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SEAL BEACH LIONS CLUB

Meetings on the first and third Wednesday of the month at Khoury's Restaurant
110 Marina Drive, Long Beach
7 p.m.

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Seal Beach prevails at Convention

DAVE HUBBARD

Lion

The Seal Beach Host Lions Club once again demonstrated why it is the most successful Lions club in the area. For the third consecutive year, we were named the Club of the Year (Division D) for District 4-L4.

Seal Beach also captured the award for the Most New Members and the District Visitation Award. Lion Scott Newton received an award for the Most New Members, Lion Jackie Maloney received a commendation for Chairing the Lions Teen Recognition Program, Lion Diane Martin received Certificate of Appreciation from Lions in Sight, Lion Gary Denni received a Governor's Appreciation Medal for serving as Zone Chairman and Lion President Ellen Liebherr also received a Governor's Appreciation Medal for serving as the Dis-

trict 4-L4 Forum Newsletter Editor. Lions Rose-Marie Baker and Maria De La Cueva were elected to the District's Sight and Hearing Foundation Board of Directors.

The new district leaders are Lion Sheila Castillo, District Governor-elect; Lion Gil Smith, 1st Vice District Governor; and Lion Ken Meyers, 2nd Vice District Governor. Lion Dave Hubbard will serve as this year's Zone Chairman.

The Guest Speaker was Lions Clubs International Director, Marvin Chambers, the International Director for Canada.

The convention was held at the Riviera Hotel in Palm Springs which was one of the finest convention venues where the Lions convention has been held.

Lions Gail Hubbard, Dave Hubbard, Renee Schulte, Bruce Gormley, Nikki Illingsworth, Neal Gormley, and Gary Denni represented our club.

CALENDAR

Sunday, June 23

Lions Blood Drive

Saturday, June 22

CLFIS Eye Clinic: San Diego

Wednesday, July 3

Lions General Meeting

Wednesday, July 10

Lions Sponsored Concert in the Park

Saturday, July 13

CLFIS Eye Clinic: Big Bear

Wednesday, July 17

Lions General & Board Meeting

Friday, July 19

Fish Fry Set Up

Saturday, July 20 - Sunday, July 21

FISH FRY!

Saturday, July 20

Zone Meeting @ Fish Fry

Saturday, July 27

CLFIS Eye Clinic: Hemet

Saturday, July 27

District Cabinet Meeting: Navy Golf Course

Friday, August 2 - Sunday, August 4

Visitation: La Habra Corn Festival

Saturday, August 3

Lions Admin Garage Sale

Tuesday, August 6

National Night Out

BIRTHDAYS

Tuesday, June 2

Josh Haynie

Joan Wilkins

Wednesday, June 3

Tim Kelsey

Friday, June 7

Rosie Ritchie

Tuesday, June 11

Cathy Bekke

Wednesday, June 12

Kristin Virgin

Friday, June 14

Robert Delmonte

Friday, June 21

Bob Heenan

Gary Denni

Saturday, June 22

Robin Collier

Laura Gros

Tuesday, June 25

Barbara Wright

Laura Ellsworth

Sunday, June 30

David Blasi



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ELLEN LIEBHERR

President

As we close out this Lion's year, I want to thank all of you for your hard work and support. I can truly say it has been a pleasure serving as your President.

We accomplished all of our goals, worked our tails off at projects and fundraisers, gave tons of money away in support of community projects and helped those in need. And, most importantly, we had fun doing it.

Did it pay off? You betcha! At the District convention in Palm Springs we were named Club of the Year. YEAH!

We also received the award for most new members as a club.

No surprise that Lion Scott got the award for most new members. He's up to 40 now!

Lion Camille brought home the Visitation award.

Lions Diane Martin (Lions in Sight) and Jackie Maloney (Teen Recognition) were honored as was Gary Den-

ni for his work as Zone Chairman. A good showing for Seal Beach.

Thank you Lion Terry for keeping the money straight.

Thank you Lion Diana Brunjes for all your hard work in keeping our minutes and filing the endless monthly reports.

Thank you to all of the board members for your time and level headed decisions made regarding club business. No drama, no arguments, no problems. Just the way we like it.

Special thanks to Lion Scott for another year as Chief of Staff. Your support for each President is immeasurable.

Lion Brad, we look forward to a few more bucks in our pocket with you gone but will really miss your humor (??).

Lion Bill, is there really a winning key in the treasure chest bucket?

It seems like this year has flown by so fast. Wasn't it just yesterday that we were planning our installation party?

Well another one is about to happen and I am excited to pass the gavel to President Elect Lindsay. I know she will bring a new energy to the office and do a fine job in leading our Club.

I wish the new board the best and challenge them to keep the awards coming.

My best to you all, but please do not call me IPP.

Regards,

Ellen

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Leos support the community, receive awards

SCOTT NEWTON

First Vice President

This was the 17th Seal Beach Leo Community Support Night event. Donations were given to various organizations and charities, new officers were installed, Leos and Advisors were recognized for their service and four deserving Leos received scholarships from the Seal Beach Lions Club.

A total of 91 attended this event including 42 Leos, 41 parents and community leaders and 8 Lions.

The Leos made donation presentations totaling \$4,640 to a number of organizations including LCIF, Seal Beach Police Community Safety Foundation, CASA Youth Shelter, California Lions Friends in Sight, LAHS Grad Night and more.

Every Leo in attendance received a community service certificate with their service hours for the year.

Fourteen Leos received "Lions Young Leaders in Service" awards and seven received the "Presidents Volunteer Service Awards".

Spirit Awards were given to Leos Sarah Buonacorsi and Jack Koulos as Leo Cubs of the Year.

Leo President Evan Jenkins was honored as Leo of the Year for the second year in a row.

Leos Carl Aaker and Evan Jenkins both received Leo Award of

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Public safety officials honored

LINDSAY SAFE

Growl Editor

Lions were out in force at the Seal Beach Public Safety Honors Luncheon held at Old Ranch Country Club.

Three of our own Lions received various recognitions at the lunch: Lions Steve Bowles and Todd DeVoe were presented Medals of Merit for their heroic efforts during the Meritage shooting in October 2012. Lion Karl Myers was named Police Volunteer of the Year.

Besides the 18 Lions who attended as a club, there were another dozen or so in attendance as well.

Seal Beach Lions were recognized as the Captain's Sponsor and now have our logo on three perpetual plaques which are displayed in the police department lobby.

Master of Ceremonies Tim Conway, Jr. kept the crowd entertained but somewhat offended our lifeguards with his comments about the dangers of sunburns.

This luncheon was the first since the Meritage shooting, so numerous public safety workers received Medals of Merit and Medals of Courage.

The lone survivor of the shooting, Hattie Stretz, spoke for the very first time about the heroism of our officers and fire professionals on that fateful day in October.

Lions prep for Fish Fry

LINDSAY SAFE

Growl Editor

In preparation for Fish Fry, numerous projects were completed to ensure an even better event that last year:

1) A new drainage system was developed for the bar. A bucket will now collect all spill off (don't get any ideas about what to do with the bucket)

2) A new ticket bin was built for the car drawing that increases ticket capacity to more than 1000 canisters. This new bin has plenty of room to thoroughly mix the canisters before the drawing.

3) A portable stainless steel shelf unit (wheeled) was built for the food area.

4) Four new ticket dispensers were made to accommodate more tickets as we move to a 'ticket only' program.

5) Booth walls and table coverings were



built and painted with our signature "Lions Goldenrod" paint. More than 550 square feet of wood surfaces were painted with numerous coats of paint. Hopefully by painting this wood with our Lions color, it is less likely to be thrown away after the event.

Many Lions pitched in on this project in one capacity or another. For those who helped with painting, we saw some beautiful sunsets and the socializing was fun.

Leos from page 3

Honor Medals for achieving more than 500 service hours as Leos.

The Leo Board thanks the advisors for their dedication and support of the Leo club by making special presentations to each: Spotlight on Children Award were given to Advisors Mike Haley and Diana Bean. Advisor Marcia Haley received a Spotlight on Children Award and her 5 year Leo Advisor Pin. New Advisor Lindsay Safe received a Harry Asland Fellowship from the Lions Student Speakers Foundation, Advisor Camille Romano received a Life Membership from Lions Camp Teresita Pines and Lead Advisor Scott Newton received a Melvin Jones Fellowship.

Advisors Cathy Newton, Grant Newton, Nikki Illingworth, Neil Gormley and Chis Langlais were unable to attend but will be receiving recognition from the Leos at the June 5th Lions meeting.

The evening ended with outgoing President Evan Jenkins making his farewell speech and honoring advisor Scott with a "2013 Bun Boy Exalted Ruler" award. The statue included a hot dog bun atop a pedestal with an inscription that included It's "Bun" fun! -Evan & Kurt. Incoming President Carl Aaker ended the meeting and invited everyone to stay for dessert.

On a personal note, this event is the culmination of the Leo year but is also a motivator for both Leos and Advisors to continue serving in the coming year. I was really touched afterwards by the numerous parents who thanked me and the Leo Advisor team for dedicating our time and energy to the Leos. We truly do have a unique and very special organization that helps our local kids be leaders as well as teaching them that serving and giving can be both rewarding and fun.

A special thanks goes to Lion Camille who prepared dessert for everyone and Lions Gary, Diana, Ellen, Lindsay, Marcia and Mike who helped with the event.

PURR-FECT OPPORTUNITY

Fellow Lion Jean Munson recently suffered a stroke that will keep her in assisted care.

She has an adorable 2-year-old gray Burmese male cat that needs a home. He is neutered and current on all shots.

If you are interested in adopting him, please call Lion Judy O'Neil at (562) 598-0718.



Beepball successful again

LINDSAY SAFE

Growl Editor

The third annual Beepball Exhibition Game took place in Seal Beach on May 18th.

Visually impaired Leos from the Braille Institute in Anaheim took on the best players at Seal Beach P.O.N.Y. Baseball.

The game is a variation of softball using special balls and bases that have an audible beep.

Players are all blindfolded including the visually impaired kids. Blindfolded batters will hit the ball off a tee and attempt to run to the audible base before fielders find the hit, beeping ball and place it over their head.

The 45 minute game ended with the Braille Institute Leos scoring 9 runs to P.O.N.Y. Baseball's 5 runs.

Both teams shook hands, received certificates from Mayor Gary Miller (in

Braille), and then posed for a group picture.

At the conclusion of the game, Seal Beach P.O.N.Y. Baseball donated \$300 to the Braille Leo Club in support of their athletic programs.

Seal Beach Lion Chairman Todd Stegan noted the crowds seem to get bigger each year as more and more people come out to cheer on the kids.

Seal Beach Lions and Leos helped work the bases, assisted players and cooked hamburgers and hot dogs for all who attended.

Lion Chairman Marcia Haley, who led the BBQ team, noted it was a nice sunny day, we were well recieved and, like always, the Leos were outstanding helpers.

The Leo Club of Braille Institute is now sponsored by the Seal Beach Lions Club and works regularly with the Seal Beach Leos on various projects throughout the year.



Lions answer the call for CLFIS in Joshua Tree

SCOTT NEWTON

First Vice President

Earlier this week, we received a message from CLFIS that they would be short experienced clinic volunteers for the upcoming desert eyeglass clinic in Joshua Tree. Lions Scott Newton and Samantha Savage answered the call and began the day at 4 a.m. for the long drive out to the desert.

Lions converged on Joshua Tree at 7 a.m. and had the clinic up and running by 8 a.m.

During the eight hour clinic, a total of 282 patients were seen. Some needed no glasses, some had unique prescriptions requiring glasses to be made, and most walked away with a pair of glasses from the clinic.

Lion Scott worked all aspects of the clinic and new Lion Samantha had the privilege of being the one who actually helps patients try on eyeglasses for the first time.

Lion Samantha commented on the smiles on the faces of both adults and children after putting the glasses on. A six-year-old girl named Kaycee really bonded with Samantha and proudly posed for a picture. Both Scott and Sam worked on a family of 6 (mom and 5 kids) who all left with glasses. We did not have the correct prescription for one of the children so the little boy went home with some wild ladies glasses but will receive brand new ones in a week or so after they are made.

These clinics are projects where we get to meet and personally help needy people in a very personal way. One hug from a mom, one tear from a dad, and one smile from a child makes you forget quickly about what time we awoke and how long the day was.

Official Meeting Minutes

MAY 1, 2013

GENERAL MEETING

President Ellen Liebherr calls meeting to order at 7:00pm. President Ellen led the club in the salute to the flag of the greatest country on earth, the United States of America. Lion Maria led the club in the City of Hope Prayer.

Guests:

Many guests tonight. Lion Larry and Jane Dicus visited our club to thank us for the generous donation to his campaign for International Director. Rocco Mann and his dog Mr. Nibbles visited for his second time as a guest of Jim Klisanin. Lions Diana and Gary Bean brought Mike Peters and Lion Mardele brought Sidika Kilik and Lion Scott brought Tammy Glidden.

Secretary's Report:

Lion Diana read several thank you notes from organizations, including Ronald McDonald House, District 4-L4 Teen Recognition Program and Teacher of the Year for Weaver, Kelly Otani.

Treasurer's Report:

Lion Terry announced that the admin account has \$13,766, the charity account has \$21,000 and the Raffle account stands at approximately \$22,000.

Announcements: See chairs for more information

1) Club Officer Election: IPP Mike Haley read the official slate of nominations for 2013-2014.

President: Lindsay Safe

1st President: Scott Newton

2nd President: Nikki Illingworth

3rd President: Neil Gormley

Secretary: Camille Romano

Treasurer: Laura Ellsworth

Membership Chair: Grant Newton

Tail Twister: IPP Mike Haley

Lion Tamer: Ken Robinson

First Year Directors: Marcia Haley, Rose Marie Baker, Cathy Newton, Tom Duszynski, Maria De La Cuerva

Second Year Directors: Diana Bean, Les Shobe, Nick Bolin

IPP: Ellen Liebherr

Lion Karen motioned to accept all nominations without question, Lion Lee seconded. The membership voted and all approved (with a couple non-descript goans).

Lion Lee inquired as to the number of members in our club. President Ellen says we have about 215 members and are the seventh largest club in the United States.

2) Club Visitations – skipped

Lion Bill announced the Joe Jost event on Saturday at 2pm at Dave's Other Place – Ray Longoria is buying!

3) Casino Night Fundraiser (Larry Dicus for ID) 4/6 – President Ellen will be hosting Casino Night at Harbor Party Rentals. Our President still needs a strong showing from our club. There are 90 RSVPs so far, most from the district. Please sign up and support this important fundraiser!

4) OPG Pancake Breakfast 4/7 – Lion Diana Bean needs our help! From 6:30-10:30am we will be cooking up our famous pancakes. OPG has promised to make a \$2500 donation to the club.

5) Ronald McDonald House Walk 4/7 – Lion Aro says that donations are welcome if you are unable to attend the walk. See Aro to get involved.

6) Honor the Teacher Night 4/17 – Lion Judy is encouraging us to attend in place of our regular club meeting. Our club will be meeting at the Marina Center. The cost is \$15 for dinner and you must sign up if you want food!

7) Car Show Pancake Breakfast 4/27 – Lion Lindsay needs help setting up Friday afternoon 4-6pm and cooking on Saturday. Lion Bruce announced that a 2013 Ford Escape will be raffled off. Only 600 tickets – get yours now!

8) Run Seal Beach 4/13 – Lion Ryan is looking for help to keep walkers and runners separated by Marina & 1st Street.

9) Softball Game & Picnic 4/21 – President Ellen is putting

together this fun social event for the club. Come play some ball and enjoy some BBQ. IPP Mike and Lion Scott are the team captains.

10) Camping Trip 5/10-5/11 – Lion Brad is sorry about the timing of the trip and is encouraging Lions to attend this fun social event. See Brad with questions!

11) Beep Ball Tournament 5/18 – Lion Scott filled in for Lion Todd and asks that the club come out and support this event. The game starts at 12pm and it's free!

12) Pony League Home Run Derby Project 5/18 – Lion Neil volunteered to go get the grills!

13) Golf Tournament 6/1 – Lion Grant says that this event is going to fill up quickly! The cost is \$75 and you can begin registering online next week.

Break at 7:46pm.

Return at 7:59pm.

Old Business:

1) The Crab Fest was a lot of fun! The Leos received \$1560 in tips and it was a great showing of support for the Huntington Beach Lions Club.

Samantha Savage (guest of Scott Newton) was introduced.

2) Awards - IPP Mike earned a membership key and Lion Beverly was awarded her Proud Lion pin.

Break to Board Meeting: 8:03pm

See Board Meeting Minutes.

Back to Meeting: 8:06pm

Treasure Chest Drawing:

Lion Bill added \$100 to the potential winnings and also confirmed that the winning key is in the jar.

Fines and Happy Dollars:

Lion Mary bought the Fine Free badge for \$11. Lion Brad was fairly easy on the fines tonight and lots of happy dollars!

Adjourn:

Without any other business, President Ellen adjourned at 8:32pm.

MAY 1, 2013

BOARD MEETING

1) Call to order: President Ellen called the meeting to order at 8:31pm.

2) Roll call: Diana Brunjes (Secretary), Scott Newton, Bruce Gormley, President Ellen Liebherr, Terry Stephenson (Treasurer), Mike Haley (IPP), Diana Bean, Nick Bolin, Grant Newton and Nikki Illingworth. Absent: Adriana Ziegenbusch, Neil Gormley, Brad Barras, Lindsay Safe, Geri Eckner, Camille Romano and Les Shobe.

3) Secretary's Report: Nick motioned to approve, Grant seconded, all approved.

4) Financial Report: Diana Bean motioned to approve, Grant seconded, all approved.

5) Membership Proposals: Rocco Mann – IPP Mike motions to approve, Nikki seconds, all approved.

6) Business:

a) Concert Series additional cost \$200: Scott motions to approve the increase, Grant seconds, all in favor.

b) Police Recognition Luncheon: discussion in regards to obtaining one table of ten Lions, Scott mentioned that this was

already allocated in the budget for \$500, Bruce motions to add \$500 to the bill for all the attendees, reducing their ticket cost, Diana Bean seconded, all in favor.

c) Braille Institute Dining in the Dark Sponsorship: Scott made a motion to donate \$200 to cover drinks and cutlery, napkins, plates etc, IPP Mike seconded, all in favor.

d) Treasurer Terry noted that approximately \$700 in the tip jars for the various events needs to be donated to a sight related cause. Scott motions to use for screening in September in Santa Ana, IPP Mike seconds, all in favor.

11) Adjourn: President Ellen adjourned the board meeting at 8:53pm.