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The President's Message:

The last time I wrote a President's Message was in 1992. Like Past President George just did in his last message, I thanked the club for their great efforts in helping us achieve the Club-of-the-Year award. This year, I have no intention of working towards this honor for 2004-2005; however, I do want to see our club continue the great efforts of service through Lionism.

Last week I had the new officers and several other members over to my house to decide what activities and direction we will take in the coming year. Some of the ideas we discussed include:

Fundraisers – “Make them better and make them easier”: Rather than taking on more, I would like to see us concentrate on improving the fundraisers we have. In addition, I would like to establish a committee to explore potential new fundraisers for future years.

Service Projects - “Pick the best and do them better”: This is what we are all about. That's why our motto is “We Serve”. Again, we will look at the projects of the past and decide the projects for this year. I also want to establish a committee to explore potential new “legacy type” projects for the future.

Update and Improve our Project Books – “Make life easier”: The use of ‘instructions’ and project books over the past several years has made it easier for chairpersons of events/projects. We need to update instruction and project books already in existence; create instructions and project books for undocumented events; and develop processes to better maintain, update and pass on these instructions to future chairpersons.

Visitations: Can they be fun? Yes, if you pick the right ones!! I would like to set a goal of 10 visitations for the year with a focus on visiting other clubs fun events rather than meetings.

Improve Publicity: Lions are probably the best-kept secret in our town. I want to establish a publicity team to ensure we get in the paper more often to promote our good work.

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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Meeting Structure: Our first meeting of the month will be dedicated to Lions business, reports and the board meeting. Our second meeting will be dedicated to programs and fun.

Groom Leaders for the Future & Make the Club President position 'desirable to hold': Consider establishing a succession plan for leadership and find ways to make the position of President position more desirable.

Membership: We need to reactivate the membership committee and look for more creative ways to grow our membership.

As you can see, my agenda centers on making our Lions life easier and building for the future. It can only be realized as a team effort and I encourage every Lion to be a part of it.

Looking forward: If you have a free evening or some time on the weekends, sign up to 'baby-sit' the car and sell tickets – we really need to man the car as much as possible from now until Fish Fry. And of course, I look forward to seeing every Lion at Fish Fry on July 17th and 18th.

In Lionism,

The Big Kahuna – President Scott



The Secretary's Message:

I would like to thank you all for electing me your new Secretary for the coming year. My three years in the Lions club has been most rewarding. I have met many new characters that seem to enjoy many of the things I do. I teach handicapped students at Millikan High School in Long Beach and live in Los Alamitos. I have two daughters, one in college and one incoming 9th grader at Los Alamitos High School. My wife Allyn is a housewife who attends Lion's events and helps with publicity for the club. I am pleased to be your new Secretary. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you.

The Rev



Club Calendar:

Sunday, July 4

Independence Day

Monday, July 5

4th-of-July Holiday

International Convention

Tuesday, July 6

International Convention

Wednesday, July 7

International Convention

7:00 pm : Seal Beach Host Lions
Club General & Board Meeting

Thursday, July 8

International Convention

Friday, July 9

International Convention

Saturday, July 10

6:00 pm : Weinernationals

Saturday, July 17

11:00 am : Fish Fry

Sunday, July 18

11:00 am : Fish Fry

Wednesday, July 21

7:00 pm : Seal Beach Host Lions
Club Meeting & Program night

Veterans Corner:



Did you ever watch Black Sheep Squadron? Heard of Greg "Pappy" Boyington? Well here is his story and how he was awarded the Medal of Honor in 1942.

Major Boyington led a formation of twenty-four fighters over Kahili on 17 October. Persistently circling the airdome where sixty hostile aircraft were grounded, he boldly challenged the Japanese to send up planes. Under his brilliant command, our fighters shot down twenty enemy craft in the ensuing action without the loss of a single ship.

A superb airman and determined fighter against overwhelming odds, Major Boyington personally destroyed 28 of the many Japanese planes shot down by his squadron and by his forceful leadership developed combat readiness in his command which was a distinctive factor in the Allied aerial achievements in this strategic area. Boyington was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor and Navy Cross by President Roosevelt.



In Memoriam

Beverly Eileen (Fink) Eggert

Beverly Eggert died Friday, June 18, 2004, from cancer. She is the wife of fellow Lion Tim Eggert and mother of daughter Kasey (13) and son Steven (11).

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the children's trust fund by contacting: Trent Berglin at the Seal Beach Wells Fargo Bank (562) 799-6379 or to the American Cancer Society or Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in Los Alamitos.

**Be Confident
 Be Proud!!**



**Celebrating Member Anniversaries:
 July**

Cathy Bekke	1990
John Bertalot	2003
Jay Boire	2003
Bruce Gormley	1991
Nancy Grgas	1989
Mike Haley	2003
Phil Lambeth	1993
Carl Linehan	1992
Mary Ludington	2001
Kim Masoner	2001
Bonnie Moision-Boire	2003
Bonnie Mirliss	2001
Michael Narz	1994
Mary Newton	1998
Phil Ramer	1994
Mike Sellers	2000
Georgia Syrengelas	2001



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