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WOW! What a convention! It was my first, and boy was it a good one!!!! I have never been so proud to be a Seal Beach Lion in my life, much less the president of the largest club in California. It started with everyone receiving a button that read "200 Strong." Thanks, Lion Ellen Liebherr!

When we arrived at the Governor's Banquet, the room was crowded. I was excited to have our club nominated for an Academy Award. The dinner was

very nice, and finally the moment came: "The winner for best project is Seal Beach Host Lions Club!" Yeah, baby!!!

I accepted the award on behalf of all the hard working members of our club and then the party was on!!! The next morning after some aspirins and coffee (black), we went to the breakfast. They gave out more awards. Congrats to Lion Bruce Gormley, who won for Outstanding Region Chairman.

There was an announcement that there was one more award for the club with the most new members and for being the largest club in California, "Seal Beach Lions Club." It was a very, very big trophy (because I am a fisherman). Great job to all Lions in our Club, you are the reason that we are so great. My speech was entitled, "The Big Dog Is In the Houssee!!!!!!"

After an award-winning weekend full of fun and Lionism, it was back to work. Lion Tim Kelsey chaired his first event, Pony Baseball Opening Day. The league thanked us for our continued support and we cooked for all the players and family there. It was a job well done.

At the same time Lion Camille and her bench refurbishing crew were hard at work keeping the benches looking great. Next came Student Speaker night. We had three speakers and our own Seal Beach Leo President Justin won!! Congrats, Justin! There were celebrities in attendance, Governor Ken Sherwood and his lovely wife, Marilyne; and the Mayor of Seal Beach Michael Levitt was a judge. Nice job, Lion Chairman Adriana.

Here is an update on hearing aid donations: Seal Beach Lions Club is the leader with 88; La Habra, 20; and UCI, 17. Great work Lion Cathy Newton! I leave you with this thought: When one door of happiness closes another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us! ~ Helen Keller

So be happy!! Be good to yourself, and smile! It's easy!!!!

In Lionism

Mike Haley, President

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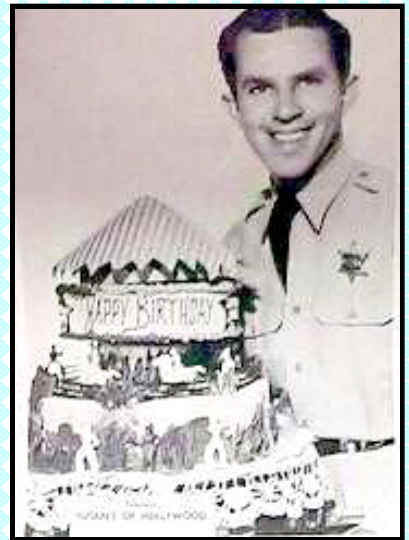
Upcoming Calendar

March is Lion's Hearing Month

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| Zone Meeting/Student Speaker Contest | 3/1 |
| Ensenada Cruise | 3/2-3/5 |
| Ensenada Road Trip | 3/3-3/4 |
| Lions Regular & Board Meeting | 3/7 |
| Visitation-Orange Lion's Club | 3/10 |
| Region Meeting/Student Speaker-La Habra | 3/13 |
| Ronald McDonald House Dinner | 3/15 |
| Designated Driver Project | 3/17 |
| Lions Regular Meeting | 3/21 |
| Seal Beach Health Faire | 3/24 |
| Visitation-H.B. Crabfest | 3/25 |

Happy Birthdays to:

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| Erik Dreyer-Goldman | 3/2 |
| Guy Shurki | 3/4 |
| Christine Craig | 3/6 |
| Aro Riley | 3/8 |
| Kara Estabrook | 3/9 |
| Marlen Shaw | 3/17 |
| Kathi McGoldrick | 3/17 |
| Jean Munson | 3/18 |
| Alan Chavez | 3/22 |
| Ed Jones | 3/26 |
| Jim Klisanin | 3/26 |
| Lee Melody | 3/26 |
| Carol Linehan | 3/28 |
| Andrew Terbush | 3/29 |





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And The Oscar Goes To SEAL BEACH!!

President Mike Haley and wife Marcia represented the Seal Beach Lions Club at the Statewide Lions Convention in Ontario the weekend of February 3rd – 5th.

At the Governor’s Banquet on Saturday night, President Mike received the Academy Award of Lionism for a large project for our Fish Fry.

President Mike also received a Third Place Award for our Lions Against Graffiti project.

Seal Beach Lions Club was also recognized for having the most new members in a year and for becoming the largest club in the State of California with 200 members.

PDG Lion Ellen Liebherr prepared buttons for our club members to wear that stated “200 Strong.”

Zone Chair Bruce Gormley also received an award for Outstanding Zone Chair for his service to our District.

Four Seal Beach Leos were also present to attend the Leo Symposium and to present the flags at the Opening Ceremonies.

Seal Beach Lion Cathy Newton -- with the help of Leos -- conducted an Eyeglass Cleaning and Sorting Party at the Convention, also.





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An eyeglass recycling party was held at Lion Nikki Illingworth's house on Saturday after the Bench Refurbishment Project.

Nineteen Lions and friend showed up to help sort more than 3,200 pair of eyeglasses.

It took Seal Beach Lions about two hours under the guidance of Chairperson Cathy Newton to get the job done.

After all that hard work, Lion Nikki -- with help from Lion Neil Gormley -- turned on the barbeque.

Everyone pitched in for a great Brats barbeque lunch with brownies made by Lion Matti Kline for dessert.

Now that's the way to get a Lion's project accomplished!



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Lion Camille Romano and her crew are at it again...making Seal Beach look beautiful!

It's been just a year since Seal Beach Lions refurbished the benches at Eisenhower Park and it was a major job, so Lion Camille decided to make sure that the benches don't fall into disrepair again.

With the help of many of our new and some of our more experienced Lions, the work was much easier this year.

Many of the benches just required a light sanding and a new application of teak oil.



The Lions that work on this project always enjoy the job. It seems that the weather always cooperates.

It always turns out to be a beautiful day working on the beach.

Many people come by to chat and see what the Seal Beach Lions are up to.

This year the crew saved a special bench for last.

Leo Dylan Barras' memorial bench was the last bench to be refurbished.

Camille and her crew gave Dylan's bench some extra love as they made sure some extra Lion's care went into making sure it was the best-looking bench on the beach.

Former Leo and current Lion Neil Gormley put the finishing touches on the handiwork.

The benches always look so beautiful when the work is finished.

The bench work was completed in no time and everyone was off to Lion Nikki's to enjoy a barbecue as a reward for all their hard work.





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Students Justin Khalil, Matt Goulding and Michale Leon enlightened the Seal Beach Lions Club on the topic "What Would The America of Yesteday Teach The America Of Tomorrow?" at the Lion's Student Speaker Contest on February 15th at the Mary Wilson Library.

Lion Adriana Ziegenbusch chaired the program for the second consecutive year and did an excellent job.

This year's judges included Seal Beach Mayor Michael Levitt.

Governor Ken Sherwood also attended, along with 23 members of the Seal Beach Lions Club.

The winner of the contest was Justin Khalil, who is the president of the Seal Beach Leo's Club.

The next leg of the competition will be the Zone Level and will be on March 1st at the Mary Wilson Library.

The Miss Seal Beach Contest is returning with the help of Lion Rosie Ritchie.

Seal Beach Lions were treated to a visit by the contestants at their February 1st meeting.

Contestants are competing in the Miss Seal Beach and Jr. Miss Seal Beach categories.

The pageant will be held on March 3 at 7 p.m. at McGaugh School. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at the door.

Seal Beach Lions are helping to sponsor the event.





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SEAL BEACH LIONS RECYCLE HEARING AIDS

By Lion Scott Newton

One of the most effective ways Lions help people with hearing loss or impairment is through our hearing aid recycling program.

Lions recycle thousands of hearing aids a year that enhance the lives of adults and children worldwide. March is Hearing Month for the Seal Beach Lions Club and we are asking people to donate unwanted hearing aids to the Lions Hearing Aid Recycling Program (HARP).

Through this program, Lions are able to provide high-quality, low-cost hearing aids to individuals who would otherwise never be able to afford them. Hearing loss affects 278 million people worldwide.

When people are not able to pay the high cost of quality hearing aids -- which cost an average of \$3,600 each and are often not covered by insurance -- they are left in silence, or with poor-functioning hearing aids.

Thirty-six million Americans have hearing loss, and the 7 million Americans who cannot afford hearing aids have become an underserved population.

To donate hearing aids, place them in the Lions Eyeglass and Hearing Aid collection bin located in the Leisure World Health Center.

Other recycle locations are listed on our website at: www.sealbeachlions.com.

For additional information or to have your hearing aids picked up, contact Lion Cathy Newton at 310-377-8955.

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Lion Ray Longoria and his **LAG Team** have really been busy this month.

He and Lion Laura Ellsworth have been sweeping the Old Town neighborhood on their golf carts, checking for graffiti near the pier, in alleys and along Pacific Coast Highway.

As a New Member Project, a significant amount of graffiti was cleaned up on the River Bike Trail on January 28th. Twenty-four Lions participated in this task.

Lions Scott and Cathy Newton teamed up with Cub Ed Zelinske and his friend Shawna to clean up 17 more graffiti taggings at three additional locations.

Lion Ray also spent another three Sundays on graffiti patrol, including cleaning up the Marina Drive Bridge fishing area.

Lion Allyn Mattox saw some graffiti on her morning walk, and Lions Ray and Marilyn were there an hour later, leaving the area sparkling clean.

Lion Scott Newton was also invited by the Seal Beach City Council to give a Power Point demonstration on our LAG program.

He told the council about Seal Beach Lion's commitment to keeping Seal Beach graffiti-free.

In recognition of what an excellent job Lion Ray and his committee is doing in the LAG program, Seal Beach Lions received a 3rd Place Trophy for this project at our Statewide Convention this month.

Congratulations, Lion Ray!



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Camping Anyone?

Lions Brad and Nancy Barras and Scott and Cathy Newton went down to Winchester this month to scope out the location for the Seal Beach Lions First Annual Camping Trip.

The trip is scheduled for June 1-3, 2012, so mark your calendars.

Lion Brad is working with Byrd, owner of the campground to get it ready for our weekend.

So reserve your motor home, get out your tents, and dust off your sleeping bags. It's going to be a RAWR-ing good time!



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The Teen Recognition Awards were presented at the Garden Grove Lions Clubhouse on Sunday. Lions Carol Linehan and Joan Parks were the chairmen.

Seal Beach Leo President Justin Khalil was one of five students honored for being an example of a student who can live a drug, alcohol and tobacco-free lifestyle.

Justin is a Seal Beach Resident. He attended with his parents and his girlfriend, Amy. He is a senior at Los Alamitos High School and currently maintains a 4.67 GPA.

Justin was presented with Certificate of Accomplishments from State Assemblyman Jim Silva, Seal Beach Mayor Michael Levitt and County of Orange Board of Supervisor John Moorlach.

He also received a Certificate of Congressional Recognition from Ed Royce, a Certificate from the Seal Beach Chamber of Commerce, and The Teen Recognition Award from District 4L-4 of the Lions Club.

The Lions also present him with a scholarship check.

When presented with the awards, Justin said, "I am not the only person who chooses to live a drug and alcohol-free life."

He thanked the Lions and those present for his awards.

Sergeant Steve Bowles, a 17-year veteran of the Seal Beach Police Department and a Seal Beach Lion, was the guest Speaker.

Bowles talked about how he grew up in a time that is very different that today.

"Kids are exposed to more today than kids were ever exposed to before," Bowles told the audience.

He went on to explain that kids are exposed to drugs, alcohol, bullying and other problems, and it is important to teach character, so that children will know how to make good decisions.

Working with Erin Runnion, whose daughter Samantha was kidnapped, sexually abused and murdered, and the Joyful Child Foundation, Bowles teaches kids about bullying and physical skills useful to get away from predators.

He also tries to help children learn the Josephson Institute Six Pillars of Character, which are trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

He feels it is hard to raise drug-free children, but he thanked the Lions, because he felt like many of the Lions were doing the things that could help kids stay drug free.

Other students recognized were Peter Liu of Chino Hills, Brooke Lovas of Chino Hills, Forrest McFarland, and Michael Stickland.

Also present at the event were Governor Ken Sherwood and wife Marilyn; 1st VDG P.J. Smith and wife Georgia; 2nd VDG Sheila Casteel; PDG Barbara Hayward; PDG Danny Mayer and wife Lori; and Ronnie Guyer, Field Representative of Jim Silva and Winner of the 1959 Student Speaker Contest.

Seal Beach Lions attending included President Mike Haley and wife Marcia, Allyn Mattox, Scott and Cathy Newton, Mike and Jackie Maloney, Lara Edwards, Carol and Dewey Linehan, Steve Bowles, and Patti Wojanarski.



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Seal Beach Lions Club
Regular Meeting
February 1, 2012

President Mike Haley calls meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.
Lion George Layman leads the club in the salute to the flag of the greatest country on earth, the United States of America.
Lion Bruce Gormley leads the club in the Invocation.
Lion Lee Melody leads the club in the City of Hope Prayer.

Guests

Lion Linda Palutzke introduces Tina Moses and Maggie and Tim Shelton.
Jim and Jan Woufelt are introduced by Lion Lara Edwards
Lion Aro Riley introduces Derek Herrera and Steve.
Lion Lee Melody introduces Jennifer Haney.
Lion Tim Terbush introduces Suzy Bouse.
Lion Bill Blatnik introduces Aileen.

President's Comments

Meet & Greet

The intention of "Meet & Greet" is to meet other Lions. There will be a question in the "Roar" before every meeting. With Tail Twister Brad's assistance, President Mike will ask Lions questions about each other so we will get to know our new members. We still have to shake Lion Brad's hand.

Seal Beach TV is showing "Rock The Vest."

Convention is looking for volunteers. Contact PDG Jon Casteel if you are able to help.

The Orange Region Meeting is March 13th. Please sign up at the Greeter Table and pay Lion Allyn.

If you would like to be on the agenda, RSVP to President Mike by Monday before the meeting.

Awards – none

Miss Seal Beach Contestants – Lion Rosie Ritchie

Lion Rosie Ritchie has signed on to revive the Miss Seal Beach pageant. There will be a "Meet & Greet" at McKenna's on February 15th. Lion Rosie introduces her daughter Riley, who invites Seal Beach Lions to attend.

The following Miss Seal Beach and Jr. Miss Seal Beach contestants are introduced:

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Samantha Savage, Miss Seal Beach Contestant
Krista Tamaraz, Jr. Miss Seal Beach Contestant
Jillian Haney, Jr. Miss Seal Beach Contestant
Nichole Rodman, Jr. Miss Seal Beach Contestant
Michaela Rothwell, Jr. Miss Seal Beach Contestant
Jennifer Winslow, Jr. Miss Seal Beach Contestant
Clara Hunt, Jr. Miss Seal Beach Contestant
Megan Boyd, Miss Seal Beach Contestant
Kaitlin Ferrell, Miss Seal Beach Contestant
Joy Nepper, Miss Seal Beach Contestant
Lauren Eugene, Miss Seal Beach Contestant

New Business

Tree Planting – Lion Laura Ellsworth by Lion Scott Newton

If any Seal Beach Lion knows a place where we can plant a tree, please let Lion Scott or Lion Laura know.

Visitations – Lion Nikki Illingworth

There are three visitations coming up in March. We will be visiting Buena Park, Orange Lions and Huntington Beach Crabfest. Please sign up at the Greeter Table.

Eisenhower Park Bench Project – Lion Camille Romano

Seal Beach Lions will be refurbishing the benches at Eisenhower Park on February 11 from 10 am to 2 pm. Please come out and help.

Pony Baseball – Lion Tim Kelsey by Lion Scott Newton

Leos are helping work this event on February 11th. Lion Tim already has lots of people signed up to work.

Student Speaker Contest – Lion Adriana Ziegenbusch

The Contest will be at the Mary Wilson Library on February 15th at 7 pm. Be there by 6:45. Timers and door officers are needed. Please sign up to help.

Teen Recognition – Lion Carol Linehan

Teen Recognition will be on February 26th at the Garden Grove Club House. Leo President Justin is receiving an award. Cost is \$5 per person. The club is paying for 10 Seal Beach Lions to go and nine have signed up. There is room for one more person. See Lion Carol if you would like to go.

Ensenada Cruise – Lion Carol Linehan

The Ensenada Cruise will be March 2 through March 5. Our club is donating \$100 cash to the Ensenada Lions. Eight Seal Beach Lions are going on the cruise.

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Ensenada Driving Trip – Lion Adriana Ziegenbusch

Some Seal Beach Lions are driving and joining the cruisers for the luncheon in Ensenada. If you would like to go, please sign up. Price will be approximately \$150.

Designated Driver Program – Lion Bill Blatnik

On St. Patrick's Day on Main Street in Seal Beach, we will be driving over-served drivers home from establishments on Main Street. Please consider helping. More information will follow.

2012-2013 Board Elections – Lion Dave Hubbard

Please fill out an Officer Interest Form if you would like to serve on the board next year. Form must be turned in by 2/15.

The slate will be announced at the first meeting in March.

Seal Beach Health Faire – Lion Meaghan McHugh by Lion Ellen Liebherr

The Seal Beach Health Fair is coming up. More information is to come.

The club takes a short break from 7:30 to 7:40 pm.

Old Business

Ronald McDonald House Dinner – Lion Barbara Avakian

Lion Barbara had lots of help serving dinner at the Ronald McDonald House in Orange. Lions Roni Behrends, Khristine Albertalli, Dan Schmaltz, Lee and Donna Melody, Dave Hubbard, Lara Edwards, and Barbara Wright helped her prepare a dinner of Salisbury steak. She also donated packages of sanitary wipes. The club received a thank you note.

New Member Project – Lion Scott Newton

On January 28th, new Lions, sponsors and mentors cleaned up the bike path, graffiti and trash in Seal Beach. The next project is to clean the rocks on the Seal Beach jetty, led by new Lion Josh Mueller.

New Member Happy Hour – President Mike Haley

Lots of Lions showed up at our third new Member Happy Hour at O'Malley's Restaurant. We will try to have one more before the end of the year.

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Other Business

Laughlin Trip - Lion Jacqui Howes

Seal Beach Women's Club is having a trip to Laughlin. Please see a member if you would like to attend.

Seal Beach Food and Wine Festival – Lion Ellen Liebherr

The Taste of Seal Beach has been renamed to the Seal Beach Food and Wine Festival. The date has been moved from May to September. More details will be coming.

Lions' Camping Trip – Lion Brad Barras

Seal Beach Lions will be traveling to Winchester (near Temecula) for the first Seal Beach Lions Camping Trip. Trip is still in the planning stages. More info will follow.

Blood Drive – Lion Aro Riley

Seal Beach Lions will be hosting a blood drive. More info to follow.

Joe Jost's at Dave's Other Place – Lion Bill Howes

Date is still to be determined at the first meeting in March.

Treasure Chest – Lion Bill Howes

Lots of Losers. No Winners.

Meet & Greet – President Mike Haley

Lion Ellen Liebherr tells the club about Lion Bonnie Beverly; Lion Grant Newton tells about Lion Debbie Laws; Lion Ray Longoria tells about Les Shobe; Lion Dan Schmaltz didn't talk to anyone and gets fined.

Fines and Happy Dollars – Tail Twister Lion Brad Barras

Lion Brad is brutal once again, but makes lots of cash for the club.

The Seal Beach Lions Club gives our President Mike Haley a HUGE round of applause for making us the #1 Club in the State of California! Great job, President Mike! We love you!



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Seal Beach Lions Club Board Meeting Minutes February 1, 2012

Meeting is called to order at 8:36 p.m.

Roll call is taken. The following board members answer present:

President Mike Haley
Allyn Mattox
Terry Stephenson
Scott Newton
Nikki Illingworth
Ellen Liebherr
Camille Romano
Bruce Gormley
Dave Hubbard
Adriana Ziegenbusch
Gary Denni
Lindsay Safe
Renee Schulte

The following board members are not present:

Ashleigh Rollins
Brad Barras
Geri Eckner
Cathy Newton

MEMBERSHIP

The following potential members are introduced to the club for membership:

Susan Bouse by Lion Tim Terbush
Derek Herrera by Lion Aro Riley

Lion Bruce Gormley makes a motion to approve the potential members for membership; Lion Dave Hubbard seconds the motion; the motion is voted on and carried unopposed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Due to the fact that all of the Secretary's Minutes were not published in The Growl, approval of the Secretary's Minutes has been deferred to the next board meeting.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Terry Stephenson presents a Treasurer's Report to the Club. PDG Lion Ellen Liebherr makes a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report; Lion Gary Denni seconds the motion; Motion is voted on and carried unopposed.

NEW BUSINESS

The Miss Seal Beach Pageant makes a donation request. PDG Lion Ellen Liebherr makes a motion for a \$500 donation to the Miss Seal Beach Pageant; Lion Renee Schulte seconds the motion; Motion is voted on and is carried unopposed.

VFW request is tabled at this time.

Meeting is adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

