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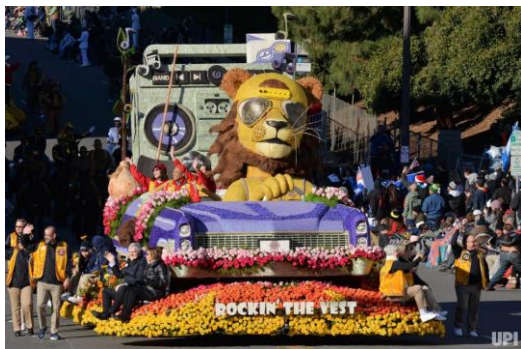
## Happy New Year 2019

What a beginning for the New Year. About 52 million people worldwide watched the Lions Clubs International float cruise down Colorado Boulevard. The flower-covered replica of a classic Cadillac with a cool Lion in sunglasses blasted out the “Rockin the Vest” song to the delight of parade watchers.

It was all about the music. “Rockin the Vest” was the idea of Past International Director Karla Harris of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It shows Lions club members coming together in this humorous hip hop video. The lyrics focus on what wearing the yellow Lions club vest means to the community. Whenever a Lions club gets together, problems get smaller and communities get better. That’s because we help where help is needed - in our own communities and around the world - with unmatched integrity and energy. What a great message to send to viewers around the world

This year highlighted some firsts. Riding on the float was our first female International President Gudrun Yngvadottie from Gardabaer, Iceland, the first female 2012-2013 MD-4 female Council Chair Lis Cooke, the 2015-2016 female MD-4 Council Chair Mary Rynerson, and the first female District Governor for 4-L4, our own Seal Beach Lion Ellen Liebherr. Walking alongside the float was “security guards” Seal Beach Lion Art Fry, International Director Candidate Lion David Radtke and his wife Penny and a number of other Lions who enjoyed waving to the crowded streets of Pasadena.

Lion Art got a lot of screen time but Lions Ellen, Liz and Mary were not seated on camera side. No problem – they had a ball doing their silly “rapper” act which entertained the crowd, getting them up to dance to the music. Comments were made that our float was the most entertaining and original.





### Lions Ray and Marilyn Honored

On December 29 International President Gudrun Yngvadottie presented Lions Ray & Marilyn with her International President's Leadership award. These busy Lions have been working with the **Lions KidSight USA Foundation**, a nationwide program to safeguard the vision of children, concentrating on kids aged 6 months through 6 years, but screening through grade 12 where possible.

According to educational experts, 80% of learning is visual. So if a child can't see well, he can't learn well. Yet most young children don't get their vision screened until they have problems learning or paying attention in school. By then, it may already be too late. Unless vision problems are detected early and corrected, they risk becoming permanent by age 7.



### *Melvin Jones Recipients Recognized*

On January 13 10 Seal Beach Lions were recognized for their Melvin Jones Fellowships at the annual District 4-L4 Melvin Jones Dinner. Held at the Orange Mining Company, Past International President Bill Biggs and Past International Director Dana Biggs took time to recognize our District and Lions for all the service we perform.

Bios were read for each of our honored members proving that the awards were well deserved.

Congratulations Lions Bill Whiteaker, Mark Kavanaugh, Stan Sarkauskas, Barbara Wright, Bill Howes, , Adriana Ziegenbusch, Scott Weir, Scott Newton, Lisa Landau and (not pictured) Mary Hollen.



### OLD TOWN HOLIDAY CHEER

By Chairman Scott Newton

The theme of this year’s annual holiday parade r was “A Ruby Red Christmas” in honor of the 40<sup>th</sup> Ruby Anniversary. The parade included 101 entries in the parade with 3,258 participants. Forty-one (41) Lions were “in” the parade as participants with their businesses, other organization or children. 152 Seal Beach Lions ‘worked’ the parade along with 29 Leos. It was truly a night of outstanding Lionism. The spectator estimate is 14,000 plus an undetermined number of residents watching it LIVE on TV.



There is no question that this is one of the community’s signature events and the largest gathering of people at any given time in the city. This Lions community service project is presented this year by OPGI – Original Parts Group, Inc. who acted as the presenting sponsor. Gold Sponsors included the City of Seal Beach, Run Seal Beach, the Sun Newspaper and Fresh Cut Creative. The City of Seal Beach partnered by providing public works and police support and Baytown Realty helped host our VIP guests. As always, The Sun Newspapers gave us great publicity.

This year’s winners of the parade entry contests are:

- Best in Show:** Fresh Cut Creative #11
- Judge’s Choice:** LB Royal Syncopated Drum Corps #27
- People’s Choice:** Marley’s Preschool #26
- Most Festive:** HB Academy of Performing Arts #73
- Most Fun/humorous:** Chick-fil-A #95

A big thanks goes out to the many Lions who worked this event with special thanks to those handling much of the ‘pre-parade’ work including Vice Chair Seth Eaker, Lions Cathy Newton and Tim Kelsey.



### SAILIN' INTO THE HOLIDAYS

by Chairman Ellen Liebherr

71 Seal Beach Lions and guests attended the annual Seal Beach Lions Christmas Party held at the Seal Beach Yacht Club. The evening began with a social hour followed by a tasty prime rib dinner.

President Ryan Ziegenbusch honored our 10 Melvin Jones Fellows selected this year by detailing all the work that each has done. Dancing to *Three Signs of Trouble* got people out of their seats followed with trips to the donut wall for dessert.

Special thanks to Lions Camille Romano and Linda Stobbe for their help with decorations and reservations and for Lion Mary Hollen for arrangements with the Yacht Club.





### Christmas in Leisure World

By Chairman Mary Hollen

On December 11, about 7 Lions and one yet-to-be Lion served Christmas lunch to the Leisure World Vision Impaired and Hearing Impaired group. There were about 80 participants that received a traditional Holiday fare of turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy, vegetables, salad, rolls and cheesecake dessert, all provided yearly by a local restaurant.

This is an annual event for us and the Leisure World community is very appreciative of our service. Chair Mary Hollen was assisted by Lions Steve Hollen, Bill Howes, Peggy Senneff, Jan Ridgeway, Rose Marie Baker, Laura Ellsworth new Lion Tess Berry and future Lion Shannan Huttner.



### BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

By chairman Bob Ripple

On Saturday, December 15 kids and parents enjoyed our annual Breakfast with Santa event held at the Marina Center. With about 350 people attending we fed them a great free breakfast while the children got a chance to visit with Santa.

The event went extremely smooth beginning with the garage preparation by Lion Jim Whiteaker followed by the work of my team of Lions Ramona Kies, Camille Romano, Art Fry, Mark Kavanaugh, Dave Schwien, Peggy Senneff, Gary Denni, Yaseng Yann, Chardy Lang, and Lisa Landau in setting up and preparing for the event. Thank you also to our outstanding Leos who managed the buffet.



### *Lions Get Busy at the Youth Center Christmas Tree Lot*

By Chairman Lindsay Safe

On Monday evening, Dec. 3rd, a group of Lions worked to help the folks at the Youth Center Tree Lot. Trees were given a fresh cut and placed on stands, then lined up in the tents for prospective shoppers and watered. About 300-400 trees were processed. Lions helping were: Steve Hollen, Mary Hollen, Ryan Ziegenbusch, Lindsay Safe, Seth Eaker, Bob Sagen, Liz Sontag, Nikki Muller and a few others. The Christmas Tree Lot raises funds for the Youth Center, which provides after school programs and other services for the local teens.



### *Lions Support Ronald McDonald House*

By Chairman Ellen Liebherr

An efficient team of Lions prepared dinner at the Long Beach Ronald McDonald House for about 40 guests with sick children at nearby Miller Children’s Hospital.

Proving dinner helps these families financially and emotionally so they can concentrate on their child’s care. Thank you Lions Mike Haley, Joie Koenders, Marcella McSorley & Pat, Lauren Scott and friend Kerry.



### *CSULB Crew Breakfast*

by Co-Chairs Rudy Huez o & Vic Grgas

CSULB (California State University Long Beach) hosted the 2018 Naples Island Rowing Challenge on November 4. The Seal Beach Lions served 200-250 people, including rowers (both collegiate and masters), as well as coaching staff, parents and supporters. The menu consisted of pancakes, sausages, fruit along with choice of orange juice, milk or coffee. Lion volunteers were Peggy Seneff, Carmen and Frank Urenda, Jeff Blancq, John Mrazik, Gina Phillips and her lovely daughter, Bob Sagen, Christine Warren, Angie Canchola and garage master, Bill Whiteaker. A big thanks to the CSULB Crew Alumni who provided all the food!



**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!**  
*and thank you to their sponsors*



Cathy Aguilar  
 Karen Iwakoshi  
 Brie Langlas  
 Lorette Murphre

Victoria Elvidge  
 Mindy Mangan  
 Riki Austin  
 Melissa Smith

Mike Iwakoshi  
 Bradley Cain  
 Tess Berry



Jan 15  
 Gretchen Bornhop  
 PDG John Schroeder

Jan 19  
 Dominic Giannotti  
 Chris Sotelo

Jan 20  
 Kristine Albertalli  
 Natalie Wilson

Jan 21  
 Sherri Aiken  
 Mark Stevenson

Jan 22  
 Stan Anderson  
 Tom Duszynski  
 Lynn Lindquist

Jan 24  
 T\Seth Eaker  
 Dennis Kaiser

Jan 25  
 Dave Gibbs

Jan 26  
 Thomas Moore

Jan 28  
 Jackie Maloney  
 Dave Schwien

Jan 29  
 Erin Cherson  
 Frank Grillo

Jan 30  
 Susan Ariano

Feb 1  
 Cameron Moore

Feb 7  
 Nate Kranda

Feb 9  
 Gay Johnson  
 Dino Syrengelas

Feb 11  
 Lindsey Torgerson  
 Tim Young

Feb 14  
 Cat Blumberg

Feb 16  
 Robert Aguilar

Feb 18  
 Hans Witten

Feb 20  
 Kim Hughes  
 Tracey Randall

Feb 21  
 John Mrazik

Feb 25  
 Beverly Bonney

Mar 2  
 Erik Dreyer-Goldman  
 Amy Kaufman  
 Jan Ridgeway

Mar 3  
 Peggy Senneff

Mar 4  
 Hans Lumme

Mar 6  
 Sharon Amarantos

Mar 7  
 Laura Keita

Mar 9  
 Barb Bartee

Mar 12  
 Kylie Bruce

Mar 13  
 Jonathan Belding

Mar 16  
 Janice Morrison  
 Mar 17  
 Marlen Shaw

Mar 20  
 Trudy Briscoe

Mar 22  
 Alan Chavez

Mar 23  
 Troy Allison  
 Leanne Clark

Mar 24  
 Beverly Lloyd

Mar 26  
 Ed Jones  
 Jim Klisanin  
 Lee Melody  
 Teri Young

Mar 29  
 Eric Lenahan



## The Seal Beach Lions Club

Meetings: the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 pm at the Seal Beach Yacht Club, 255 North Marina Drive, Long Beach

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## SEAL BEACH LIONS CALENDAR

Jan 16	Lions General & Board Meeting – SBYC\	Mar 2	CLFIS Vision Screening – Riverside
Jan 19	District Leadership Training – Garden Grove Lions Clubhouse	Mar 2	Read Across America Project at McGaugh
Jan 22	Ronald McDonald House Orange	Mar 6	Lions General Meeting – SBYC
Jan 25-27	CLFIS Vision Screening – Tijuana Mexico	Mar 7	Zone C Student Speakers Contest & Meeting
Jan 25	Ronald McDonald House Long Beach	Mar 9	District Leadership Training
Jan 26	District Meeting Saddleback	Mar 9	CLFIS Vision Screening – Corona
Jan 26	Youth Center Night Among the Stars	Mar 11	Region Meeting – Student Speakers Contest
Jan 30	New Member Happy Hour	Mar 14	Ronald McDonald House – Orange
Jan 31	Every 15 Minutes Project	Mar 16	CLFIS Vision Screening – Echo Park
Feb 2	Pony Baseball Opening Day	Mar 16	Youth Center Gala
Feb 6	Lions General Meeting – SBYC	Mar 17	Lions Designated Driver Project
Feb 7	Lions Student Speakers Contest	Mar 29	Lions General & Board Meetings – SBYC
Feb 7	SB LIONS 70 <sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY	Mar 20	Lions CUB PROGRAM Project (at Lions Meeting)
Feb 8	CLFIS Vision Screening San Bernardino	Mar 23-25	Lions Leadership Institute
Feb 8	LAEF King & Queen of Hearts Ball	Mar 9	St Joseph's Fish Fry Support
Feb 8-10	MD-4 California Convention – Sacramento	Mar 29-31	CLFIS 4L4 Vision Screening – Mexicali Mexico
Feb 12	Ronald McDonald House Orange	Mar 31	Lions Day at City of Hope
Feb 16	Lions Chili Coo-Off & Pinewood Derby	Apr 3	Lions General Meeting ELECTIONS
Feb 16	Beach Clean-Up Save Our Beach	Apr 6	Run Seal Beach 10K
Feb 20	Lions General & Board Meetings – SBYC	Apr 8	Ronald McDonald House – Oragne
Feb 23	SB Lions 80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Community Event	Apr 10	Lions Honor the Teacher Night
Feb 23	Leo District Talent Contest	Apr 13	CLFIS Vision Screening – Tustin
Feb 23	Cypress College Americana Awards	Apr 13	St Baldrick's Pediatric Cancer Fundraiser
Feb 24	Bub Scout Pinewood Derby BBQ	Apr 17	Lions General 7 Board Meetings - SBYC
Feb 27	Quarterly Board of Directors Retreat		