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President's message:



It's funny how life comes full circle. I remember working the very first Ronald McDonald House Dinner that the Seal Beach Lions ever did with my husband Scot and Lions Dewey Linehan, Dave Hubbard and Herb Groom many years ago. We made Scot's delicious gourmet pizzas that many of our club members may remember. The guests at Ronald McDonald House loved them.

Now, many years later, I am again cooking dinner there with my daughter Ashleigh, who served as master chef, and it brings back many memories. It is also very symbolic of how our club is changing. We have a new generation of Lions that have entered our club, new, young Lions, and we are the seasoned members that are teaching them to run the projects and events of our club.

As Lion Governor Norm McKenzie told us during his visitation, one of his goals was to "shine a light on youth," and here in our club, we have been successful in doing that. We have had quite a few former Leos and younger members join our club. Seal Beach Lions have grown tremendously this past year. This growth has caused change, and we have to adapt to the change to keep our club successful.

At our RMH dinner this year, it was a group of newer and long-standing club members.

Mary Newton, Camille Romano, Adrianna Ziegenbusch, Nikki Illingworth, Lindsay Safe, Ashleigh Rollins and I all worked together. The more experienced Lions gave support and guidance to the younger Lions.

Is the torch being passed to a younger generation? In some ways, yes, but this younger generation still needs our expertise and experience to light the way for them. Let's work together with the youth of our Club, so we can continue to grow and flourish.



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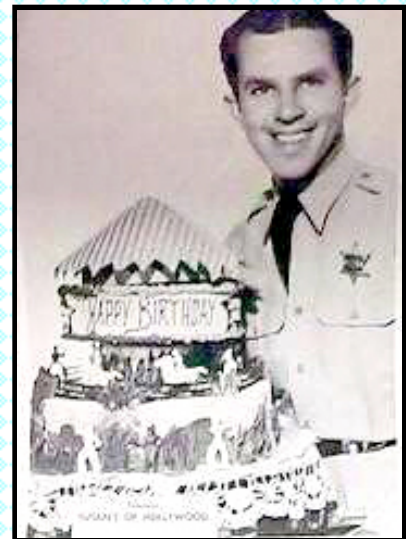


Upcoming Calendar

Regular & Board Meeting Feb 2
Primm Convention Feb 4-6
Student Speaker Contest, Feb 16
Teen Recognition, Feb 19
Garden Grove Golf Tourney Feb 25
Pony Baseball Opening Day, Feb 26
Leo Club Meeting, Feb 28
Ensenada Visitation, Mar 4-7
Charitable Giving Night, Mar 16
Designated Driver, Mar 17

Happy Birthdays to:

Mike Narz	2/1
Gay Snyder-Johnson	2/9
Dino Syrengelas	2/9
Gail Hubbard	2/10
Stephanie Giandiordano	2/24
Ken Wirtz	2/25
Marcia Haley	2/28





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Ronald McDonald Dinner

Seal Beach Lions served up a wonderful dinner to guests at the Ronald McDonald House in January. Lion Ashleigh Mattox was the Master Chef and was assisted by Adriana Ziegenbusch, Nikki Illingworth, Lindsay Safe, Mary Newton, Camille Romano, and Allyn Mattox.

The menu consisted of French Dip sandwiches garnished with grilled onions and provolone cheese, red roasted potatoes, salad, and cake for dessert.

The guests really enjoyed the food. One woman had never eaten a roast beef sandwich, and couldn't believe how good it was. People were coming back for seconds and thirds and taking food to go.

Some of the guests opened up about their stories and why they were staying at the Ronald McDonald House.

One woman had a nine-year-old daughter who had a tumor in her liver.

Another woman had just given birth to a baby who was born with brain damage. She had no idea that her baby had any kind of defect before the birth. She had family members that had flown in from Wisconsin to support her.

You could see the exhaustion on every diner's face as they served their food. They were all so grateful for a nice, hot meal.



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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our membership meeting On January 19th was extremely an extremely successful meeting. Congratulations to Lion Nikki Illingworth, who with the assistance of Lion Ellen Liebherr, arranged for a visit from a Lions Program for Canine Companions for Independence representative named Doreen Mayo.

Doreen brought in her beautiful black lab service dog Sue, who charmed our club members and showed us what service dogs do and how our Lion contributions help those in need.

Membership Chairperson Scott Newton also provided some interesting Seal Beach Lions history to the attendees.

An emergency board meeting was held and eight new members were welcomed into the club.

Welcome new members Rebecca Miller, Megan McHugh, David Embry, Laura Ellsworth, Kara Esterbrook, Byron Markel, Richard Gibson and Cindy Ramirez.

Thank you to all Seal Beach Lions who brought a guest to the meeting!

Dylan's Bench Refurbishing and Rededication

Lions and Leo's came together on January 8th to refurbish and rededicate "Dylan's Bench," which is located in front of El Burrito Restaurant on Ocean Avenue in Seal Beach.

Lions Brad Barras, Scott Newton and Cathy Newton came early to prep the worksite and bring the supplies and tools.

By 9 a.m. the Leos had already started sanding the teak wood, cleaning the cement, and polishing the metal. Leo President Tyler Sternagle took on the responsibility of chipping away the old tile making room for the new replacement tile.

Both Lions and Leos joined in to oil the teak from top to bottom. By the time they were done, the bench looked as good as new. Lion Brad mixed the cement and secured the tile in place while surrounded by more than 30 Lions, Leos, former Leos and friends.

A total of 16 Lions and 13 Leos participated in this project for a total of service hours.

At the end of the project, Lion Scott told the story of Dylan as a Seal Beach Leo. Our current generation of Leo's who were too young to know Dylan now understand what a very special Leo and person he was.

This project has also become the inspiration for a new project, "Seal Beach Beautification," which we will be hearing more about at our meetings.

Lions who participated included Brad Barras, Scott Newton, Cathy Newton, Allyn Mattox, Scott Weir, Bruce Gormley, Renee Schulte, Aro Riley, Ray Longoria, Mary Newton, Grant Newton, Judy O'Neill, Jean Munson, Alan Chavez, Lorraine Chavez and Marilyn Redd.

Participating Leos included Carl Aaker, Shaeye Bosley, Brandon Closs, Tosh DiMello, Zico DiMello, Bhody Gatchalian, Cameron Moore, Erik Okino, Adam Price, Alex Riley, Beth Spradlin, Tyler Sternagle and Kylee Stone.

Dylan Barras – Forever a Seal Beach Leo

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Congratulations to Ellen Liebherr for receiving the District Governor Appreciation Award at the Cabinet Meeting on January 22, 2011!



Congratulations to Gary Denni for receiving his 100% President's Award at the Cabinet Meeting on January 22, 2011!





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**Seal Beach Leos sort the 597
pairs of used glasses that
Lion Jackie Maloney has
been collecting.**



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new member orientation



NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION BY SCOTT NEWTON

On January 30th a new member orientation was held for 19 of our new members and six prospective members.

Six Guiding Lions acted as facilitators. It was by far the largest orientation held by our club in over 25 years.

The meeting was held at the Mary Wilson Library's meeting room. Pizza, Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks, Salad and Dessert was served to all who attended. President Allyn served up homemade pizza and salad and baked cupcakes for dessert.

Lion Scott Newton was the main presenter with support from Lions Allyn Mattox, Ray Longoria, Mike Haley, Grant Newton and Marcia Haley. New Lions Cathy Newton, Tim Kelsey and Ashleigh Mattox helped with set-up and everyone stayed to clean-up.

The orientation started with a PowerPoint presentation, which outlined the history of LCI, our objects, mission and motto. It also included organizational charts and information regarding the hierarchy of Lions from LCI to MD4 to 4L-4 to the club level.

Following this, Lion Scott made a presentation that covered everything about the Seal Beach Lions Club.

Lion Scott led a discussion on how members personally can make a difference and challenged the new Lions to create some new Service projects led by new Lions. They were challenged to come up with Signature projects for the Seal Beach Lions Club class of 2010-2011.

An amazing brainstorming session led the group to select three projects that will be developed and brought to our Board for approval. --->



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- The first is an Eisenhower Park Beautification Project. Lions will refurbish all of the park benches in the East Park, West Park and around the entrance to the pier. Twelve of the new Lions signed up for this project that will be led by new Leo's Mark Kavanaugh and Camille Romano. They plan to create a project plan, get permission from the city, and present the project to our Board in February so that they can complete the project in time for the 10K Run on April 2nd.

- The second project has already been dubbed Lions Roar for Autism. New Lions Teri, Katherine and Meagan took the challenge we gave them earlier and gave us a detailed account of their project idea. The project will take place in April (Autism Awareness Month) at Marina Park and will have an educational component for parents, a learning component for autistic children, and a FUN component for all. The event will include a BBQ lunch cooked by new Lions. Eighteen new Lions signed up to work this event including some 'prospective members'. They too will present this to the board on Wednesday.

- The third project is a Wine Tasting Event showcasing Young Artists Works. This project is still in the exploratory stage and will be headed up by new Lions Bill and Kara.

Besides the three projects, we have two of our new Lions who want to head up new committees for our club. Lion Laura wants to lead an Environmental Services committee and Lion Richard would like to start an International Relations committee.

New Lion Les will use his influence to secure a reservation at the Weapons Station Beach for a Lions Beach Party.

The evening ended with comments and words of wisdom from the guiding Lions (Mike, Grant, Ray) and President Allyn.

This was a hugely successful and beneficial event for both our new Lions and our club. We also got commitments from some of the guests to join our club at the next meeting.



Seal Beach Lions enjoy and participate in the Seal Beach Surfing Competition. Enjoying the day are Keith Berry, Teri Newton, Chris Coultrup, Katherine McHugh and Grant Newton.



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The **Melvin Jones Dinner** was held on January 15, 2011. This year's honorees were Barbara Wright, Dino Syrengelas, Marilyn Redd, Mike and Marcia Haley, Jacqui Howes, Gary Denni and Alan Chavez. Juliet Walters attended as an honoree from last year and Scott Newton attended as an honoree due to his Lion of the Decade Award.



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PROUD LION AWARD

To receive your Proud Lion pin you need to complete five tasks. The five tasks are:

- 1) **Attend a Board Meeting.** You have already accomplished this the night you were voted in. As a note, you are always welcome to attend board meetings which follow our 1st meeting of the month.
- 2) **Attend a Zone, Region or District Meeting.** There are three different meeting opportunities for you to choose from in the next two months
- 3) **Participate in a Club Project.** Most of you have already completed this. If you have not, there are plenty of opportunities in the next couple of months.
- 4) **Visit another Club.** This can be accomplished by attending another club's meeting or fundraising event. There will be several opportunities over the next few months that we will tell you about.
- 5) **Bring a guest to a club meeting or function.** Ideally it would be a prospective member. But any guest will do including your spouse, significant other or friend.

Did you hear the one about the roof?



Never mind, it's over your head.

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