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# President's message:

First of all, Happy New Year! I don't know about all of you, but I always look forward to the holidays coming and then I am always so happy when they are over. This year is no exception!

The month of December was full of fun events for our club. We started out with the Annual Seal Beach Christmas Parade, which was co-chaired by Lions Bruce Gormley and Scott Newton. This was our biggest Christmas Parade ever and it was so much fun! Thank you to Lion Jim Klisanin for hosting his lovely open house!

Many of us also enjoyed TNT or Tacos and Tequila at Lions Ray and Marilyn home. What gracious hosts and delicious food!

Lion Barbara Wright organized Leos and Lions to work at the Los Alamitos Youth Center Christmas Tree Lot at Ganahl Lumber; Lions Scott, Cathy and Teri Newton and Katherine McHugh made a visit with Santa to the Tichner Special Education Class; Lion Juliet chaired Breakfast with Santa with the Seal Beach Chamber of Commerce at Eisenhower Park and our cubs Teri Newton and Katherine McHugh were in charge of the CASA Youth Center kids; and Lions Jacqui Howes, Kristine Albertalli and Carol Linehan chaired our annual Christmas Party at the Oakwood Apartments recreation room.

We also had some Lions and Leos participate in Beach Cleanup and Rose Parade Float decorating chaired by Scott Newton. Lions also participated in an American Family Housing dinner chaired by Ellen Liebherr; Nikki Illingworth and I dropped off gift donations for the homeless to AFH; and Lion Carol Linehan purchased gift cards for Interval House domestic abuse victims. All of this in a month where it was pouring rain, and we had to get ready for Christmas, too! Our Seal Beach Lions are really a hard-working bunch!

Now we say goodbye to 2010 and we begin 2011. We are having a membership meeting on January 19, 2011, so try to bring a friend to this meeting. We have a special evening planned.

There is a cabinet meeting on January 22 at the Costa Mesa Country Club for anyone that is interested in attending.

We also have nine members attending the Melvin Jones Dinner in January. We hope they have a wonderful time at their evening of well-deserved honor!

So let's roll up our sleeves and get back to work! HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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## UPCOMING CALENDAR

Regular/Board Meeting, January 5 Beach Cleanup Day, January 15 Melvin Jones Dinner, January 15 Ronald McDonald House Dinner, January 17 Membership Meeting, January 19 Cabinet Meeting/Costa Mesa CC, January 22 Leo Regular/Board Meeting, January 24 Convention, Primm, NV, Feb 4-6 Student Speaker Contest, Feb 16

Happy Birthdays to: 1/4 Roni Behrends 1/8 Pat Berryhill Adriana Ziegenbusch 1/10 Kristine Albertalli 1/20 1/26 Dave Hubbard Jackie Maloney 1/28



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**Breakfast With Santa** was a little different this year and chairperson Lion Juliet Walters pulled it off without a hitch. Working together with the Seal Beach Chamber of Commerce, the breakfast was moved to Eisenhower Park. It was the first time the breakfast was outdoors.

The tables were set up along side a huge Christmas tree with a view of the ocean and the beautiful Seal Beach pier. Many Seal Beach Lions and 23 Seal Beach Leos showed up in the early morning to make pancake batter, cut fruit, fry sausage and serve coffee and orange juice to the Seal Beach community.

There was a lot of participation by some of our newer Lions at this event. Lion Scott Weir had previously made the trip to Los Angeles to pick up Santa's beautiful throne and Lions Teri Newton and Katherine McHugh danced the hula with the CASA Youth Shelter children and later took gifts that were donated by Seal Beach Lions and Lion Kent Maul.

The weather held out all morning and lots of children played on the jumper and stood in line to tell Santa what they wanted for Christmas. Everyone had plenty to eat and the CASA kids had a great time. Great job, Lion Juliet, and Seal Beach Lions and Leos!

Lion Barbara Wright once again organized Lions and Leos to work at the Los Alamitos Youth Center **Christmas Tree Lot.** Barbara does a great job organizing everyone to show up and work hard on a cold night, and it helps to raise money for our local youth center!

Thanks for your hard work, Barb!

#### PROJECT REPORT: CASA Holiday Project – December 11, 2010 By Teri Newton & Katherine McHugh

This was the 27th year for the Lions Holiday CASA Project. Lions Teri Newton and Katherine McHugh led this project where we hosted the kids and staff from the CASA Youth Shelter to a holiday breakfast in Seal Beach. Three kids from CASA along with 8 staff members enjoyed the breakfast, visited Santa Claus, and danced to Hawaiian Hula music. Following the breakfast, Lions Teri, Katherine, Scott and Cathy met up with the kids at the CASA home in Los Alamitos. The kids opened the gifts provided to them by the Seal Beach Lions Club and then provided a tour for us Lions of the CASA facility. Afterwards we played cards, listened to music, and got to know more about the kids.

Each kid received a Volcom backpack full of gifts and gift cards from our Lions club. Lions Teri and Katherine did the gift shopping and wrapped the gifts. A special thanks goes to Lion Kent Maul who provided the backpacks, hats and socks. The extra gift bags were left for kids who get placed at CASA over the holidays. It was great to see the joy in the CASA kids faces as they received the gifts from our Lions Club. They really seemed to appreciate the gifts, the breakfast and the personal time we

spent with them. When it was time to leave we were all a little sad since we bonded so well with one another. It was just all around a really nice experience for us all.

The total cost of the project was \$635 which is \$65 less than the budget. CASA's Executive Director Lucian Maulhardt sent a warm letter of appreciation.



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Seal Beach Lions donated \$700 to **Interval House**, which is a home for victims of domestic abuse. Lion Carol Linehan purchased \$700 worth of gift cards for Christmas gifts and delivered them over the Christmas holidays on behalf of our club.

## CHRISTMAS PARADE

By Scott Newton

The 2010 Seal Beach Christmas Parade was a big success. On December 3rd, more than 12,000 people came out to see the more than 3,000 parade participants in 107 entries on a very cold night.

The parade started on time and ran exactly 2 hours. For the first time in parade history, every entry was in the correct order along the parade route. This is due in part to the diligent effort of the Starter Lead, Lion Bruce.

Special thanks goes out to Lion Cathy Newtonfor her work in creating new line-up diagrams which made the staging process much more efficient and accurate. She is also responsible for the improved information table set-up.

With the exception of Fish Fry, this event requires the greatest number of volunteers. We had 48 Lions work this event along with another 18 Leo's and Chamber members. It was great to see several of our new Lions working this event including several of our younger members. **More than 416 service hours** were expended on this annual project.

There are a few areas that could be improved for next year but the overall event went nearly perfect thanks to all the help and planning.

Lots of Lions also went to Lion Jim Klisanin's Holiday Buffet to warm up before the parade. Thanks, Lion Jim, for keeping us warm on a cold night! Thank you, also, to all the Lions and Leos who came out on a very cold night to work this annual event that is enjoyed so much by the residents of our community!



On December 28th, Lion and Leo Advisor Scott Newton escorted four Leos to Pasadena to decorate the **LCI Rose Parade Float.** 

After feeding the kids an early breakfast at McDonald's, Scott and the kids made the 8 am appointed work shift. The building was cold, but it was full of hustle and bustle as dozens of people worked feverishly to prepare the Lion's float.

The Leos mainly did "dry" decorating, which included cutting dry flowers and other plants. They also had the opportunity to climb to the top of the scaffolding to glue leaves on the huge Lion's tree.

The Lion's Club float really looks great and will certainly shine at the Rose Parade thanks in part to our Seal Beach Leos Carl Aaker, Cat Blumberg, Johnny Blumberg and Shaye Bosley!





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Lions Ray Longoria and Marilyn Redd hosted "**TNT**" or "Tacos and Tamales" at their home on December 4th.

Ray and Marilyn provided the food, which included grilled tacos and steamed tamales, and everyone brought tequila and beer and just relaxed and enjoyed the Christmas season.

It was a nice break for all of the Seal Beach Lions who have been working so hard this year!

Thanks, Ray and Marilyn, for a dynamite good time!







The Seal Beach Lions held their **annual Christmas Party** at the Oakwood Garden Apartments on December 11th. Lions Jacqui Howes, Kristine Albertalli and Carol Linehan chaired the enchanted evening that was attended by approximately 60 Lions.

The evening's theme was "Christmas Around The World." The appetizers for the evening were set up to reflect that theme, with food from Italy, Mexico and Asia that was absolutely delicious.

A lovely bartender also poured cocktails at the bar. A theme drink was prepared again this year. Lion Marilyn Redd made a toast with the "Merry Christmas Hibiscus," which had a floating, edible flower in each drink.

The dinner was catered by the Tustin Rib Company, who prepared barbequed chicken, tri tip beef, chopped salad, baked beans, and garlic bread.

The entertainment was really fun, as Tony Odell Rogers performed standards and got the club up dancing and singing.

The highlight of the evening was our own Lion Bill Howes, who stepped into the room dressed as a fairy princess and preceded to auction off money for a raffle later in the evening. He made the evening lots of fun.

Everyone was sad to see a really fun evening end!







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Unfortunately, no one from Seal Beach Lions won the seat on the Rose Parade Float! Just to let you know, the lucky winner was Richard Brooks from the Corona Breakfast Club. The winner was chosen on December 13th at a Float Committee Meeting. Congratulations, Richard! Have fun at the parade!

## **Beach Cleanup Day**

Due to recent storms, a special beach clean-up was held on Monday, December 27th. As always, Lions and Leo's rallied to join the other 250 Saveour-Beach volunteers in disposing of more than 3 tons of garbage from the beach. Shopping carts, hub caps, tires and couches were among the larger items found. In addition, Lion Cathy Newton helped make bedrolls for the Homeless out of used plastic bags.

Four Lions and eleven Leos worked a total of 37 hours on this project.



## **Rose Parade Decorating Photos**



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## **Breakfast With Santa Photos**













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Seal Beach Lions Club Board Meeting Minutes Khoury's Restaurant December 1st, 2010

I. Call to Order: 8:40 pm

• Roll Call: The following Board members were in attendance: Lions Barbara A., Brad Barras, Gary Denni, Bruce Gormley, Mike Haley, Jacqui Howes, Nikki Illingworth, Jackie and Mike Maloney, Allyn Mattox, Scott Newton, Renee, Terry Stephenson and Adriana Ziegenbusch. Excused Board members: Christine Craig, Dave Hubbard, Ray Longoria and Marilyn Redd. Non Board members in attendance: Lions Geri Eckner, Nancy Herbert, Cathy Newton and Ryan Ziegenbusch. Guests in attendance: None

• Reading and Approval of the Minutes: None (at this time) to approve.

• Reading and Approval of the Treasurer's Report: Motion made Scott/Second Bruce. Charity balance: \$46,053.48

Administrative balance: \$12,074.78 (see Maloney printout for details).

• Eagle Scout Project: Motion made by Mike M. and a second by Renee to donate \$100 to this Eagle Scout project. Motion passed.

• American Family Housing Christmas Project: Motion made by Mike Haley and a second by Barbara A. to donate \$250 for this project. Motion passed.

• Other Business: (1) New Member, Tim Kelsey. Motion made by Scott N. and a second by Barbara A. to make Tim K. the newest Seal Beach Lion (He has a truck!!). Motion passed. (2) Grateful Hearts Project: Lion Geri Eckner requested donation to project. Motion made Lion Bruce and a second by Lion Jackie M. to donate \$100 for this project. Motion passed. (3) Seal Beach Meals on Wheels: Motion made by Lion Scott and a second by Lion Nikki to donate \$100 to this effort. Motion passed.

Adjourn meeting: M/S/C 8:39 pm

Respectively submitted : Lion, not the secretary, Renee Schulte



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### Seal Beach Lions Club General Meeting Minutes Khoury's Restaurant December 1st, 2010

1. Call to Order: 2.

6:56 pm Pledge of Allegiance: Can't remember

Invocation: 3.

Lion Ray City of Hope Prayer: Lion Carole Hamburger 4.

Lions Song: Lion Gary Denni 5.

6. Introduction of Guests: Lion President Allyn introduced Lion District Governor Norm MacKenzie, 1st Vice District Governor Ken Sherwood and 2nd Vice District Governor PJ Smith and Stanton Lion John Doogan. Seal Beach Lion Scott Newton introduced potential new member Tim Young, Lion Scott Weir (?) presented his guest, Time Kelsey and Lion Barbara Avakian introduced her guest Steve.

7. President's Comments/Announcements:

A. Lion President Allyn presented her 2010-2011 Board members, and Lions Bill Howes, Eric Reese and Leo President Tyler with the new Club tee shirt as a token of her appreciation for their support throughout her presidency this year. She then presented the "Lion of the Decade" and Melvin Jones award to Lion Scott Newton for his outstanding service during the last ten years. Lion Allyn detailed his accomplishments which may be revisited in this issue of the GROWL and the Dec. 9th issue of the SUN newspaper. Congratulations Scott!!!

**Committee Report** 8.

American Family Housing Thanksgiving: Lion Ellen and many Seal Beach Lions donated turkeys and their time on Thanksgiving to serve dinner to an estimated 400-500 guests. She shared how rewarding this dinner was to make and serve and thanked everyone for their support.

9. Upcoming Events

A. Christmas Shop-A-Thon: Lion Jackie M. reported adding approximately \$375 to the administration account through the selling of coffee, candy and Tupperware to club members. She thanked all who purchased these items.

B. American Family Housing Project: Lion Ellen said that there wasn't a need at this time for the December 15th dinner as she has enough volunteers.

C. Christmas Party, December 11th: Lions Jacqui and Carol L. reminded the Club members of the party at Oakwood. Fifty-five people have paid.

D. Youth Center Tree Lot, December 6th: Lion Barbara Wright thanked those who will be volunteering next Monday and said to dress warm, bring gloves and park on the street.

E. Christmas Parade, December 3rd: Lions Scott and Bruce passed out packets detailing procedures and responsibilities. Reportedly there are 48 volunteers, 107 entries and 3,000+ participants.

Break for dinner: Governor Norm and Cabinet members spoke to the Club.

F. Breakfast With Santa, Dec.11th: Lion Juliette said the Methodist Church will be the staging area with breakfast to be served at the pier.

G. CASA Christmas Gifts: Lions Teri and Katherine have purchased on behalf of the Club, gifts for up to 13 CASA residents and are ready to distribute.

H. Service Awards: Lion Scott, on behalf of the Club, awarded Lions Jackie M. and Ellen their 20 year pins and Lion Bill Howes his 15 year pin.

Tee-Shirt Distribution: Lion Scott to sell after the meeting—cost \$5 for members. Ι.

J. Other Business: Lion Ray announced the upcoming T&T event this Saturday, Dec. 4th, all are welcomed. Misc. The Teen Recognition Program was brought up: the Club needs to nominate teen, pay for their dinner and donate \$200 to the program (I don't know where this was on the Agenda so I put it here and I don't know if I got it all correct, please advise or take notes yourself. . .tee hee).

10. Treasure Chest Drawing: None. . .weak excuse.

11. Mystery Lion: Lion Margie fined those bad Lions.

12. Fines and Happy Dollars: Lion Brad performed his magic and many Lions coughed up the necessary fines and happy/sad dollars.

Respectively submitted: Lion not the Secretary, Renee

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Seal Beach Lions Club General Meeting Minutes Khoury's Restaurant November 3, 2010

Call to Order 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation, City of Hope Prayer and Song

President's remarks: Please read the forum and the Growl. Both are available on-line.

Catalina trip - all who went had a good time. Successful trip. Thanks Lion Juliet.

McGaugh School Carnival was a fun day. Lion Ellen Liebherr thanked the Leos and Lions that helped out with the event.

Seal Beach Chamber of Commerce Mixer was held October 28. Lions Scott Newton and Ellen Liebherr prepared the German food for the event.

Christmas Boutique – Lion Jackie Maloney is holding a Christmas Shop-A-Thon for the Admin. Fund. Selling coffee, See's candy and Tupperware. See her for details.

Christmas party will be December 11 at Oakwood Apartments, 6:30 to 10:30. Theme is Christmas Around the World. Price is \$55 per person and includes dinner, drinks and entertainment. If you're interested please pay up.

Christmas tree lot for the Youth Center will be December 6 from 5 to 9 pm. Sign up sheet sent around for volunteers to sign up.

Christmas parade will be chaired by Lion Scott Newton. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

Lion Scott Newton passed our service awards to club members. Recipients were Nick Bolin and Grant Newton for 5 years, Karen Russell and Mary Newton for 10 years. Mike Goodrich was honored for 20 years of service. Jim Klisanin received an award for 25 years of service.

Lion Jackie Maloney is putting together a thank you dinner for our Leo Club since they have helped out our Lion's Club so many times in 2010.

Melvin Jones winners were announced for 2010. The Melvin Jones dinner will be held on January 8, 2011 at the Costa Mesa Country club. The 8 recipients are:

Barbara Wright	Dino Syrengelas	Marcia Haley
Marilyn Redd	Mike Haley	Jacqui Howes
Gary Denni	Alan Chavez	

Lion Ellen Liebherr thanked the Lions who offered to cook dinners for the American Family Housing Thanksgiving dinner.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15



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Seal Beach Lions Club Board Meeting Minutes Khoury's Restaurant November 3, 2010

Call to Order 8:20 pm

Minutes for October 2010 were approved.

Treasurer's report was given by Lion Mike Maloney.

8 new members were sworn in.

The board discussed our current IRS status. The forms that need to be have been filed and some older returns will need to be re-sent to the IRS. Lions Gene Craig and Mike Maloney are handling this.

Meeting adjourned.

2 motions were made and voted on via a telephone vote since we didn't want Lion Scott Newton to know about them. Lion Dave Hubbard made a motion to honor Lion Scott Newton as Lion of the Decade. Lion Bruce Gormley seconded the motion. The telephone vote was in favor of the motion and the motion was passed.

A second motion was made by Lion Ray Longoria on November 9 and seconded by Lion Mike Haley. The motion was for a Melvin Jones Award to be given to Scott Newton in honor of his Lion of the Decade recognition. After a telephone vote the motion passed



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#### LIONS MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 17

CALL TO ORDER - 6:58 P.M. GUESTS PRESENT - BRIAN JOSEPH (EAGLE SCOUT) PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS - WE ARE NOW ONE OF THE LARGEST CLUBS WITH 121 MEMBERS. LION BRUCE WILL HEAD UP THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE LION ELLEN WILL CHAIR EVENT FOR SIGHT & HEARING ON MARCH 19TH WE ARE PARTNERING WITH THE CITY PRESIDENT ALLYN ENCOURAGED PARTICIPATION TO DECORATE LIONS FLOAT IN ROSE PARADE LION ASHLEIGH RECEIVED HER PROUD LION AWARD LION ELLEN INDUCTED FIVE NEW MEMBERS TO OUR CLUB LIONS SCOTT WEIR, TERRY NEWTON, BILL BLATNIK, CHRIS COULTRUP, AND KEITH BERRY

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS -**

LET'S MAKE A DEAL - SUGGESTED WE NOT EVER DO THIS EXERCISE AGAIN.

LEO'S DINNER - LION JACKIE MALONEY THANKED ALL FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION. WE HAD 44 LEOS ATTEND THE EVENING

RONALD MC DONALD HOUSE- LION ELLEN REPORTED 6 LIONS WORKED THE DINNER AND A SECOND DINNER WAS DONE IN THE SAME WEEK

LEO'S LETTER WRITING - LION SCOTT GAVE BRIEF COMMENTARY ON THE LEOS AND THE VETERANS INTERACTION

AMERICAN FAMILY HOUSING PROJECT - LION ELLEN DISCUSSED OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE THANKSGIVING DINNER AND PREPARATION OF SAME. THIS HAS BEEN APPROVED AS A DISTRICT PROJECT

CHRISTMAS PARTY - LION JACQUI ENCOURAGED ATTENDANCE AT THE PARTY TO BE HELD ON 12-11 AT OAKWOOD. \$55.00 PP ALL INCLUSIVE CHRISTMAS PARADE - LIONS SCOTT AND BRUCE CO-CHAIRING. ANTICIPATE HAVING OVER 3100 IN THE PARADE. DISCUSSED ALL THE DETAILS AND SCHEDULING FOR THE EVENT.

BREAKFAST W/ SANTA - LION BILL REQUESTED SOMEONE TO PICK UP THE CHAIR FROM HIM. LION JULIA REPORTS ALL SET TO GO AT EISENHOWER PARK ON 12-11

CASA CHRISTMAS GIFTS - LIONS TERI AND KATHERINE CHAIRING THE SERVICE PROJECT. THEY SOLICITED GIFTS FROM ANY LION INTERESTED IN DONATING.

SERVICE AWARDS - LION SCOTT NEWTON PRESENTED SEVERAL AWARDS TO DESERVING LIONS DEWEY, BARBARA AVAKIAN, GERI ECKNER, MARGIE GARCIA, BOB HEENAN, ALALN CHAVEZ, RAY LONGORIA, AND GEORGE LAYMAN.

OTHER BUSINESS - EAGLE SCOTT BRIAN JOSEPH WAS REQUESTING DONATION TO BUILD DVD AND CD CABINET FOR HIS PROJECT. LION RAY REMINDED US OF THE LION TANYA TNT PARTY TO BE HELD DECEMBER 4TH MEETING ADJOURNED - 8:40 P.M.