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Presidents message:



HAPPY NEW YEAR! December was an awesome month. We started the month with the Seal Beach Holiday Parade. Lion Jim threw an unbelievable party at his office before the parade. Lion Scott organized a fantastic parade. My hat is off to him. It was the largest and most organized parade we have every had. I want to thank all of the Lions who helped with line up, ran so smoothly. It was GREAT! I had a wonderful

time I Lion George Dooley's 1965 GTO. Thank you, Lion George. At the December meeting, Lion Bruce announced the recipients of this year's Melvin Jones Fellowships. Ten deserving Lions received a wonderful Christmas present. They are Lion Mike Haley, Lion Robin Alexander, Lion Jackie Maloney, Lion Ray Longoria, Lion Renee Schulte, Lion Gail Hubbard, Lion Allyn Mattox, Lion Gay Snyder, Lion Dino Syrengelas and I. I want to thank all of those who nominated me for this prestigious honor. I am truly humbled.

Lions spent two nights working at the Los Alamitos Youth Center Christmas Tree Lot. Under the direction of Lion Barbara Wright, they set-up, sold and loaded Christmas trees. The Youth Center was most appreciative of the efforts of those Lions who volunteered. Thanks to the Leos who also volunteered.

Tuesday, December 12, found a cooking crew led by Lion Jackie Maloney creating a fantastic meal for the families staying at Ronald McDonald House in Orange. As I entered Ronald McDonald House, I couldn't help smelling the wonderful aroma of a home cooked meal. Lions Jackie, Barbara Avakian, Barbara Wright, Nancy Herbert Dottie Palaski were great. Lion Barbara Locastro is doing a great job of lining up celebrity chefs to direct the cooking at Ronald McDonald House. The families really appreciated the dinner cooked for them.

On Saturday, December 15, we cooked for Breakfast with Santa and cooked and cooked and cooked. It was the largest turnout ever for this annual event. All 150 Lions coloring books and crayons were given away. It is estimated that approximately 500 attended the event. The previous was about 300. Congratulations to Lion Robin and all of her helper elves (Lions) who helped out. There was good support by the Lions and the Leos. It was kind of scary when we ran out of food at 8:30 and were scrambling for more. The same day, Lion Scott led a group of Lions over to Casa Youth Shelter where we gave seven teens a Merry Christmas. Each of the teens received a bag of goodies

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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that were well received. Afterwards, we were treated to "friendly" games of pool and air hockey.

We had the opportunity to celebrate the season at our annual Christmas Party. This year, it was held at the Old Ranch Country Club. The food was excellent and the spirits were bright as we enjoyed a wonderful evening. The entertainment was outstanding. The comedy brought laughter from all who attended. I want to thank Lions Allyn and Bob Heenan for chairing a great party.

As we go forward into the New Year, we still have a lot to accomplish. Let's go forward in the spirit of Lionism and continue our task. I was reminded of how much we do when I overheard two Elks commenting on the work our club does, especially when compared to the amount of service and giving by their Elks Lodge. Let us continue our quest to be the BEST! AAARRRGHHH!

The Captain



Lion's Club Mardi Gras Party

Host: Alan and Lorraine Chavez
Location: Barbara Wright's house
1245 Crestview Avenue
Seal Beach, CA 90740
When: Saturday, February 2, 5:30pm
Phone: Office (562) 427-3633
Home (562) 430-1949

**COME JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF DRINK,
FOOD, MUSIC AND LAUGHTER!!!**

**ADULT BEVERAGES WILL BE SERVED
BEGINNING AT 5:30.**

**BUFFET DINNER WILL BEGIN
APPROXIMATELY 7:00.**

**PLEASE RSPV ASAP TO:
acterra@concentric.net or (562) 427-3633 or
(562) 430-1949**



Club Calendar

Tuesday, January 1, 2008, New Years Day

Wednesday, January 2, 2008, General and Board Meeting 7 PM, Lone Star Steakhouse

Saturday, January 12, 2008, Seal Beach Lions Anniversary

Sunday, January 13, 2008, Melvin Jones Birthday

Wednesday, January 15, 2008, General Meeting 7PM, Lone Star Steakhouse

Saturday, January 19, 2008, Orange Cabinet Meeting, Past District Governor's Recognition, at Angelo's & Vinci's in Fullerton, Margaret Santandrea Orange Region Chair, cost \$20.00

January 19 , 21, 2008, MD-4 Senior Leadership Institute, Harris Ranch Inn at Coalinga, Ca. cost \$250.00 (food, lodging & training).

Monday, January 21, 2008, Martin Luther King Day

Saturday, January 26, 2008, Melvin Jones Dinner, at El Niguel country Club, cost \$50.00

January/February Visitations

Thursday, January 10, 2008, 11:30 (Lunch), Santa Ana Host

Thursday, January 17, 2008, 6:30 PM (Dinner), Anaheim

Wednesday, January 23, 2008, 6:45 PM (Dinner), Mission Viejo

Wednesday, February 6, 2008, 12 Noon (Lunch), Laguna Niguel

Chinese American a Tuesday in February of March (Dinner) the will call after January 8th to confirm.



Seal Beach Holiday Parade

The annual Seal Beach Holiday Parade was held on December 7th this year. Lion Jim hosted a pre-parade party to start the festivities. You were exceptional Lion Jim. The parade followed. Parade organizer Lion Scott produced the biggest and best Holiday Parade to date. Although the night was cold there was much warm Holiday cheer.





Ronald McDonald House

The Seal Beach Lions Club took their turn at cooking at the Ronald McDonald House Tuesday, December 11, 2007. The House was decorated for the holiday season with two beautifully decorated Christmas trees and other festive decorations. It was a warm and cozy atmosphere for those staying there.

We prepared a dinner of roasted pork chops in a mixture of lemon slices, onion, brown sugar and catsup. We also served a rice medley and fresh green beans with bacon. Salad and a dessert tray of Christmas cookies and other goodies finished the meal.

We left behind some small coloring books and new crayons for the little ones to enjoy. You remember how much fun it was to get NEW crayons.

Seal Beach Lions in attendance were Lion President Dave Hubbard and Secretary Gail Hubbard, Ronald McDonald Chairperson Barbara Lacastro, Chefs were Nancy Herbert, Barbara Wright, Barbara Avakian, Dottie Polaski and Jackie Maloney.

In the near future several more rooms will be added to the House for about 10 families. I think it would be a worthwhile donation for our club to contribute to the finishing touches of this wholesome and loving abode.

Submitted by: Jackie Maloney





Breakfast with Santa

Lions were awake early on December 15th preparing the Mary Wilson Library for a breakfast with Santa. Lions Bruce and Ray at the griddle preparing pancakes, Lion Robin was in the library supervising the set-up. Once the sun rose so did the temperature creating a beautiful day. Over 500 people came to have breakfast with Santa. Children were telling Santa what they wanted for Christmas (and to also have their picture taken with him) and adults were enjoying the Holiday Season. It was truly "the most wonderful time of the year".





Melvin Jones Dinner

Just a reminder the Melvin Jones Dinner will be held on January 26, 2008 at the El Niguel Country Club. The cost is \$50.00 a person. The entr'e is dry rubbed Filet Mignon.

Seal Beach Host Lions Club
Lone Star Steak House
Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2007

Call to Order: 19:00 by President Dave Hubbard.

Introduction of Guests: LH Members-Dick Prescott, John Hastings, Evelyn Carrell, Dave Collins: Greg Guastella (guest of Dave H): Tia Wilderwith (Guest of Mike G).

Announcements: Brad B received the Student Speaker Award for his commitment to Seal Beach Leos as advisor for year 2005-2006.

Reports:

A: President's Message ' Parrot Award winners-unfortunatley, the members were not at the meeting to receive their awards so their names were not mentioned. Will try again in January. HBH Polar Bear Swim ' 1-1-08, to have a pancake breakfast as well this will be the 2nd year our president is making an appearance. Anyone curios to see him, contact him for details.

B: Melvin Jones Fellow ' Bruce G ' 10 recipients to be honored at dinner in January. Six to receive diamonds, 4 first timers, 4 men & 6 women. Recipients to be honored: Jackie M, Mike H, Gail H, Allyn M, robin A, Dave H, Renee S, Ray L, Gay S, Dino S. Congratulations!!!!

: Ronald McDonald ' Barbara L ' Held 12-11-07, Jackie M and her crew cooked pork chops. FYI ' The project was started by LaHabra Host.

D: Christmas Tree Lot ' Barbara W ' Two dates for club participation.

E: Christmas Parade ' Scott N ' over 90 entries, including our very own president and District Governor, Barbara W was the Grand Marshal, Leo Joey Cagan was the Junior Grand Marshal, and Jim K held his annual holiday party at Baytown prior to the parade. Per Jim K left over food was going to be donated to Casa.

F: Breakfast with Santa ' Robin A ' Dec 15th at Mary Wilson Library a Leo and Lion event.

G: Casa Gift Giving ' Scott N ' Dec 15th ' Scott N, Dave H and Leo reps to go.

H: Christmas Party: Allyn M and Bob H ' 12/21 at Old Ranch from 7 PM to 11PM.

I: Community Service Awards ' Bruce G ' present award at place of business vs. having a dinner. Newspaper involvement and pictures...

J: Mardi Gras ' Alan C 2-2-08 to be held at Barbara W's house.

K: Update on the Website ' Mike N ' web site has been updated. Should not need a password to get the Growl. Membership and MTG Minutes are protected and require a password to enter. Gary D writes the Growl, Mike N publishes the Growl. Any articles you might have can be sent to the Growl@SealBeachLions.com.

Mystery Lion was Barbara Wright.

With no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned 20:28. Next meeting 1-2-08.



**Seal Beach Host Lions Club
Lone Star Steak House
Board Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2007**

Call to Order: 20:37 by Lion President Dave Hubbard

Roll Call: Dave H, Gail H Mike G, Tom A, Renee S, Judy O, bob H, George D, Jackie M, Scott N, Bruce G, Ray L, Mike N, Bill H. Also attended by guest Greg Guastella.

Treasure's Report: Charity Account - \$43707.98; Admin - \$12800.98; Car - \$1824.93. Motion to approve by Scott N 2nd by Bob H, carried.

Communications: Fundraiser for Lion Youth Exchange-raffle tickets-winner to be announced by MD4 convention in Modesto. Motion Bill H 2nd Bob H.

Question to the floor by Bob H ' process for allocating money to various groups ' less than \$500.00 requires Board approval, greater than \$500.00 has to go to Steering Committee for discussion first.

Old Business:

The Steering Committee meeting in late January. Fire Victims. Christmas Party ' no dance floor, entertainment planned.

New Business:

Community Awards ' may not have an award night, go to the business and plan a press release for each, Bruce G and committee to decide and present to the club.

Fish Fry Electrical Problem ' problem of 2 years ago. Request to replace the monitor cost per Mike N 50 ' dollars, 100.00 limit set. Motion to approve ' Bruce G, 2nd Bob H, Carried.

Spring Events- need dates ' i.e. Student Speaker, teacher night, Dave H needs to arrange blackouts at the restaurant.

With no further business to discuss, motion to adjourn ' Bruce G, 2nd Bob H. Carried.

Adjourn: 20:48



Deep Thoughts by Gary Denni

How do crazy people go through the forest? They take the psycho path.

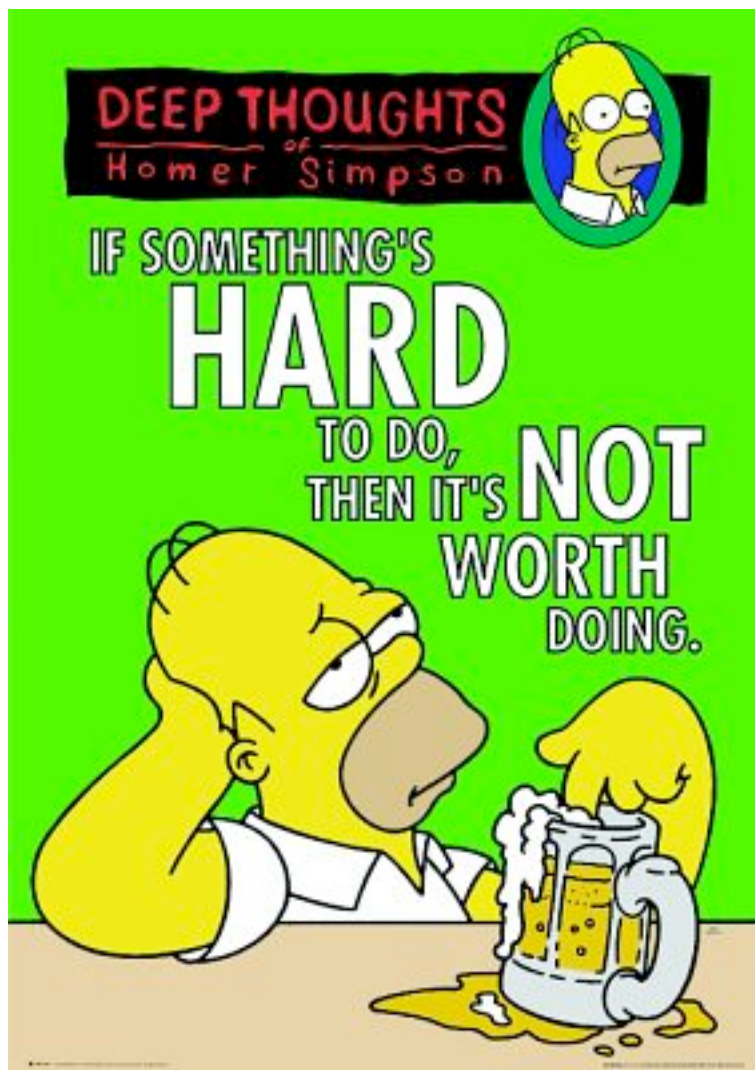
How do you get holy water? You boil the hell out of it.

What do fish say when they hit a concrete Wall? Dam

What do you call a boomerang that doesn't work? A stick.

What do you call Santa's helpers? Subordinate Clauses.

What do you get from a pampered cow? Spoiled Milk.



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