



# Seal Beach Host Lions Club

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## The President's Message:

We are now more than half way through another great year of Lionism in Seal Beach. It seems to go so fast every year.

January was highlighted by the awarding of five Seal Beach Lions with Melvin Jones Fellowships. MJF awards went to Lion Herb Groom (my Cub) and Lions Chris and Khryste Langlais (Herb's Cubs).

Progressive MJF diamonds were awarded to Past Presidents George Dooley and Bill Howes. Our club should be very proud, as we have honored more Lions with this award than any other club in the district.

A big thanks to Lion Dewey who chaired this year's Student Speakers Contest. The winner was John Hunsaker who is a Los Alamitos High School Junior. Come see John compete at the next level on March 9th at the Garden Grove Lions clubhouse.

Our next service project is our annual support of the Seal Beach Pony Baseball's opening day, March 5th. This year we will be flipping pancakes in the morning and burgers in the afternoon. This event is chaired by Mike Haley who could surely use some help – give him a call to sign up.

Our next fundraiser is our annual CASINO NIGHT also on March 5th. This year's tropical theme promises to be fun. Off-track betting is back by popular demand! All proceeds from this year's event will go to Lions Tsunami relief. Call Lion George or myself for tickets. Please invite a friend and come out to support this worthy cause.

Also in March we will be conducting our 5th annual Designated Driver Night during the evening of St. Patrick's Day. Call Lion Carol to sign up – we need drivers from 4:30pm – midnight.

In Lionism,

President Scott

**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



## Melvin Jones Fellow Dinner



Friday January 14, 2005 Queen Mary, Long Beach, CA

Lions Chris Langlais, Khryste Langlais, George Dooley, Bill Howes & Herb Groom

## Student Speaker Contest



Wednesday, January 19, 2005 Mary Wilson Library, Seal Beach, CA

Katie Farrell, Lion Dewey Linehan, Brooke Winger, Alex Olson, Christie Soares, John Hunsaker (winner), Leah Kroll





### Celebrating Member Anniversaries January & February

Ed Hirsch	January 1970	Biff Horvatin	February 1994
Ed Jones	February 1988	Jim Klisanin	January 1985
Eddie Maginnis	January 1987	Inger Newton	January 1995
Don Outland	February 1994	Mark Pritchard	February 2004

### Veterans Corner:



In January of 1967, I started on a tour of duty for 4 years with the United States Air Force. I was 18 and a half when I arrived in Texas for my basic training. After 6 weeks I was transferred to Military Police Training for another 10 weeks. It was there that I got my first assignment Tan Son Nhut Air Base, Vietnam. As I prepared to ship out the next day we were gathered in the base bowling alley drinking beer. I got a call to report to personnel and after a lengthy conversation I was told I was going to Balikishier, Turkey for a year. After a short vacation home, I jumped on a 747 and headed to Istanbul.

We stayed at a hotel for a few days while the other 10 airman showed up for the 8-hour bus ride to our new base. No one on the bus spoke Turkish and our driver did not speak English. We used hand signs to let him know we were hungry and needed lunch. We stopped in a small village and he took us into a restaurant. He then told us to say "Shiskabobby". So that is what we ordered. It was basically meat on a stick. Being hungry and tired we all ate this culinary delight. As we continued our journey through these small, poor towns in Turkey we hit a dog with the bus. The bus driver did not stop but as we looked back through the windows we saw several people coming to the aid of the animal. Or at least that's what we thought. Well long story short after we finally got an interpreter at our base we asked him what was "shiskabobby" and he told us - dog on a stick. One of many stories from my military adventures.

George S. Dooley.



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