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President's message:

This will be the last time I get to write the president's message. It has been a truly fun year and I appreciate the chance to serve as your president.

I sort of knew what to expect having been president once before. What a difference 16 years makes. I was just on the verge of the computer era back then.

I had a Prodigy account and one of those 876846758 at prodigy dot com email addresses but I did not know how to send email and not many people I knew had an email address. Now we can't get along without email - at least most people can't. My inbox gets deluged with Lions things. Of course I ignore most of it.

There are a great bunch of people involved with making things happen at our club. Chairpersons for this and that event and for the different fund raisers have worked truly hard this past year. There are too many to detail on this page but hopefully I have remembered everyone so that I can make presentations at our annual new officer's installation coming up on June 17. The installation will be held at the Pacific Inn in Seal Beach, corner of Marina Drive and Electric Ave. Lion Gary has been working on setting up the event and it will be a lot of fun. Much like last year, please bring a beach chair, a thirst and appetite and your sense of humor.

Our 65th annual Fish Fry as well as our annual car drawing are coming up in July and the Maloney's, Jackie and Mike are hard at work to make sure that both fund raisers go off without a hitch. Jackie has had the first meeting of her peeps in preparation and she has hit the ground running. The second meeting will be held at my home on May 27th. Lion Mike has the car drawing tickets so please see him and sell, sell and sell. Lion Gay has already sold 29 tickets and turned in the money. I have only sold 12 at this point but I will catch her soon.

Thanks everyone for all the hard work this past year and your continuing efforts.

Yours in Lionism

Lion Ray

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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Club Calendar

Wednesday, June 3, 2009, General Meeting and Board Meeting, Lone Star Steakhouse, 7 PM

Friday, June 5, 2009, World Environment Day

Saturday, June 13, 2009 Lions Leadership School, The Boy Scout Center, 1211 E Dyer Road, Santa Ana, Ca. 8:15 AM - 1:30 PM

Sunday, June 14, 2009, Flag Day

Wednesday, June 17, 2009, Installation of New Club Officers, Pacific Inn, 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Saturday, June 20, 2009 UCI Summertime and Casino Night.

Sunday, June 21, 2009, Fathers Day and First Day of summer

Happy Birthdays to:

Cathy Bekke, 6/11

Robert Delmonte, 6/14

Gary Denni, 6/21

Robert Heenan, 6/21

Patti Wojmarowski, 6/21

Barbara Wright, 6/25





District Governor's Message

My Dear Lions, Leos, and Friends of 4-L4:

I am always honored to be your District Governor, and this week I was so proud of being a Lion. (I am all the time, but this was special!!) I was asked by Lion Thom Fleury of the La Habra Host Lions to go with him on his monthly service project to the Ronald McDonald House in Orange. So along with Lions Randy McMillan and Mark Handler from La Habra Host, Lion Martha

Herbert from Ontario/Upland, VDG Judy and her husband George, and IPDG Jon and Lion Sheila Casteel from Upland Host, we met Thom and helped him prepare a meal for the families staying at the Ronald McDonald House near CHOC. Just a simple meal, but so appreciated by the family members we met who have children in the hospital and need to be near them for extended lengths of time. The whole thing has inspired me to go back to my own club, and suggest that we investigate doing the same kind of service project at the Ronald McDonald House in Loma Linda.

Just recently, the Leos of 4-L4 held their annual fundraiser for the Orphanages of Thailand. It was a great event with good food, an excellent raffle, inspiring patriotic songs, beautiful photographs of the orphans, and a presentation by Lion Sheila Casteel in which she reflected on her time spent with IPDG Jon in Pattaya, Thailand last year. The Leos organized the whole event, ably assisted by Lions John Doogan, Jack and Wanda Tanaka, and Ken Bell, and again showed what outstanding future leaders we have in our District.

Our convention is almost here - a time for celebration and reflection, and anticipation of the year to come with the new leaders who will be elected on Saturday morning. There will be lot of fun and games under the very able leadership of the convention Committee, led by PDG Mike and Sandi Schaefer, and we will have a chance to meet and talk with representative of LCI, International Director Neil Spencer from Florida.

It's had to believe my year is almost over. I hope many of you will be in Ventura to help me celebrate one of the best years of my life.

See you there

Always in Lionism,

Elizabeth

District Governor



Lions to Celebrate 100 Years of Service

In 2017 Lions Clubs International will celebrate its 100th Anniversary. Plans are in motion for a worldwide celebration. Past International President Kay K Fukushima is the MD-4 General Chairman for the events to be held in the State of California. Each District has been asked to participate.

When I got a telephone call from Lion Kay a couple years ago asking that I participate, I said "sure" then joked that I would volunteer for anything if I got 10 years to plan. Looking at that now, it's like oh-oh, I was District Governor 10 years ago and that seems like just yesterday. I guess it is never too early to get started.

The basic plan in each District is to have a Lions International Food Fair in the year 2017. I will be looking for Lions and Leos to commit to participating and sharing in the profits of this event by preparing ONE food item to feed 500 to 1000 people. From a chef's viewpoint, this sounds like such an exciting event. The La Habra Lions know all about corn, the OC Korean American Lions make great teriyaki sticks, the Harbor Mesa Lions are desert queens, the Seal Beach and Costa Mesa Clubs know how to make great fish & chips, and our Leos make the best hot dogs - what is your club's specialty?

Talk it over and see how you can participate. Maybe smaller clubs could team up together. Wouldn't it be great if all 31 clubs participated? Remember, you share in the profits if you get with the program.

We will also be looking for a venue. If you have any ideas on a location, send them my way. We hope to secure a place somewhat central in our District.

Another one of my responsibilities is to help each of the participating Clubs prepare a "Professional looking Club Brochure" that would be conducive to attracting potential new members. We are looking to help clubs promote themselves by telling their stories as to how and what they have done and are going to do to improve the quality of their communities.

To start this part of the project off, I would ask that if your club already has a brochure, please mail it to me. I am sure that by comparing and sharing all of the ideas and talent in our District each club will benefit.

Oh yes, one more thing. Money. Each District is asked to raise \$20,000 by 2017 for promotion and operations. I know this sounds like a lot, but if we start now it could be painless. Unfortunately, since this money can't be raised from the public it will be the responsibility of all Lions to make this happen. However, all we need is \$3 per year per member for 7 years to meet our goal. Even if your club doesn't participate in the food fair, your financial support is greatly needed.

If you are interested in being part of the planning committee for District 4-L4 please contact PDG Ellen Liebherr, 616 17th St., Huntington Beach, Ca. 92648 @ 714-458-3077 orellen@creativecateringhb.com

Ellen Liebherr PDG

Region Chairman's Message

"The miracle, or the power, that elevates the few is to be found in their industry, application and perseverance under the promptings of a brave, determined spirit" - Mark Twain

Last Sunday at the 4th Cabinet Meeting three young stars were in our midst. I'm referring to the three Region Student Speakers. Madeline Zsu from Foothill Region was our District winner is a junior. Madeline will be representing District 4-L4 at the Area Contest on Saturday May 9th. She also won our District Contest last year. Good luck Madeline. Mabel Tsui, a freshman from the orange Region and Grady, a sophomore from the Saddleback Region were all exceptional. I always say I'm so glad I'm not a judge. We hope to see these students back again next year. As one judge said they are our future. see next page



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Seal Beach Host Lions honored ten teachers and one administrator from the Los Alamitos School district and one faculty member from the North Orange county School District. The club provided the honorees a dinner and presented each recipient with a Harry J Aslan Fellow. Seal Beach Lion George Dooley was the faculty member who was nominated by his peers. Congratulations Lion George.

Carol Linehan

Region Chairman

Membership Are you a member of the Chamber?

Is your club a member of your local Chamber of Commerce? Lion Norm MacKenzie came up to me the other night and asked me that very question. I was happy to say that we were. Not only that, but over one half of the Chamber Board of Directors are Lions as well as the 1st Vice President. The chamber has been an excellent source of members for the Seal Beach Host Lions Club. Lion Norm was trying to make a point that the chamber of Commerce is an excellent source of members and working with the Chamber is an excellent way to partner in your community.

If you haven't done so already now is an excellent time for your club to join the Chamber of Commerce. Most chambers have a reduced membership rate for non-profit organizations. You can sponsor a Chamber mixer. This gives you the opportunity to show what you does and how it can benefit the community. By involving the Chamber members in your activities gives them an opportunity to resource and for you to gain new members. This is a truly a WIN-WIN proposition.

Now is the time to grow. Let's join the Chamber of Commerce. Let's show them how they can benefit by having us as a member and how we can benefit by them becoming members in or Lions Club. We SERVE the community and by doing so are helping the businesses. They can help themselves by joining us. So f you haven't already done so. Join the Chamber.

Dave Hubbard

District Membership Chairman



Lion of the Month

This month's Lion is our President Ray Longoria. Ray was born in a little town in south Texas in the house his grandfather built. He was conceived at the end of WW II in the Francis Drake Hotel in San Francisco. His mother and father were married during WW II and had very little chance for a honeymoon. His mother's trip to San Francisco was the first time she had ever left the town she was born in. Ray spoke Spanish until he was 4 years old and the family moved from Texas to California and his father decided that it would be better if Ray and the other kids grew up without an accent and the family only spoke English after that. Being a child of a military family Ray moved around a lot as a child. He attended Catholic schools for the first 8 years of his education. Ray graduated from high school in New Orleans which explains his love of grits. Having way too much fun in college was the reason for him receiving a pre induction physical notice from his draft board in 1966.

He decided to join the Marine Corps rather than be drafted into the Army much to the disappointment of his Navy father. After boot camp Ray was stationed in Pensacola, Florida where he learned Morse code and became an intercept operator. After school he was stationed in San Juan, Puerto Rico for 2 years. Ray did 3 years in the service and decided that it was not a career choice for him.

After the service Ray returned to Oxnard, California where his family lived and married his college sweetheart. He worked for the cable company in Thousand Oaks, California as an installer and technician until the opportunity to travel and work pole line construction came along. Ray boomed around as a construction lineman, foreman and supervisor for the next 6 years. His daughter was born in Des Moines, Iowa and shortly after his family returned to California. Fast forward 5 years and Ray divorced and moved to Seal Beach with a new job and met and married his lovely bride, Marilyn.

Ray worked as a projects manager for Teleprompter Cable and Group W cable during the early franchising days of cable in LA managing wiring several cities in the south bay and Orange County (including Seal Beach) for cable TV. After that he worked with a partner wiring buildings and industrial campuses for computer networks. He now works for Covad Communications as a maintenance technician.

Ray joined the Lions Club in Seal Beach because he had attended many of their fund raising functions and saw how much fun the Lions were having at these events. He soon realized that being a Lion was much more than having fun at events, it also involved being part of something that provided for improving the lives of many people, the community and world wide. Ray has been president of the Seal Beach Lions twice, treasurer twice and has held many other positions. He is proud of his Lions service.

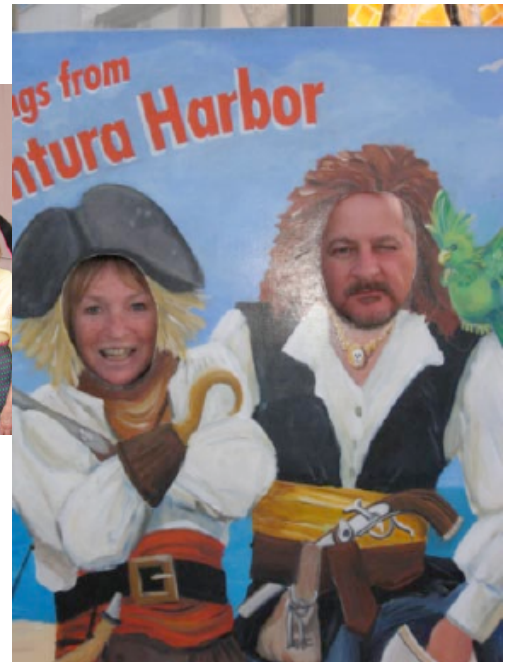


District 4-L4 Convention

4-L4 Convention in Ventura was a really great time. I do believe we sent our "Queen" Governor Elizabeth off with a roaring wave. Friday mornings medieval games which included exhibitions of four unbelievable knights fighting it out to the end and four jesters (yes your truly had a great time as the white knights Hester). Seal Beach Host Lion Dewey Linehan started the event off as the court royal bugler. The Black Knight Seal Beach Host Lion Bruce Gormley took the award and beat out the Red, Yellow and White Knights as the winner of the games and made some money on the event. Also during all the business meetings I wore my Jester Hat. It was a huge hit.

It was so much fun marching in the Grand March on Saturday evening. As Orange Region Chair, Lion Dewey and I were introduced and also Zone C Chair Lion Renee Schulte and her black knight Lion Bruce Gormley. Both nights we danced the night away to great bands. It was disappointing not having other members from our club with us. Hopefully next year we can have a bigger contingency.

Orange Region Chair Lion Carol Lineham





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Seal Beach Lions Club General Meeting May 6, 2009

Call To Order: 19:00
Pledge of Allegiance: Alan Chavez
Invocation: Karen Russell
City of Hope Prayer: Terry Stephenson
Lions Song: Dewey Linehan

Introduction of Guests: Lion Dave Hubbard brought Ken Wirtz for his first visit to the club.

Announcements & Correspondence: Lion President Ray Longoria

Wrap Up Reports

A. Pancake Breakfast: Lion Gary Denni reported that we made \$2,348.59 and thanked the Leos for their assistance.

B. Honor the Teacher: Lions Karen Russell & Barbara Wright thanked everyone for their efforts in putting together the event. The teachers that were honored were very appreciative.

C. Seal Beach 5K/10K Walk/Run: Lion Judy O'Neill reported that we had a good turn out from the membership.

Committee Reports:

A. Fish Fry: Lion Jackie Maloney reported that the first meeting of the Fish Fry committee was a success. PDG Ellen Liebherr has volunteered to make the cole slaw this year.

B. Car Drawing: Lion Mike Maloney reported that we have the SUV and it was provided by Tim Terbush at Ken Grody Ford.

C. District Convention: Lion Carol Linehan reported that four members from the club were attending.

D. Prospective New Member Social: Lion Dave Hubbard reported that there would be a prospective new member social at Garden Grove Lions club house tomorrow night.

E. Donation: Steven Meiers, the owner of Clancy's on Main Street donated \$500.00 to the club for our efforts on Designated Drive night

F. PDG Ellen Liebherr: Talked about the upcoming 100th year anniversary of Lions Clubs International.

Dinner: the club worked through dinner

Mystery Lion: Juliette Walters

Treasure Chest Drawing: No winner tonight
Tail Twister: Lion Brad fines our behinds off.
Adjourned: 20:18



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Seal Beach Lions Club Board Meeting May 6, 2009

Call To Order: 20:25

The Following Members Were Present:

Ray Longoria Gary Denni Gail Hubbard Bill Howes George Dooley Dave Hubbard
Alan Chavez Bruce Gormley Judy O'Neill Lorraine Chavez Bob Heenan Marilyn
Redd Renee Schulte Barbara Wright

Remarks by the President: Lion President Ray made some brilliant remarks.

Reading & Approval of Minutes: Motion was made to approve minutes as read M/S/C Lions
Lorraine Chavez/Bob Heenan

No Treasurer's Report

Old Business:

Lion Bruce Gormley reported that as of this Fish Fry we were going to have to charge tax on all our sales.

Lion Dave Hubbard reported that we could have a pin made with the same design as our 70th Anniversary Fish Fry design. Motion was made to have Lion Dave Hubbard submit the design.
M/S/C Lions Barbara Wright/Alan Chavez

Motion to Adjourn: Motion was made to adjourn by Lion Bob Heenan, Seconded by Lion Alan Chavez and carried by the Board.

Meeting Adjourned: 20:40

Seal Beach Lions Club Board Meeting May 20, 2009

Call To Order: 20:05

The Following Members were present:

Ray Longoria Bruce Gormley Judy O'Neill Bill Howes Renee Schulte Marilyn Redd
Mike Gallipeo Gary Denni Bob Heenan George Dooley

Old Business: None

New Business:

A. New Member: Motion was made by Lion Dave Hubbard, Seconded by Lion Bruce Gormley and carried by the Board to vote Ken Wirtz into the club.

B. Brea Lions North South Football Game Program: Motion was made to buy an add in their program for \$200.00. M/S/C Lions Bruce Gormley/Bob Heenan

C. Methodist Church: Motion was made to donate \$500.00 to the Methodist Church in gratitude for them allowing us to use their facility for our Fish Fry and Pancake Breakfast over the years. M/S/C Lions Barbara Wright/Bruce Gormley

Motion to Adjourn: Motion was made to adjourn M/S/C Lions Bob Heenan/Bruce Gormley

Meeting Adjourned: 20:10



Seal Beach Lions Club General Meeting May 20, 2009

Call to Order: 19:00

Pledge of Allegiance: Lion Bill Howes

Invocation: Lion President Ray Longoria

City of Hope Prayer: Lion Mike Gallipeo

Lions Song: Lion Dewey Linehan

Introduction of Guests: Lion Dave Hubbard brought Ken Wirtz for his second meeting.

Announcements & Correspondence: Lion President Ray Longoria & Lion Secretary Bill Howes

Wrap Up Reports:

District Convention: Lion Carol Linehan reported that they all had a good time at the convention.

Committee Reports:

A. Fish Fry: The next committee meeting will be at the Lion President Ray Longoria's house on May 26, 2009

B. Car Drawing: Seventy Three tickets have been sold.

C. Christmas Party: Lion Bill Howes reported that the Christmas Party will be held at Lion Kristine Albertalli's house on December 5th or 12th.

D. New officer Installation: President Elect Gary Denni reported that the installation would be on June 17th at the Pacific Inn.

E. Hopkinson School Carnival: Lion President Ray Longoria and Lion Alan Chavez volunteered to deliver the grille to the school.

F. Leo Club: Lion Scott Newton reported that the Leos Club gave away over \$5,000.00 at their charitable giving night. Leo Kevin Rowlands thanked the club for the donations we gave to the Leo Club this year.

Break for Dinner: 19:30

Resume Meeting: 19:45

Mystery Lion: Carol Linehan

Treasure Chest: No Winner tonight

Tail Twister: Lion Dewey Linehan stood in for Lion Brad Barras as Tail Twister but he showed no mercy.

Adjourned Meeting: 20:04



Humor?

God's Thoughts on Lawns

GOD: Frank you know all about gardens and nature. What in the world is going on down there on the planet? What happened to the dandelions, violets, thistle and stuff I started eons ago? I had a perfect no-maintenance garden plan. Those plants grow in any type of soil, withstand drought and multiply with abandon. The nectar from the long-lasting blossoms attracts butterflies, honeybees and flocks of songbirds. I expected to see a vast garden of colors by now. But, all I see are these green rectangles.

St. Francis: It's the tribes that settled there Lord. The Suburbanites. They started calling your flowers "weeds" and went to great lengths to kill them and replace them with grass.

GOD: Grass? But, it's so boring. It's not colorful it doesn't attract butterflies, birds and bees; only grubs and sod worms. It's sensitive to temperatures. Do these Suburbanites really want all that grass growing there?

St. Francis: Apparently so Lord. They go to great pains to grow it and keep it green. They begin each spring by fertilizing grass and poisoning any other plant that crops up in the lawn.

GOD: the spring rains and warm weather probably make grass grow really fast. That must make the Suburbanites happy.

St. Francis: Apparently not, Lord. As soon as it grows a little, they cut it - sometimes twice a week.

GOD: They cut it! Why? Is it a cash crop? Do they sell it?

St. Francis: No Sir, just the opposite. They pay to throw it away.

GOD: Now, let me get this straight. They fertilize grass so it will grow. And, when it does grow, they cut it off and pay to throw it away?

St. Francis: Yes, Sir.

GOD: These Suburbanites must be relieved in the summer when we cut back on the rain and turn up the heat. That surely slows the growth and saves them a lot of work.

St. Francis: Your aren't going to believe this, Lord. When the grass stops growing so fast, they drag out hoses and pay more money to water it so they can continue to mow it and pay to get rid of it.

GOD: What nonsense. At least they kept some of the trees. That was a sheer stroke of genius, if I do say so myself. The trees grow leaves in the spring and provide beauty and shade in the summer. In the autumn, they fall to the ground and form a natural blanket to keep moisture in the soil and protect the trees and bushes. It's a natural cycle of life.

St. Francis: You better sit down, Lord. The Suburbanites have drawn a new circle. As soon as the leaves fall, they rake them into great piles and pay to have them hauled away.

GOD: No. What do they do to protect the scrub and tree roots in the winter to keep the soil moist and loose?

St. Francis: After throwing away the leaves, they go out and buy something which they call mulch. They haul it home and spread it around in place of the leaves.

GOD: And where do they get this mulch?

St. Francis: They cut down trees and grind them up to make the mulch.

GOD: Enough! I don't want to think about this anymore. St. Catherine, you're in charge of the arts. What movie have you scheduled for us tonight?

St. Catherine: "Dumb and Dumber", Lord. It's a story about Ö.

GOD: Never mind, I think I just heard the whole story from St. Francis.

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