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President's message:

Really late again with the President's message (sorry Gary). On March 14th of this year the Seal Beach Lions Club will be officially celebrating our 70th anniversary. This is a big event and Lion Jackie Maloney and her very capable committee has been working diligently for the last month or so planning to make this event really special. It will be held at St. Anne's Parish Hall on 10th Street in Seal Beach starting at 7:00 PM. The theme is "That's Amore" and there will be Italian food catered by Finbars (?) and entertainment. It will be a large celebration of our clubs past 70 years so make plans to attend. Cost will be \$32.50/per person and we need a count before March 4 so contact Lion Carol Linehan before then. We already have at least 70 people signed up so join in the celebration with us.

There is still a lot to do the remainder of this year which brings up one missing chairperson. WANTED ñ someone to chair our annual golf tournament fund raiser. We are considering a slightly smaller version of the tournament possibly at a different course this year. Lion Brad will assist whoever volunteers and you will have help from a lot of Lions who have worked and chaired the event in the past. It should be a "no brainer" but does require a lot of preparation and planning. Need a motivated self starter. Please _ I don't want to have to cancel the event due to not chair person.

Once again it is almost time for this year's Polar Plunge (Saturday, February28) which is sponsored by the Seal Beach Police Dept. as a benefit for the Special Olympics. There will be approximately 8 of the Seal Beach Lions participating this year and the water is predicted to be 57 degrees at swim time. I have to sign off now and go try and find my Speedos. No pictures this year please.

Thanks again for all the hard work this past year.

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, March 4, 2009, General Meeting and Board Meeting, Lone Star Steakhouse, 7 PM

Saturday, March 7, 2009, Pamona Host Lions Bowl-a-thon, Oak Tree Lanes, Diamond Bar, 6:00 PM

Saturday, March 7, 2009, Orange County Central Lions, Spaghetti Dinner with Bingo
March 7 - 8, Hearing Days

Sunday, March 8, 2009, Daylight Savings Time begins.

Saturday, March 14, 2009, Seal Beach Host Lions 70th Anniversary Party, St. Anne's Parish Hall, Seal Beach, Ca. 7:00 PM

Monday, March 16, 2009, Harbor Mesa Lions, Lucy's and Ethyl's Bingo Night, Costa Mesa Country Club, 1701 Golf Course Dr. Costa Mesa, 6:30 PM

Tuesday, March 17, 2009, St. Patrick's Day

Friday, March 20, 2009, Spring Begins

Saturday, March 21, 2009, Ontario - Upland Bunco Night, Ontario Masonic Lodge, 1025 N Vine Ave, Ontario, Ca. , 6:30 PM

Saturday, March 21, 2009, Rancho Cucamonga Community Lions Fashion Show, 555 West Foothill Blvd., Claremont, 11:00 AM

Saturday, March 21, 2009, Orange County Central Lions bus trip to State Line.

Monday, March 23, 2009, Foothill Region Meeting

Sunday, March 29, 2009, Lion City of Hope Day

Tuesday, March 31, 2009, Orange Region Meeting , 1400 S La Habra Hills Dr., La Habra, Ca. 90631, 6:30 PM

Happy Birthdays to:

Erik Dryer-Goldman 3/02

Christine Craig 3/06

Jean Munson 3/18

Al Chavez 3/22

Ed Jones 3/26

Carol Linehan 3/28





District Governor's Message



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

I want to thank every one who made the effort to come to our third Cabinet Meeting la Saturday. It was a very special one because we honored the Past District Governors of 4-L4, or as I now affectionately call them - Persnickety Dissolute Gadabouts!! It was good to see so many of them in attendance.

In the last Forum, Lion Tom Brown listed the names of the clubs who had donated to the District Fire Relief Fund and I want to say thank you to the following clubs, and donors who have made donations since then -

Walnut/Diamond Bar \$100.00, Ontario Host Lions \$1000.00, Tustin Host Lions \$500.00, Lions District 4-C3 \$1000.00, an anonymous donation of \$200.00 via Costa Mesa Newport Harbor Lions, Roger Ellison MD \$100.00, and the van Holt Family \$200.00. We are looking for a particular need within the fire-damaged area to make a donation of these moneys.

I want to congratulate PPDG Jon Casteel and his committee for arranging a wonderful Melvin Jones Dinner in Costa Mesa on January 4th. Twenty-two Melvin Jones Fellowships were awarded - new and progressive. What a great way for clubs to recognize outstanding service to Lionism!

Following the presentation by Virgil Garduque at the Cabinet meeting, the Orange County Rescue Mission was endorsed as an official project of District 4-L4. I encourage all of you to go on line to www.rescuemission.org and see what an amazing place it is, very deserving of our tie and donations.

Our Student Speaker program will be well under way by the time you read this, and I am looking forward to hearing the interesting speeches on this year's topic - "Water ÷ Will California be Left High and Dry?" It is this kind of program which brings non-Lions to our various meetings, and allows them to see some of the work we do. It is an ideal chance to encourage new members!! I have inducted, and heard of induction of several new members in the last month, and judging by the number of hands raised at the Cabinet meeting when clubs were asked about prospective members, we are moving in the right direction towards another net increase for this Lions year. You have five months left to make sure that you meet my challenge - a minimum 10% net increase for each club in the district. I know you can do it!!

I'll see you at the Region Student Speaker Meetings, if not before.

Take care, remember February is the month of love, and Lions serve with a lot of love.

Always yours in Lionism,

Elizabeth

District Governor



REGION CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE:

"In the time we have it is surely our duty to do all of the good we can to all the people we can in all the ways we can". William Barclay. Saturday January 17, 2009 was the Twentieth Annual Melvin Jones Dinner. There were about one hundred Lions and friends at the dinner. The dinner was dedicated to "Honor our Founder Melvin Jones". I wonder if Lion Melvin Jones thought of the saying when he was forming Lions Club International, Past International President Lion Kay K Fukushima accompanied by his lovely wife Denise, was our Keynote Speaker and guest.

Lion Kay shared some really interesting stories about their travels all over the world as our International President. He explained about some of the other Projects that Lions Club International foundation money is spent on. Our donations help people in nutritional programs, those with river blindness, and those in need of clean water. Donations help support schools, clinics, safe houses for men and women, purchasing needed seeds and building drip irrigation systems. He also had a few anecdotes about problems he has had keeping the back of his pants together. He had us laughing with the stories.

Lion Kay explained that those things can happen to anyone and we are all Lions working to make the World a better place and he just happened to serve as our International President. The event honored twenty brand new and progressive Melvin Jones Fellows.

The Orange Region recipients were: Anaheim Lions Blanche Caveness and Trisha Throop, Buena Park Noon Lion Dr Bill Wewer, La Habra Host Lions Cindy Singer and Larry Spooner and Seal Beach Host Lions Gary Denni, Mike Gallipeo, Bruce Gormley, Jim Klisanin and Scott Newton.

"Admire those who attempt great things, even if they fail." - Seneca. The Student Speaker Contests are coming up. I hope your club is considering sponsoring a contest. If not find a club in your Zone or Region and attend theirs. These young students put so much effort into their speeches and remember they are our future. Please consider making a donation to the Student Speaker Foundation.

"When love and skill work together, expect a masterpiece". - John Ruskin. Thank you to all one hundred and twenty-seven Lions from all over the District who attended the 3rd Cabinet Meeting. The meeting was kicked off with an open forum about "Memberships" by Lion Dave Hubbard. Then the Cabinet members had the distinct honor of escorting the Past District Governors Jack P, Ed, Matt, Kurt, Kevin, Lowell, Phil, Mike, Dan, Chuck, Jim, Barbara, Jack L and Jon into the room while the songs Wind beneath My Wing (You Are My Hero) and Everyday Heroes were being played on the piano.

Governor Elizabeth presented each Past District Governor with bottles of wine. Our guests were visiting Governor Pat Casey-Gillum and her husband Frank from 4-A1. Virgil Garduque, our Guest Speaker, thanked 4L4 for the generous donations to the Fire Victims and told us all about the Orange County Mission Operation. Lion Bert Rameriz, Costa Rican Lions Club explained what has been going on in Costa Rica since the Earthquake. Vice District Governor Judy Schnitzer welcomed about twenty "first timers". The Orange Region was represented by the following Lions Clubs, Anaheim, Buena Park Noon, Fullerton Host, Garden Grove Host, La Habra Host, Orange County Central, Orange County Costa Rica, Seal Beach Host and Stanton. The joke of the day, if you liked the food I ordered it. If you didn't like the food the Governor ordered it.

Region Chairman

Carol Linehan



MEMBERSHIP

Have you every noticed that when you go to buy a car, there is always someone there to show you the cars, to find what you are looking for, and sell it to you. As soon as you sit down, suddenly, there is someone else there to "make a deal" with you. That someone is the closer. He will inform you and "assist" you until the deal is done.

When recruiting new members, it is sometimes helpful to have a closer. You have met someone that is interested I becoming a member but you're not sure how to proceed. The closer can help. They can make the prospective member comfortable. Help them to understand who Lions are and what they are about. They can provide an understanding of what goes on at a club meeting. Many times, this is the difference between gaining and losing a new member.

The closer is generally a person with enthusiasm about being a Lion. They are knowledgeable about your club and Lions in general. If you have a closer in your club, use them. Most of the time, they are not interested in being the sponsor. They are interested I the club gaining a new member. If you don't have a closer in your club, call a member of the District Membership Committee. They will be happy to help. We want your club to grow. Growth gives us the ability to more of the things we want to accomplish. So don't delay SELL, SELL, SELL, but have a closer available.

Dave Hubbard

Membership Chairman

HEARING AND SPEECH ACTION NEWS

Most of you know Lion Jeff Carroll, PhD, even though he is still somewhat of a "new" Lion. As Charter President of the UC Irvine Lions Club he has taken our "We Serve" motto very seriously and is now District 4-L4 Webmaster, Vice President of the 4-L4 Sight & Hearing Foundation and spark plug of the proposed mega-dollar project - Lion's Hearing Clinic & Research Center at UC Irvine.

The reason I am telling you this is that Lion Jeff has agreed to act as the hearing aid provider for the District Hearing Aid Bank. Working from his office at the UCI Medical Center in Orange, he is now providing hearing aids to referrals generated from Hearing Aid Applications received by the Hearing Aid Bank. In this capacity he has found a source of new, high quality instruments at a price and warranty that compares favorably with the refurbished hearing aids we have been using.

Having said this, I want to remind you that you are the key to making this service available to the community, by seeking out needy hearing impaired persons and referring them to your Hearing Aid Bank.

Your Club can sponsor a needy member of the community by contacting me or by making a contribution directly to the Hearing Aid Bank, which is a District Approved Project of the 4-l4 Sight & Hearing Foundation. Hearing Aid Applications are available from me at the address below and will soon be available on the District web site at 222.district4l4.org. Are you ready to do your part?

Lion Keith Campbell

THAT'S AMORE BY ALLYN MEZIN MATTOX

The Seal Beach Lions will be celebrating their 70th anniversary on March 14, 2009, and I can't think of a better theme for the anniversary party than the one that our chairperson Jackie Maloney, came up with, "That's Amore." read on.....



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I have been a Lion for the past four years and in that time I have become aware of some Lions love connections. One of them is past-District Governor Ellen Liebherr and her husband Mike Liebherr. Ellen and Mike knew each other from being in the same business. Both were dating other people. One day Mike called Ellen up and asked her for a date. Ellen was hesitant to date someone working in her field, so she told Mike thank you, that she was too busy. He persisted. "Too busy with what?" He wanted to know. Ellen told Mike that she was too busy with her Lions events. Mike joined the Huntington Beach Lions with Dave Hubbard as his sponsor and pursued Ellen for event to event until she agreed to go on a date with him. Their first date was at the Thai restaurant, but their second date was a Lions visitation to Ensenada. They have now been married for 19 years.

I am sure there are other love connections and romances that have sprung up over the years through our Lions events. But the Seal Beach Lions Club is more about giving love than finding love.

I have been to many Lion functions where I have seen the difference our club has made in the lives of people in our community. One of the most moving moments I have experienced has been when I went with a couple of our club members to the CASA Youth Shelter to deliver Christmas gifts to the kids that were spending the holiday away from their families. To watch these kids open gifts that were given to them by total strangers was one of the best moments in my life. The presents were really cool gifts and the kids were so grateful to receive them. They also were thankful for the gift of our time. They invited us upstairs to spend time playing pool with them and gave us dancing lessons. These kids enjoyed us as much as we enjoyed them. We went to spend a few minutes and ended up staying a couple hours.

I have also had the pleasure of cooking dinner at the Ronald McDonald House for families of children who are in the Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC). These children have life-threatening illnesses and the McDonald's Foundation provides a place for these families to stay. Our club has provided many meals for these families. Club members chip in to prepare outstanding meals for families who are exhausted from spending days at the hospital with sick children. These dinners are the bright spot in their day. The cards we receive thanking us always show us how much our dinners mean to these families.

Working at Los Alamitos High School I the "Every Fifteen Minutes" program helps high school students realize the dangers of drunk driving. It is moving to see the kids in the program go through the entire program, where they start out being pulled out of classrooms to portray the kids that are killed in drunken driving accidents, posting their tombstones in the center courtyard of the school, having their obituaries read, and later witnessing the staged drunken driving accident on prom night. Students get very emotional and many learn the ramifications of drunk driving.

Being an advisor to the Seal Beach Leo's Club is also a wonderful way our Lions give their hearts. Our Leos Club is very active. They work hard every year at our Fish Fry, they sponsor Art Fest and they work at the Huntington Beach Lion Crab Fest. They couldn't do these projects without our Lions watching and teaching these kids how to participate in community service and how to give back and be the next generation of Lions'

I could go on and on listing the projects that the Seal Beach Lions participate in, such as the Christmas Parade, the Car Show and Pancake Breakfast, and Breakfast with Santa. The Seal Beach Lions are a group of people that are always giving of their hearts. Whenever the community asks, the Seal Beach Lions are there to give, whether it is time, money or volunteers. We do what we can. We show our love of Seal Beach and the surrounding towns, our schools, our police officers, the blind and the hard of hearing, the churches, the homeless, the needy, the armed services, the animals, the ocean and the environment.

We also care about each other. If someone is in the hospital or passes away, the support is there. Not only does the club make sure that visits are made to a hospital and a funeral, but the family is also not forgotten.

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MD4 CONVENTION, FRESNO, CA. FEBRUARY 13 - 15, 2009



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STUDENT SPEAKER CONTEST, FEBRUARY 18, 2009

Water! Will California be Left High & Dry? Was the topic for these years Student Speaker Contest? We had three very different approaches to the problem by Zach Glasser a junior at Los Alamitos High School who won the contest and the two runner ups Junior Alex Geffrey and freshman Jenny Liang also from Los Al. Their teacher Mr. Awad thanked the Lions for the opportunity that this provided for his students.

I want to thank Tellers, Lions Carole Hamburger, Dave Hubbard and George Layman. The Timers were Lions Dottie Palaski, Gary Denni and Marilyn Redd. The Door Guards making sure no one came in or left during the speeches were Lions Dewey Linehan, Jean Munson, Judy O'Neill and Mike Galliepo.

Lion Allen Mattox spoke during the first intermission about the Leo Club. Lion Zone C Chairman Renee Schulte informed us about the upcoming Zone Meeting and Zone Level Contest scheduled for March 12.

We also had four Judges who are non Lions; they were Barbara Ahumada, Jeff Harris, Craig & Vickie Weber.

I hope you will come and support our student Zach in his quest to go all the way in the 72 Lions Contest.

Orange Region Chair 7 Club Student Speaker Co-Chair

Lion Carol Linehan





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POLAR BEAR PLUNGE



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AMERICANA AWARDS

A total of twelve Lions: Bruce Gormley, Nick Bolin, Donna Rowlands, Renee Schulte, Allyn Mattox, Chris Langlais, Khryste Langlais, Scott Newton, Grant Newton, Mark Newton, Inger Newton and Jim Klisanin attended the Americana Awards this past week. Lion Scott reports that the club got some very good publicity.





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SEAL BEACH LIONS GENERAL MEETING FEBRUARY 4, 2009

Call to Order: 19:00

Pledge of allegiance: Lion President Ray Longoria

Invocation: Lion Gail Hubbard

City of Hope Prayer: Lion Carol Linehan

Introduction of Guests: Lion President Ray introduced his guest: Cathi Lander

Announcements & Correspondence: Lion President Ray

Committee Reports:

A. Teen Recognition Dinner - Lion Karen Russell reported that the dinner was a great success and several students from Los Alamitos High School were honored for their charitable work.

B. Student Speaker Contest- Lions Carol Linehan and Patti Wojnarowski reported that they were all set for the contest and that it would take place on February 18th at the Mary Wilson Library.

C. Mardi Gras Party - Lion Barbara Wright reported that the party would take place on February 21st at Lion Gloria Souder's house.

D. Seal Beach Lions Club's 70th Anniversary - Lion Jackie Maloney stated that the anniversary party would be on March 14th at 7 PM

E. Planned Giving Night -Lion Dewey reported that he had selected three of the many organizations we support to come and tell us what their groups do.

F. Every 15 Minutes - The Every 15 minutes event will take place at Los Alamitos High School over March 26 & 27.

G. Designated Driver - Lion Renee Schulte reported that she had contacted the beer distributor and that they were going to support us again this year.

H. District Meeting - Lion Carol Linehan reported that there were thirteen Seal Beach Lions at the last district meeting.

Program: Kye Osti talked about the Marina Park Tile program and encouraged us to participate.

Break for Dinner: 19:42

Resume Meeting: 19:54

Mystery Lion: Mike Gallipeo

Treasure Chest Raffle: No Winner tonight

Tail Wister: Lion Brad fined us for our sins

Meeting Adjourned: 20:16



**SEAL BEACH LIONS
BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2009**

Called to Order: 20:24

The following Board members were present:

Ray Longoria	Marilyn Redd	Judy O'Neill
Bill Howes	Gail Hubbard	Bob Heenan
Mike Gallipeo	Barbara Wright	George Dooley
Gary Denni	Renee Schulte	Dave Hubbard
Bruce Gormley	Brad Barras	

Reading and Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made to approve the minutes as read. MSC Lions Dave Hubbard/Bruce Gormley

Treasurer's Report:

Lion Treasurer Mike Gallipeo reported that there was \$44,979.51 in the Charity Account, \$1020.33 in the Car Account, and \$7569.13 in the Administration Account.

Communications: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

A. Lion Allyn Mattox suggested that we do more to participate in the Teen Recognition Event. She volunteered to talk to Los Alamitos High School about a student that we could give an award to.

B. A Motion was made to donate \$74.00 for a Marina Park Tile. M/S/C Lions Dave Hubbard/Bob Heenan

Motion was made to Adjourn. M/S/C Lions Bob Heenan/Dave Hubbard

Meeting Adjourned: 20:38



Hot Cross Puns

1. A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center said: "Keep of the Grass."
2. A small boy swallowed some coins and was taken to a hospital. When his grandmother telephone to ask how he was, a nurse said, "No change yet."
3. A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
4. The short fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
5. The man who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
6. A backward poet writes inverse.
7. When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.
8. Don't join dangerous cults: Practice safe sects!

Jeopardy question of the year:

Answer is: Walter

Question is: What does the G stand for in the name "Maynard G. Krebs"

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maynard_G._Krebs

A FINAL THOUGHT.

LO, THE UNBONDED SEA ON ITS BREAST A SHIP STARTING, SPREADING ALL SALES,
CARRING EVEN HER MOONSAILS, THE PENNANT IS FLYING ALOFT AS SHE SPEEDS
SHE SPEEDS SO STATELY - BELOW EMULOUS WAVES PRESS FORWARD. THEY
SURROUND THE SHIP WITH SHINING CURVING MOTIONS AND FORM.

WALT WHITMAN

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