Wilson Library, 7 PM

February 20 - 23, 2009 Ensenada Visitation

Sunday, February 22, 2009, Washington's Birthday

February 21- 24, 2009, Lions Flag Days

Wednesday, February 25, 2009, Ash Wednesday.

Saturday, March 14, 2009, Seal Beach Host Lions Club 70th Anniversary, St Anne's Parish Hall, Seal Beach, Ca. 7 PM

Happy Bírthdays to:

Mike Narz, 2/1 Gary Snyder, 2/9 Dino Syrengelas, 2/9 Gail Hubbard, 2/10

Marcia Haley, 2/28



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## **District Governor's Message**

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

It's the New Year 2009 and we have old business to finish and new business to begin.

Lion Tom Brown and I have been arranging the distribution of the \$10,000.00 emergency grant from LCIF for the victims of the fires in Orange County. We have given \$5,000.00 to the city of Anaheim for distribution in that area, and \$5,000.00 to Operation OC, a relief organization based in Tustin, which was

the hub of the emergency relief which came into operation immediately following the fires in October. Both amounts of money will be shared out amongst those in need in the form of Target gift certificates, and I hope to be able to make a more detailed report at the Cabinet Meeting on January 24. At that meeting there will be more information from our featured speaker about Operation OC, and the Orange County Rescue Mission.

By the time you read this, the Rose Parade festivities will be over, and I want to give a big thank you to all the Lions in 4L-4 who have contributed to the success of this project in so many ways - Lion Jack Tanaka for taking charge of our district decorating day, Lions John Doogan and Ken Bell for making the Leo decorating day such a success, IPDG John Casteel and Lion Sheila Casteel for traveling all over California to make other districts more aware of the project and helping to raise funds, VDG Judy who sold such a lot of float pins, and to all the Lions who went to decorate the float. Our float was so beautiful and such an excellent representation of the work we do as Lions and the wonderful Helen Keller who challenged us, so long ago, to become "Knights of the Blind".

So now we look forward to the next six months. I hope all the clubs made resolutions to get more members, to not drop members and to encourage those wayward Lions to come back and resume their great work for our communities. Remember, I said I wanted to continue the "Plus" numbers from last year to show the rest of California that 4L-4 is always the Mighty Mouse District, not just the Mickey Mouse district.

I shall continue to travel around the district to club meetings and fund raisers and celebrations, and I look forward to seeing all of you again.

Always yours in Lionism,

Elizabeth

#### District governor

PS: the clubs in 4-L4 have been most generous in their donations to the Fire Relief Fund that was set up following the October fires. Several clubs have made donations, and together with a donation of \$1000 from District 4-C3, the total now stands at well over \$5000.00. I shall be writing personal thank you notes in the very near future, and a decision will be made as to what is the best way to spend this substantial amount. Because it is our District fund, we do not have the same constrictions put on the money, as was the case with the emergency grant from LICF. Many, many thanks for your thoughtfulness and generosity towards those in need. We really are Everyday Heroes in our District.



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## Fire Disaster 2009

Last spring I received several phone calls from our district governor, Elizabeth Warren, asking me to stay involved in the district. She finally talked me into accepting the Disaster Preparedness Chair. At the time I thought to myself, "Since we had had so many disastrous fires last year, there would not be more this year, after all, hadn't we used up our quota of disasters?" Need I say more?

On that fateful Saturday, November, 15, when I saw smoke to the east, I called the Gov. We must have talked to each other 20 times by Sunday night. I.D. Dana Biggs was already on top of getting the grant from LCIF for us. Sunday, Zone B chair Mike Smith and I visited an evacuation center in Anaheim but we were turned away. Basically, we were told "No thanks, we don't need your help". I spoke to many Lions in our district that lived or worked in the burn areas and I was glad to hear that ALL were safe.

Monday morning we had our grant application from LCIF. I made calls to FEMA, and to the cities that were affected by the fires. Some of the people I talked to simply wanted us to give our money to the very same organization that had originally turned away our assistance. Eventually we were put in contact with two groups that we felt comfortable working with: Operation O.C., and the Anaheim Community foundation. Both of these groups work directly with fire victims.

### Hearing & Speech Action News

How are you doing with your New Year's Resolutions? Got room for one more? This should be easy - just keep reading and when you finish look for someone who needs this information and pass it on. Most of us know about "Captioning", the words that appear on TV and movie screens that are set up to assist in understanding the words that accompany the pictures. And maybe you have seen the CapTel phones with a small screen on the phone that displays the caller's words. Now along comes CapTel's next generation.

WebCapTeI connects any phone - your desk phone, cordless phone or cell phone - to your desktop or laptop computer and the Internet. This system displays captions of everything heard on the phone displays it through your internet browser. Each step in placing or receiving a call is shown on the screen. Your conversation can be saved or printed just like email and you have your computer's abilities to select the type font, size and color your prefer.

Many of these advantages are available with a simpler system called CapTeIUSB that connects a special phone to your computer but not the internet. For details call 888-269-7477 (Voice or 800-482-2424 (TTY) or see www.captionedtelephone.com. Then tell a friend!

Keith Campbell, chairman 4-L4 Hearing & Speech Action 714-536-9813 Kcambell5@socal.rr.com

Governor Elizabeth, V.D.G.Judy Schnitzer, P.D.G.s Barbara Hayward and Mike Schaefer, Ron Hayward and I met with Operation O.C. and received a tour of their operation. What an organization! We presented them with \$5,000 in Target gift cards to be distributed directly to the fire victims. Later I met with Anaheim Mayor Curt Pringle and Colleen Smagala, Vice President of the Anaheim Community Foundation. I presented them with an additional \$6,100.00 in Target Gift Cards. We have been asked to meet with the Anaheim City Council to be recognized for our great work helping fire victims.

I would like to say a GREAT BIG Thank You to all those that stepped up and donated their money to help the fire victims in our district: LCIF \$10,000.00, Anaheim Lions \$1,100.00, OCKALC Foundation \$1,000.00, HB Host \$500.00, D.G. Elizabeth \$300.00, Pomona Breakfast \$250.00, Rancho Cucamonga Community \$200.00, Upland Host \$200.00, Fullerton Host \$200.00 and Ontario Upland \$100.00. The balance of these monies will be distributed at a later date.



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#### Membership

Happy New You and With It ' A New Beginning'

Happy New Year! It is a time of renewal, a time to begin anew in increasing our membership. Your District Membership Committee is committed to assisting clubs We want to help you gain new grow. members and retain the ones you already have. At the next District Cabinet Meeting on January 24, we will be conducting a 30 minute open forum on membership. We want all of the Lions in attendance to participate in determining how increase best to our membership. We want to hear from Lions who increasing have met with success in Members, who feel they are membership. having trouble gaining new members, bring your questions. At the end of the meeting, we want to see how many Lions are willing to commit to increasing membership.

At this meeting, there will be no DON'T, WON'T, or CAN'T. We are only interest in CAN, WILL, and DO. Let's join together and be successful in this endeavor. Let's show MD-4 who is No. 1.

### **Region Chairman's Message**

"In the time we have it is surely our duty, to do all the good we can, to all the people we can, in all the ways we can" - William Barclay

I wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. If you are reading this message then you have made it through the first six months of our Lions Year. You also survived the Holidays with all the extra eating, parties, visiting with family and friends and of course before and after Christmas shopping.

"In a word, I am always busy, which is perhaps the chief reason shy I am always well." - Elizabeth Cady Stanton. By reading the reports so many clubs in the Orange Region did a lot of giving this They cooked (for the homeless, the season. Ronald McDonald House and free pancake breakfast for t eh entire families with Santa), bought presents for children, elders and abused mothers and children. They worked Christmas Tree Lots. They attended a presentation at the new UCI Hearing & Speech Clinic and many decorated our Lions Float. Even in this very busy month of December Lions as usual were doing what international President Al Brandel said we do best. We were every day heroes to so many in need. Governor Elizabeth's official visitation schedule would have been complete when she visited her

own club Rancho Cucamonga Community in November. There was a small hiccup this year, as you all know Elizabeth fell. So she had to re-schedule her visit to Seal Beach Host till December 3rd. Lion President Ray Longoria wanted her to feel welcome so he had every club member wear a "PINK BAND-AID" on their forehead. The club was anxiously awaiting the Governor's entrance. It seems Lion Secretary Nancy Smith and the Governor got turned around so they were a few minutes late to the meeting. The Tail Twister Lion Brad Barras had a real field day with that. The Club so enjoyed the official visit they had song master Lion Dewey Linehan and the members serenade Elizabeth with a special song. Three new members were inducted that night.

"The supreme happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved." - Victor Hugo.

It was very evident on Friday December 5th at the annual Seal Beach Christmas Parade that Elizabeth is loved. As her vintage convertible cruised down Main Street Governor Elizabeth had her official wave down as a testimony of a true English subject.

January will prove to be quite busy for the Lions of District 4-L4. There is a Melvin Jones dinner, Teen Recognition and 3rd District Cabinet meeting Saturday, January 24th hosted by the Orange Region. It is a special meeting where we honor our Past District Governors. I'm looking forward to seeing you at all or some of these upcoming events.

"Not every good work that needs to be done in this world will flow from your hands, but every good work that MUST be done is THIS MOMENT by YOU will be done - for the fruit of grace is good works."



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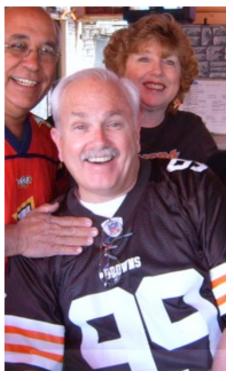
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## Your Fellow Lion

I was born in the San Fernando Valley where I grew up and attended Beachy Street School, Terra Bella Street School (Now the northbound lanes of Interstate 5), Pacoima Jr. High School, and Sutter Jr. High School and Canoga Park high School.

At 18 years of age I joined the U.S. Navy and after boot camp was sent to Midway Island where I became a member of the Island's Military Police Division. After a year I was transferred to Air development Squadron 4 stationed at Point Magu Naval Air Station in California. I worked in the Aviation Fire Control Dept which maintained the attack radar in F4 Phantom and F8 Crusader fighter aircraft. I was honorably discharged in September 1968.

I immediately went to work at General Motors Parts Division in Van Nuys, California. Shortly after starting work the warehouse was moved to Santa Fe Springs in Southern L.A. County. In 1970 the United Auto Workers struck GM so I found a job a Pacific Stereo in North Hollywood to keep money coming in during the strike. When they settled the strike I decided to stay with Pacific Stereo. In 1984 with Pacific Stereo near bankruptcy I was laid off. After six months of looking I found a job with TG&Y Stores at the Distribution center which happened to be across the street from the GM warehouse. I had come full circle (sort of). After a year, TG&Y Stores was sold to McCory Stores



(another 5 & dime chain) which had a distribution center nearby which meant we were all laid off. After another six months I found a job with Intecom Inc. (A telephone switch company) running their distribution center in Marina Del Rey, California. A year and a half later I could see that Intecom was probably going into bankruptcy so I found a job with Sun Valley Waterbend as their Western Regional Facilities Manager, I was to handle everything except sales. Two weeks after joining them I could tell something was wrong and finally got one of the people in their human resources dept. In Phoenix to admit that the company was probably weeks away from shutting down.

The following Sunday I saw an ad in the L.A. Times classified section under warehouse managers for someone to run a prop dept. at one of the studios. I went through the interview process and was hired. So, one month after joining Sun Valley Waterbed I quit. They actually lasted about six months before going out of business. I have been working in the entertainment industry for twenty-one years.

As for my personal life, I have been married to Lion Jacqui Howes for nineteen years. I have a forty year old son who works for a biotech company in San Francisco, a thirty two year old daughter who is a makeup artist at a salon in Toluca Lake, California (she is expecting a boy in March), a thirty nine year old stepson who teaches English at a high school in Southern Orange County, and a thirty-five year old stepson who works at a Doctor test center in Houston, Texas. He and his wife had my first grandson, Max in 2007.

In 1994 Jacqui & I moved to Seal Beach. We started spending time at Kinda Lahania restaurant on Main Street. We noticed on certain Wednesday nights there was some sort of meeting going on in the back of the restaurant. I asked the bartender (Lion Rich Dudash) whom we had gotten to know, what was going on. He told me to show up at the next meeting and that was that. I've been president a couple of times, secretary more time that was good for me, ran the Fish Fry twice and the car drawing three times.

Finally, I live and die with the Cleveland Brown (mostly die). My grandson Max's mind is being poisoned with the Houston Texans and my daughter's husband is a Packers fan which means it will take a great effort on my part to convince my two grandsons of the greatness of the Cleveland Brown. It is a task that must be done. I hope I am up to the task.



**Melvin Jones Awards Dinner** 

On Saturday, January 17, 2009, the 20th Annual Melvin Jones Dinner was held at the Costa Mesa Country Club. Club members honored this year were Bill Howes, Bruce Gormley, Gary Denni, Brad Barras, Mike Gallipeo, Scott Newton and Jim Klisanin. Lions Mike and Gary were first time honorees and Lions Bill, Bruce, Brad, Scott and Jim were repeat honorees.





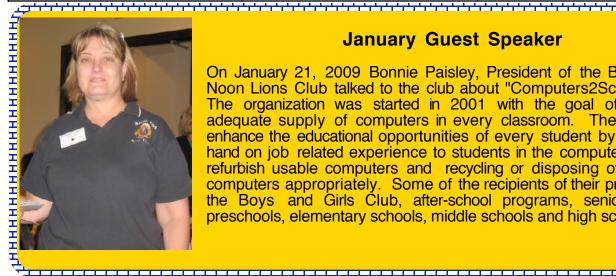


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#### **January Guest Speaker**

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# **Orange County Cabinet Meeting**

On January 24, 2009 the Orange County Cabinet Meeting was held at the Meadowlark Golf Club.

Lion Dave Hubbard held a 30 minute membership forum where members of various clubs told fellow Lions the various ways new members can be recruited. It was very informative. Lion John Doogan talked to us about Teen Recognition that will be held in January 31, 2009

VDG Judy Schnitzer gave a report on the Lions Float in the Rose Parade. Lion Jack Tanaka discussed the Student Speaker Contest and Dave Crawford told us about the Peace Poster Contest coming up next November.





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Seal Beach Lions General Meeting Minutes January 7, 2009

Meeting Called to Order: 19:00

Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Gallipeo

Invocation: Carol Linehan

City of Hope Prayer: Ellen Liebherr

Introduction of Guests: Paul Mandville, Diane Martin & Huntington Beach Host Lions Club visited.

Announcements & Correspondence: Lion President Ray Longoria & Secretary Bill Howes.

#### December Activity Reports:

Lion's Christmas Party: Lion Bob Heenan reported that everyone had a good time and the entertainment was excellent.

Seal Beach Christmas Parade: Lion Bruce Gormley reported that once the parade ran smoothly.

Christmas Tree Lot: Lion Barbara Wright thanked all the Lions who helped out at the Los Alamitos Boys and Girls Club Christmas Tree Lot.

Breakfast with Santa: Lion Marilyn Redd reported that the event was a great success and that moving from the library to the Marina Center helped a lot.

Christmas at Casa Youth Shelter: Lion President Ray reported that the kids at the Youth Center were very appreciative of the gifts that he and Lion Scott Newton delivered.

Shelter for The Homeless: PDG Ellen Liebherr reported that the event was a big success and Lion Carol Linehan added that it was heartwarming to see the kids. They also reported that the kids put on a great Christmas program.

Committee Reports:

Ronald McDonald House Dinner: Lion Marilyn Redd reported that they had the menu set and she just needed a couple more volunteers to be ready. They will be cooking on Tuesday the 13th

Student Speaker Contest: Lion Carol Linehan reported that they had contacted the high school and had three students interested in competing. She also said that the contest would be at the library on February 18th.

Third Cabinet Meeting: Lion Carol Linehan reported that the third cabinet meeting would be on Saturday, January 24th.

Mardi Gras Party: Lion Gloria Souders reported that the party would be at her house on February 21st and that invitations would be going out at the end of this month.

MD-4 Convention: Lion Dave Hubbard reported that the convention would be in Fresno and would run from February 13th trough the 15th.

Break for Dinner: 19:30 - Resume Meeting: 20:04

Mystery Lion: Jacqui Howes

Treasure Chest Drawing: No Winner

Tail Twister: Lion Brad Barras was kind to us and levied no fines.

Meeting Adjourned: 20:27



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#### Seal Beach Lions Board Meeting January 7, 2009

Call To Order 20:35

The Following Board Members Were Present:

Ray Longoria, Marilyn Redd, Judy O'Neill, Bill Howes, Gail Hubbard, Bob Heenan, Mike Gallipeo, Barbara Wright George Dooley, Gary Denni, Renee Schulte, and Linda Stephenson.

Reading and Approval of December 3d Meeting Minutes:

Motion was made to approve the minutes a read. M/S/C Lion Bob Heenan/George Dooley

Treasurer's Report: Lion Treasurer Mike Gallipeo reported that there was \$46,688.69 in the Charity Account, \$1020.29 in the car account, and \$9669.65 in the Administration Account. Motion was made to approve the report. M/S/C Lion Bruce Gormley/Bob Heenan

Communications: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Life Members: it was reported that Lions Scott Newton and Ellen Liebherr were eligible for Life memberships. M/S/C Lions Bruce Gormley/Bob Heenan

2009 Christmas Party: There was a discussion about where we should have the Christmas party this year because reservations have to be made early in order to get a Saturday night. It was agreed to not make a decision on the location at this time but to bring it up at the next General Meeting.

Motion Was Made To Adjourn: M/S/C Lions Bob Heenan/Bruce Gormley

Meeting Adjourned: 20:43



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Seal Beach Lions General Meeting January 21, 2009

Call To Order: 19:00

Pledge of Allegiance: Lion Bill Howes

Invocation: Tia Wilderuth

City of Hope Prayer: Allyn Mattox

Lions Song: Lion Dewey Linehan

Introduction of Guests: Lion President Ray introduced his guest, Cathy Lander, Lion Carol Linehan introduced her guest, and Bruce White, Lions Susie Snider Pinchot (Anaheim Lions Club) and Lion President Bonnie Paisley (Buena Park Noon Lions Club) were also introduced.

Announcements and Correspondence: Lion President Ray Longoria and Lion Secretary Bill Howes.

Committee Reports:

A. Student Speaker Contest: Lion Patti Wojnarowski reported that she had five students interested in competing and that the event will be held February 18th at the Mary Wilson Library.

B. Teen Recognition: It was reported that five club members would be attending

C. Third Cabinet Meeting: Lion Carol Linehan reported that everything was ready for the meeting.

D. Mardi Gras Party: Lion Barbara Wright announced that the invitations have gone out via e-mail.

E. 70th Anniversary Party: Lion Jackie Maloney reported that it would be held at St. Anne's Paris Hall on March 14th and the cost would be \$30.00 per person.

F. Ronald McDonald House: Lion Marilyn Redd reported that the event had been a success and plenty of Lions showed up to help.

G. Huntington Beach Host Bad Movie Fund Raiser: Lion Dave Hubbard announced that the event would be held on February 7th in Huntington Beach and that they are charging \$10.00 per person.

H. City Cleaning Deposit: Lion Renee Schulte asked for \$100.00 to be given to the City of Seal Beach as a cleaning deposit. It is good for one year.

Program:

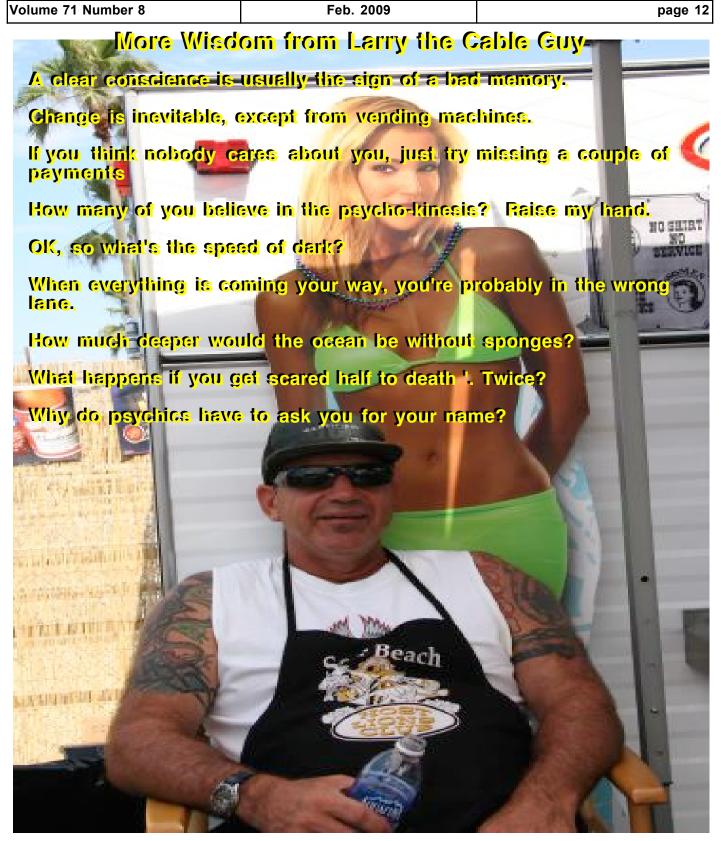
Every 15 Minutes: Lion Scot Newton gave a presentation on the Every 15 Minutes Program that is given every two years at Los Alamitos High School to prevent teenage drunk driving.

Computers to Schools: Lion President Bonnie Paisley from Buena Park Noon Lions Club gave a presentation on the Give Computers to Schools program.

Break For Dinner: 19:41- Resume Meeting: 19:50

Gift Exchange: Lion George Dooley ran the Gift Exchange. Some very bad gifts were exchanged. Mystery Lion: Carol Linehan Treasure Chest Drawing: No winner tonight Tail Twister: Once again Lion Brad punished us for our misdeeds. Meeting Adjourned: 20:29 More information & updates at - http://SealBeachLions.com





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Seal Beach Host Lions Club Cordially invites you to their 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration



Saturday, March 14, 2009 St. Anne's Parish Hall 340 Tenth Street, Seal Beach

7:00 Sharp Reception Italian Buffet No Host Bar Entertainment

> \$32.50 per person Reservations required: Respond by March 1, 2009 Carol Linehan 714-846-2478 Carol\_linehan@yahoo.com

Dress: Italian or California smart

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