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Presidents message:



Wow! What a busy month April was. It started with the Huntington Beach Host club's Crabfest on April 1st at which our Leos worked as servers and made quite a bit of money from tips. The event itself was a lot of fun. It was the first time I attended and I know I'll be going to it next year. The Seal Beach 5K/10K was on the 31st of March and no, I didn't cheat. Well, maybe just a little.

On April 15th we served dinner at Ronald McDonald house. They are always so appreciative when we do this event. It's definitely a "feel good" service project.

Our Pancake Breakfast / Hotdog lunch on the 21st in conjunction with the Seal Beach Car Show was once again, a great success. Mike Haley did an excellent job. He did say that he would not be chairing this event next year so we are going to be looking for a new chair. Any volunteers?

April 25th was our annual Honor The Teacher Night. Unfortunately I was traveling an unable to attend but I'm sure it was a success. I know the teachers and administrators are always honored to receive their awards.

By the time you read this we will have had our annual Golf Tournament. I know that Co-Chair Lions Jackie Maloney and George Dooley really put 110% into this project to make it a success.

On a personal note, it has been a real up and down month for Jacqui and myself. On Tuesday April 24th her mother, Eleanor Giardina, passed away as a result of complications she suffered from a fall. She was 88. Two days later we had to get on a plane and fly to Houston for Jacqui's youngest son's wedding. It definitely made the end of April bittersweet for us.

Your President,
Bill Howes

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



CLUB CALENDAR

May 1 – May Day

May 2 – 10th Annual Seal Beach Lions Charity Golf Tournament

May 5 – Cinco de Mayo (Mexico)

May 5 – Area Four– Student Speakers Contest – Norco, CA – 2:00pm

May 13 – Mother's Day

May 14 – LEO's Community Support Night – Methodist Church – 7:00pm

May 16 – Lions General & Board Meeting – 7:00pm

May 17-20 – Multiple District 4L-4 Convention / San Diego

May 19 – Armed Forces Day

May 21 – Victoria Day (Canada)

May 22 – LEO Meeting & Project

May 22 – National Maritime Day

May 28 – Memorial Day (observed)

June 2 – Multiple District 4 – Student Speaker Contest – San Jose, CA

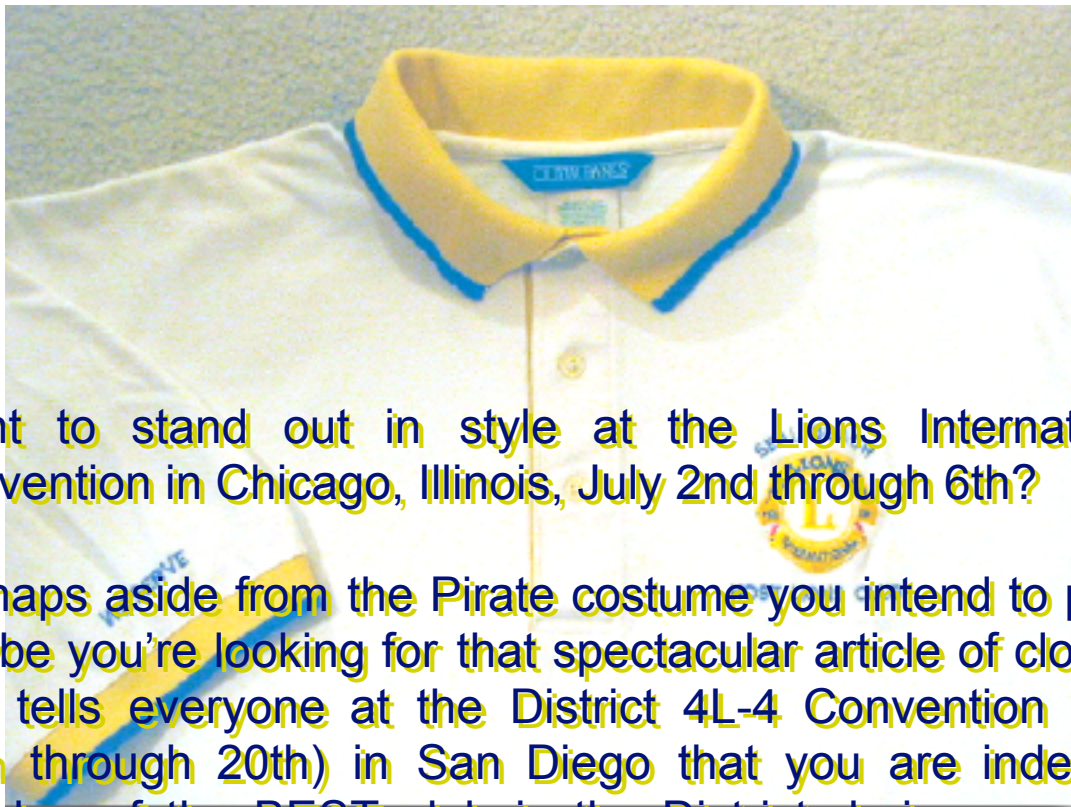
Did we miss any events that you know of?

Please send info. to webmaster@sealbeachlions.com and I'll post it on the web site calendar.

<http://sealbeachlions.com/Calendar/index.shtml>



Seal Beach Lions Polo/Golf Shirts



Want to stand out in style at the Lions International Convention in Chicago, Illinois, July 2nd through 6th?

Perhaps aside from the Pirate costume you intend to pack, maybe you're looking for that spectacular article of clothing that tells everyone at the District 4L-4 Convention (May 17th through 20th) in San Diego that you are indeed a member of the BEST club in the District during meetings and breakout sessions...

Or, is your desire simply to look sharp and comfortable at a Club meeting?

Whatever the occasion, here is your opportunity to pride yourself by purchasing a Seal Beach Lions Polo/Golf shirt.

Indications of interest should be directed to Lion Carol Linehan at 714.846.2478, or via e-mail: carol_linehan@yahoo.com

A minimum of 12 total shirt orders by Fellow Lions is required to constitute an order. Therefore, please indicate the number of polo/golf shirts, and size, to Lion Carol. All checks should be made payable to *Seal Beach Lions Club*

Women's / Men's small, medium or large size = \$26.00

Women's / Men's Extra-large (XL) = \$28.00

Women's / Men's Extra-extra-large (XXL) = \$30.00



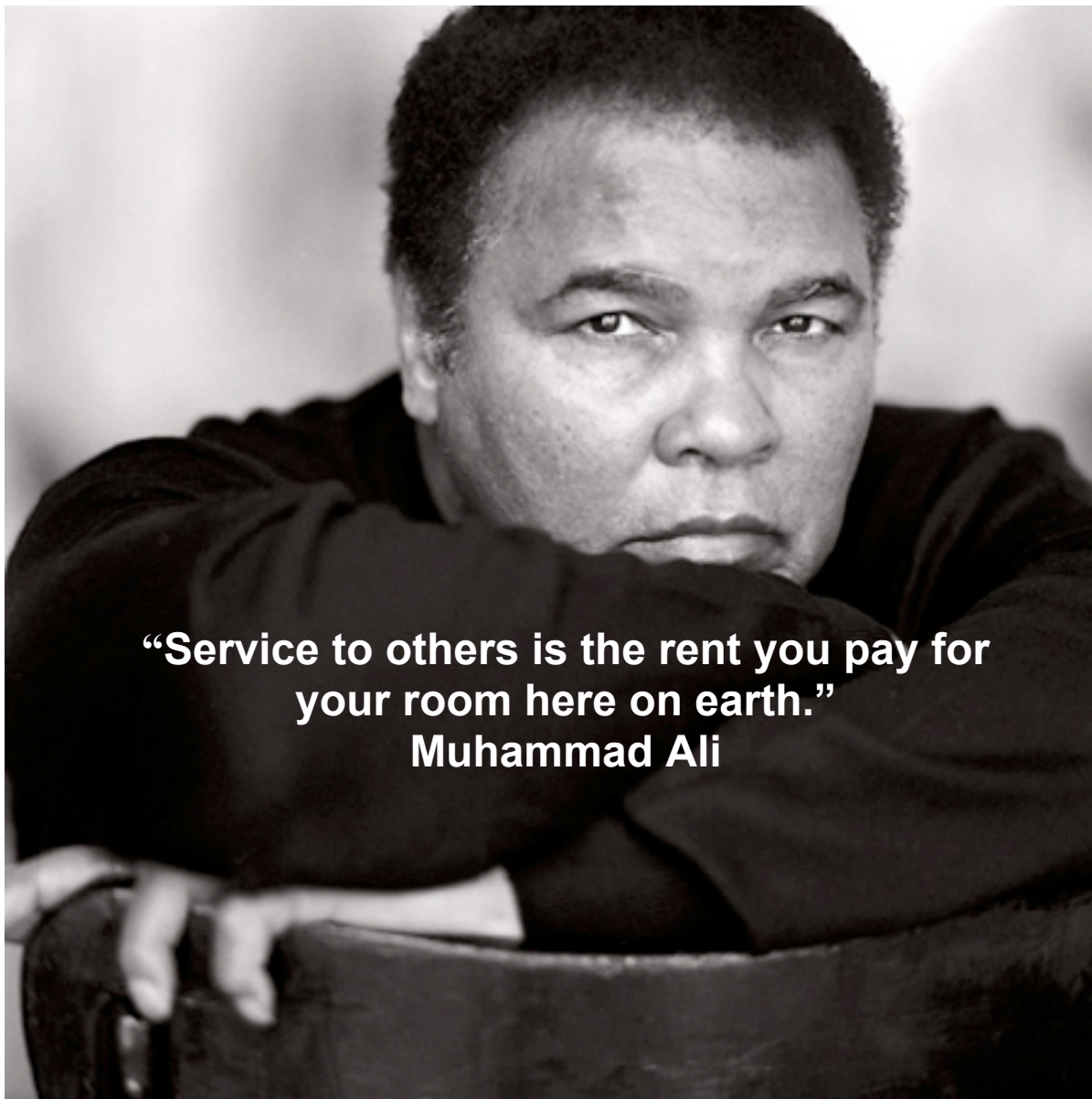
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Seal Beach Lions dues announcements

By now you've received your annual dues announcement in the mail from Club Treasurer, Lion Carol Linehan.

The Club is requesting all membership dues for the 2007-2008 Lion year, in the amount of \$100.00 per individual, be paid by June 8th. Alternatively, you may select to pay \$50 by June 8th with the remaining \$50 balance due by September 1st.

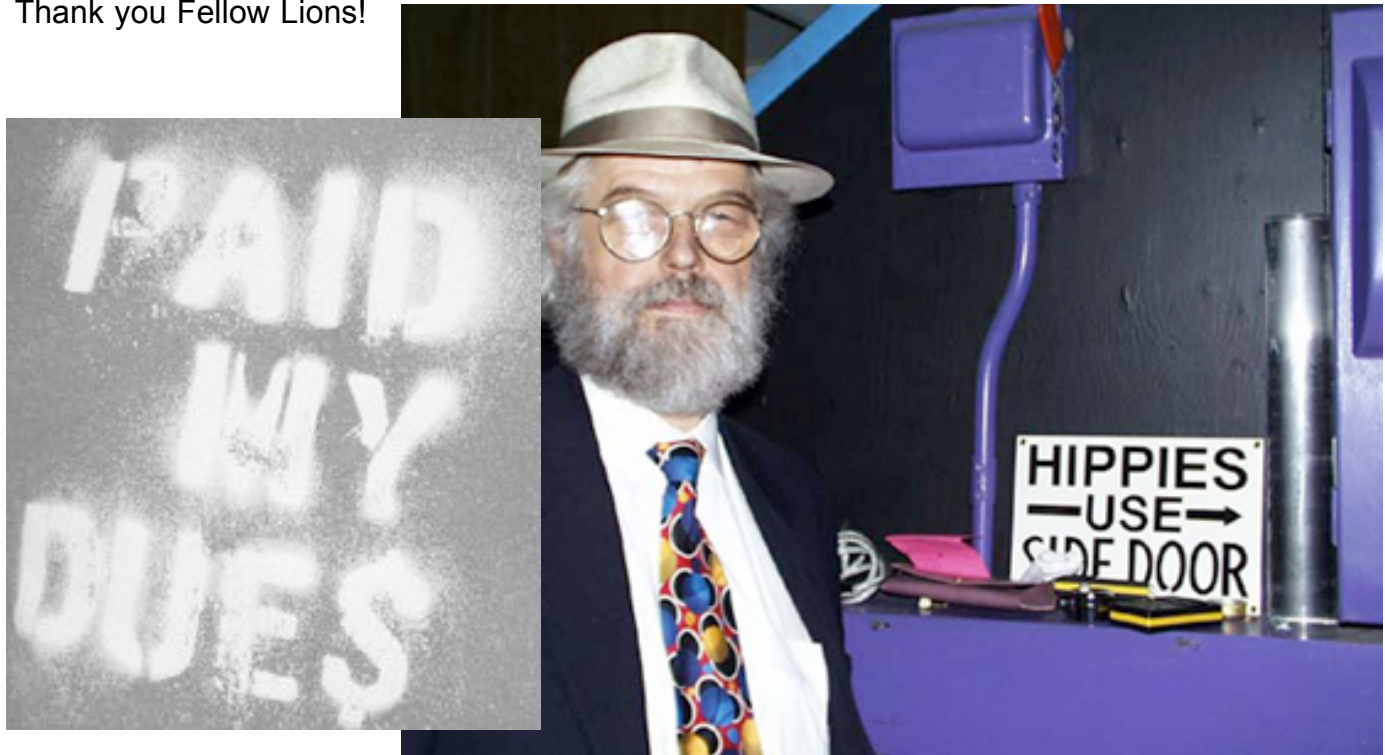
Having dues paid early permits the Club bursar to forward monies along in a timely manner for annual membership at the Multiple District (Santa Barbara, CA) and International (Chicago, IL) levels and keeps the Club Charter in good standing throughout the year.

If you haven't already paid your annual dues of \$100.00, please direct your payment to:

Lion Carol Linehan
4729 Rey Drive
Huntington Beach, CA 92649

All checks should be made payable to: *Seal Beach Lions Club*

Thank you Fellow Lions!





Memorial Day

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11, and was first observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war). It is now celebrated in almost every State on the last Monday in May (passed by Congress with the National Holiday Act of 1971 (P.L. 90 - 363) to ensure a three day weekend for Federal holidays), though several southern states have an additional separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead: January 19 in Texas, April 26 in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi; May 10 in South Carolina; and June 3 (Jefferson Davis' birthday) in Louisiana and Tennessee.

To help re-educate and remind Americans of the true meaning of Memorial Day, the "National Moment of Remembrance" resolution was passed in December 2000 which asks that at 3 p.m. local time, for all Americans "To voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a Moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to "Taps."

The Moment of Remembrance is a step in the right direction to returning the meaning back to the day. But what may be needed to return the solemn, and even sacred, spirit back to Memorial Day is for a return to its traditional day of observance. Many feel that when Congress made the day into a three-day weekend with the National Holiday Act of 1971, it made it all the easier for people to be distracted from the spirit and meaning of the day. As the VFW stated in its 2002 Memorial Day address: "Changing the date merely to create three-day weekends has undermined the very meaning of the day. No doubt, this has contributed greatly to the general public's nonchalant observance of Memorial Day."



2006-2007 District 4L-4 / 4th Cabinet Meeting & Brunch Foothill Region, Saturday, 21 April 2007

Shortly after the Student Speaker Contest concluded, the group of Lions representing the 37 clubs in the District convened in the main banquet area of the hall. Once assembled Foothill Region Chair, Barbara Abramovitz, brought the meeting to order. After District Chaplain PDG Chuck Overbey's Invocation, a salute to the flag of the world's greatest nation, and City of Hope Prayer, the Pomona Breakfast Lions Band struck up their rendition of the "Lions Song".

Being this was my first cabinet meeting with a hiatus of seven, it was unusual not to see the familiar shining face and radiant smile of PDG Dr. Chuck Myers leading the procession in song. He continues to be missed. No, it just wasn't the same without him.

The podium was then graciously handed over to District Governor Jack Mauller whom opened the fourth, and final, District Cabinet meeting of his tenure.

After quickly dispensing with introductions of dignitaries, a report on the upcoming District 4L-4 Convention in San Diego (see next article) and the reading of ancillary reports it was time for lunch and a much anticipated program.

The program speaker, Dr. Hamid Djalilian, Associate Clinical Professor, Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, at UC Irvine, presented a program on the topic: "Cochlear Implants". The intent of cochlear implantation research is to restore hearing to the hard of hearing and deaf. And build the next generation of hearing devices.

What both intrigued and fascinated me most about the presentation were the great strides the good doctors team was making in Hearing and Balance Research in conjunction with the Nanosystems Research Facility at UC Irvine. (Along with my alma mater -Northeastern University- UC Irvine is only one of several facilities in the country performing governmentally funded nanotechnological research.) The measurement of the research being done is in nanometers (one billionth of a meter) and couldn't be accomplished without the collaborated efforts of several university departments: Biomedical Engineering; Electrical Engineering and Computer Science; Mathematics; Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering; Neurology; Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery.

Those of us that value our hearing -and wish to preserve that of fellow generations- may be inclined to pass along the referenced article to sons, daughters, nephews, nieces, a grandchild, colleagues, students, or to a neighbor. As an educator I've so far distributed a copy to every student (and teacher) I come in contact with wearing ear buds in and out of the classroom setting. The majority has thanked me for sharing this noteworthy article. I'm confident you will, too.

http://www.ocregister.com/ocregister/homepage/abox/article_1396826.php



Are you ready for convention?!?!

“Deadeye Dave” is!

During the procession of reports made by presenters at the 4L-4 District Cabinet meeting one definitely stood out – that of PDG Mike “The Marauder” Scheaffer. By decree, the Captains band of pirates and wenches truly await your arrival on torrential trade winds whether via commandeered schooner, ransacked barque, or plundered packet ship in San Diego, come May 17 – 20.

To aid “Captain Jack” Mauller in inviting those to the shindig, 2nd Mate “Marauder” Scheaffer rolled out the gangway for one of the most ruthless scoundrels –Deadeye Dave- that ever sailed the Seven Seas to bark out what to anticipate during the weekend of frolic and plunder. Hopping aboard (in gallant Seal Beachian style - did you expect another club to be so creative?), this swashbuckling menace had them shaking in their seats -holding on with white knuckles- as they endured the wrathful presentation with breadcrumbs and sea mist caking grayed whiskers, all while the errant aroma of lingering liquor and desirous women wafted through the room in his wake.

Be forewarned though! For those making the treacherous trek, you better hone your vocals and practice the convention theme song while swigging some grog or you may very well see yourself strung aloft from the Captains yardarms or keelhauled for not keeping with the melody!!

Yo Ho, Yo Ho, a Lions Life for Me



Yo Ho, Yo Ho, a Lions’ life for me.
We work for the blind, and give ‘way our loot.
We serve me lions, Yo ho.
We guide the youth, and fill up the boot.
We serve me lions, Yo ho.

Yo ho, Yo ho, a Lions’ life for me.
We feast and fest, with crab or corn.
We serve me lions’ Yo ho.
We flip pancakes and fry up the fish.
We serve me lions, Yo ho.
Yo ho, Yo ho, a Lions’ life for me.





District 4L-4 Student Speaker Contest

Choice. To flip golden flapjacks in the jasmine fragrant morning spring air –flanked by beautiful classic automobiles- or travel California's thoroughfares to Diamond Bar and listen intently to three of tomorrow's future leaders perform oratory brilliance. The topic: **"Global Warming, Fact or Fiction"**.

Although Aunt Jemima was probably feeling slightly disrespected by my no show, she knew the griddles were left in the kind and capable hands of Lions Mike Haley and Bruce Gormley, fellow Lion's and several LEO's.

Yes, despite being a difficult one, my choice was the latter.

At approximately 9:00am on Saturday, 21 April, the first of three presenters marched headlong into their polished dissertation. Then a three-minute reprieve was had, followed by the second presenter, another three-minute reprieve, and the final presenter.

As the judges commenced pondering over their tally sheets, I sat there in awe. For the previous thirty-five minutes or more, all three had assured me they were very deserving of the \$4,500.00 scholarship. Unfortunately, only one would be bestowed with the title of 2007 District 4L-4 Student Speaker Contest winner. The remaining two contestants, whom to date had received a total of \$250.00 each, would be going home while the winner would be trekking to Norco, CA, on 5 May, to compete in the Area 4 competition and the opportunity to secure an additional \$6,500.00 scholarship.

Waiting patiently the three contestants were requested to parade back to the forefront and introduce themselves. Led by Arielle Little, a senior at Newport Harbor High, she was represented by the Harbor Mesa club. Arielle's aspirations are to attend Cal Berkeley in the fall and study Environmental Science. Then to certainly everyone's astonishment FRESHMAN Sharon Kong of Esperanza High School in Yorba Linda, represented by the Orange County Korean American club, confidently informed the audience she would be attending Harvard University in the fall of 2010 to study International Relations and possibly go on to law school thereafter. (Without a doubt, this young lady will be going very, very far in life!)

The third of the three contestants', and the only male, was a junior from Claremont High School named Ross Militech and represented by the Ontario-Upland club. With a year of education left, and as a member of his school's Speech and Debate team, Ross was unsure of what 2008 would bring. The most important thing on his mind at that moment was participating later in the afternoon at the California High School Speech Association (CAHSSA) State Tournament finals.

As the nail biting came to a close, everyone in the crowd quickly acknowledged, with a thunderous ovation –the winner- Ross Militech. **Congratulations, Ross!!**