

WHAT A YEAR!

A Perspective by Immediate Past President Seth Eaker



Seal Beach Lions members show International Director Jennifer Ware of Michigan our Lions Van

The Seal Beach Lions club closed another year at the top of our game, winning club of the year at the Lion's District 4-L4 convention in San Diego. Our club has worked to improve succession planning, infrastructure, and systematic management to develop our service arm, along with our giving plan. We were able to work 20 vision screening and performed almost 110 service projects. Our new board has been a joyful election as we have six new members (less than five years in Lions and who have never served on the board) in board positions, so we are actively exposing our members to more leadership opportunities. Many of our events are now being co-chaired by a new member or newer Lion.



Past District Governor Ellen Liebherr receives the District 4-L4 Life Time Achievement Award

We have a strong financial position and due to member growth and prior planning, we were able to donate close to \$100,000 to Lions and local charities. Additionally, we were able to secure a new passenger/cargo van and wrap it with Lions and Leos branding, which will allow us to efficiently transport Leos and Lions to service projects and outreach including visitations and "joining hands in service" with other clubs.

We have made sizable donations this year to California Lions Foundation, Student Speaker Foundation, Canine Companions, CLFIS, Camp Teresita Pines, LCIF, YEP and other institutions. Our giving doesn't stop there as we are supporters of our local charities, including the Los Alamitos Education Foundation (LAEF), the Cypress College Americana Awards Citizen Year, of which out of the last decade, six of the recipients have been Lions, Run Seal Beach, the Seal Beach Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club Fishing Derby, and many more. We have developed award winning fundraising to a new level by adding a fundraising component to community events.

Our membership growth has been dynamic and positive with new, enthusiastic members joining at every meeting. We increased our membership by 15.77% due to a collection of members all working together. We moved from 298 to 345 members and remained the #1 club in the Western Hemisphere.

From an infrastructure standpoint, several changes have been done which make sure we accomplished some key tasks:

- Introduced a Garage Chair to reorganize and properly maintain our property used for so many of our events.
- Created a Van Chairman to manage the logistics, scheduling and maintenance of our new van.
- Continued our tradition of recognizing ten Melvin Jones Fellows.
- Supported the CLF organization and were the first Founding Club from 4L-4 with a commitment to continue supporting the California Lions Foundation.
- We increased the number of service projects to 110, including a Leo Appreciation Day.
- We added the two Leo Presidents to the board of directors as advisory (non-voting) members so we could hear their needs more clearly.
- We promoted the LCI Convention as a "once in a lifetime" opportunity as it is so close and helped incentivize some of the club members with funds out of admin to do so. We also committed our 61 Lions and Leos to work the International Parade.
- Our attendance at MD-4 though small was powerful, and I have made some direct connections with a number of clubs to help them and reach out to support them in their own growth and development.
- Our club determined that it was in the best interest that we allow our new Military Affairs Committee (MAC) chairman, Art Fry take the lead and refocus us on blind and hearing-impaired veterans with a schedule and coordination.
- I am very happy to be working closely with PDG Ellen Liebherr, to bring our bylaws and Constitution up to date with the latest from the region and LCI.

Many of the successes of our club are due to the incredible leadership of the executive team. It would be disingenuous if I were to say that "I" did any of these things myself. I am very proud of our increased visibility in our own town because I have made it a habit to connect with businesses and our own City Council for presentations and recognitions. By keeping the City aware of what we are doing, we have been able to ensure greater collaboration with the City and other entities.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as the President of the finest group of humanitarians whom I call my friends. I am certain incoming President Ryan and his board will continue to lead our club in a positive direction. I look forward to working with him as well as all members of the best service club in the world!

Bringing it all TOGAether for Installation of Officers

It was classic. Grown men and women in togas poking fun at themselves as only the Seal Beach Lions can do. Our installation and awards dinner was the perfect way to start the new year. Master of Ceremonies Bill Howes did not let us down with his ever entertaining sense of humor as he installed Lion Ryan Ziegenbusch as our 2018-2019 President along with the officers and board of directors who will lead our club in the new year.



Ronald McDonald House Mother's Day Brunch

The Lions club cooked and served a Mother's Day Breakfast for approximately 20 guests staying at the Ronald McDonald House in Long Beach. The house provides a "home away from home" for families with critically ill children being cared for at the Long Beach Memorial Miller's Children Hospital. Many of the children are being treated for critical, often life-threatening illnesses. The Lions brought comfort to the families and especially the mothers on this special day with a breakfast of pancakes with strawberries, frittatas, fruit, bacon, sausage and juice. Mothers were given roses as a token of love and support.

Thank you Rudy Huezo, Angie Canchola, Tinna Miller, Bob Sagen, Carmen Urenda, Frank Urenda and guest volunteer Geoff Welborn for giving up your Sunday to help others.



What Happens In Vegas....

Over 50 Leos and Lions represented the Seal Beach Lions Club at the annual Lions Clubs International Convention in Las Vegas. We stayed at the MGM Grand Hotel which was the host hotel for the convention. On Saturday many members helped work the Parade of Nations, a display of Lion's pride where an estimated 10,000 Lions from more than 125 countries marched, many in native dress. They served as parade marshals and handed out water for those marching in 110 degree weather. On Saturday evening members attended the International Show starring Cirque Dreams. Some worked other service projects organized by LCI and attended Leo events that proved quite entertaining. Speakers at the plenary sessions included President George W. Bush and Dr. Sanjay Gupta. Information sessions were available each day.

Special thanks to Lion Cathy Newton for the outstanding job done in getting everything organized to make our visit seamless. From ordering shirts, working with LCI to eliminate our having to stand in long lines for registration, keeping us all updated on where and how to do things, providing an over-the top hospitality suite which was a great gathering place for all to meet up, share stories, make plans and of course, imbibe in a few beverages – the job she did was amazing. If you want to learn how to herd cats, she now has the experience to share.

Next year the convention will be in Milan, Italy. We have a number of members are already interested in going. The dates are July 5-9, 2019



Congratulations to Scott Newset for receiving the 3rd highest honor in Lions for his involvement in youth. The Leadership medal was presented by International Director Dr Steven Tremarol from Syosset NY, at a private dinner at Momofuku restaurant at the Cosmopolitan Hotel.



**Happy Hours
Are So Much Fun**
*Join us for our next one
August 29*
Glory Days Beachside Grill



Seal Beach Pays Tribute to Those Who Served

The Seal Beach Lions Club, American Legion Post 857 and Grace Community Church present a ceremony at 11 a.m. at Eisenhower Park, north of the pier. The event included an address by Congressman Dana Rohrabacher, POW presentation by Vietnam veteran Tom Bell, the laying of a wreath by American Legion Post 857 playing of “Taps” by Rob Roy, and patriotic songs performed by Grace Community Church Choir. The Young Marines will post the flag.



Congratulations to Lion Gary Place of the Newport Beach Hawaiian Lions Club, winner of the “Trip to Anywhere” raffle drawing in support of California Lions Friends in Sight. The winning ticket was drawn at the LCI convention in Las Vegas. The fundraiser raised over \$2600.00 to support eye screenings.



The Seal Beach Lions Club

meeting the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 pm at the Seal Beach Yacht Club, 255 North Marina Drive, Long Beach

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Beep Ball Hits It Out of the Park

It was a wonderful 2018 Beep Ball game on May 12th at McCaugh Baseball Field. This year we welcomed two teams from the National Beep Baseball Association, the Pasadena Panthers and the Las Vegas LV2020. They were wonderful and gave us an exhibition inning or two and showcased the adaptive version of America's favorite pastime for the blind, low-vision, and legally blind. Then the Seal Beach Pony Baseball players joined into the teams, blindfolded, and gave it their best! Seal Beach Pony Baseball president, Jay Hunter, had ten of his players participate. LV2020 blind players, Brenda Graham and Beatrice McLucas sang the National Anthem acappella and it was absolutely wonderful! The LV2020 players arrived the night before and were hosted by several of the Seal Beach Lions at their homes. Scott and Betty Weir hosted the entire team and hosts at their home for a lovely dinner on Friday night. The City of Seal Beach Council and Mayor Varipapa presented the players with certificates. Seal Beach Lion, Dave Gibbs, son of former Mayor Norma Brandel Gibbs, presented the players with 2018 Beep Ball hats. Lions that participated: Scott & Betty Weir (host), Alan & Lorraine Chavez (host), Ray & Marilyn Longoria (host), Lisa Landau, Dave Gibbs (host), Tim Young, Bill Embree, Camille Romano, Scott & Cathy Newton, Dave Schwein, Laura Ellsworth (host), Jim Whiteaker, Shani Rae Erickson. Seal Beach Leos: Jackson Lawrence, Cate Lawrence, Cody Tanner, Paul Sanders. Seal Beach Queen and Court (3), Mayor Mike Varipapa, and Huntington Lion, John Doogan. Thank you to all that made this such a successful event!



SEAL BEACH LIONS CALENDAR

July 21-22 Lions Community Fish Fry
 July 21 District Meeting – La Habra Community Center
 July 22 Blind Veterans Fish Fry Project
 July 22 Lions Car Opportunity Drawing
 July 22 Zone C Meeting & Social Event
 July 25 Concert in the Park (SBL sponsor)
 July 28 CLFIS Sight Screening Huntington Beach
 Aug 1 Lions General Meeting
 Aug 4 Miss Seal Beach Contest
 Aug 5 Shakespeare in the Park
 Aug 5 Visitation La Habra Corn Fest
 Aug 7 National Night Out
 Aug 11 CLFIS Sight Screening – Whittier
 Aug 18 OPGA Car Show Pancake Breakfast
 Aug 18 Rotary Fishing Derby (Lions PB Breakfast)
 Aug 18 End of Summer Bash & BBQ – Heather Park
 Aug 19 Sail with the Wind – Long Beach
 Aug 20 Leo End of the Summer Pizza Party
 Aug 25 Lions Admin Fundraiser Garage Sale
 Aug 26 Inner City Tennis Lessons & BBQ
 Aug 29 New Member Happy Hour

Sept 5 Lions General Meeting
 Sept 8-9 Seal Beach Arts & Crafts Fair
 Sept 8 CLFIS Sight Screening – Rancho Cucamonga
 Sept 15 Coastal Clean Up Day & Volunteer BBQ
 Sept 15 OPGA Car Show Pancake Breakfast
 Sept 15 Chamber of Commerce Leisure World Faire
 Sept 17 Orange Region Meeting
 Sept 19 Lions General & Board Meeting
 Sept 22 CLFIS Sight Screening – China
 Sept 29 Animal Care Center Wag-n-Walk BBQ
 Sept 29 Youth Center Casino Night
 Oct. 3 Lions General Meeting
 Oct. 6 Sailing for the Blind & Visually Impaired – Newport
 Oct 17 Lions General Meeting & Board Meeting
 Oct. 20 McCaugh School Carnival
 Oct 20-21 CLFIS Sight Screening – Oxnard
 Oct 20 District Meeting – Foothill
 Oct 24 New Members Happy Hour
 Oct 27 CLFIS Sight Screening – Jurupa

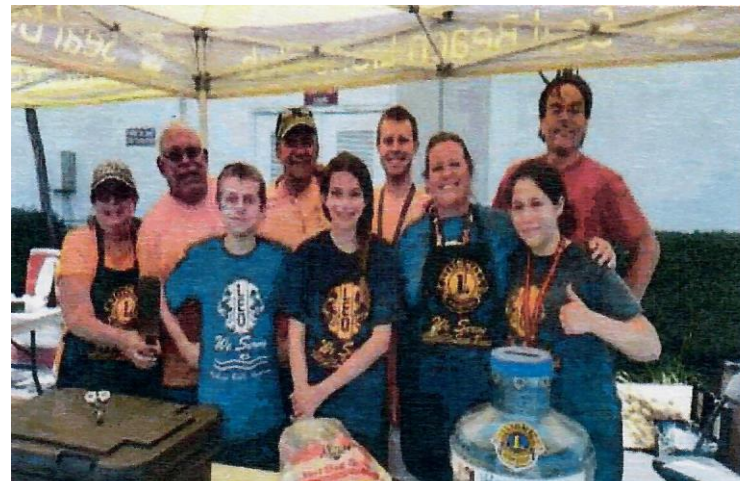
Seal Beach Be More Healthy Expo

Ketchum University OD and PharmD students, along with Lion Professor Corina Van De Pol, three nurses, two ODs, a senior clinical researcher, several District 4L4 Cabinet Members and Orange Region Club Members (Brea, Fullerton, La Habra, Anaheim, OC Central, Garden Grove Buena Park, Stanton and Seal Beach Lions) provided over 70 diabetes and sight screenings at the June Seal Beach Be More Healthy Expo. Educational pamphlets were shared with guests and prizes were awarded upon spinning the Prize Wheel.



Leos and Lions Serve at OPGI

Both Leos and Lions turned out to support local, internationally known brand Original Parts Group, Inc. (OPGI) to celebrate the second of a series of five classic car shows at their parking lot in Seal Beach. This show featured Pontiac as a GM brand. The partnership with OPGI is not just for this series of car shows, it is part of our strategy of community event engagement and connects a full year of collaboration between the Lions and OPGI. This and the entire series of five pancake breakfasts and bratwurst lunches are fundraisers for our LEO clubs, and OPGI has signed on to be a \$5,000 title sponsor for the Lions Annual Christmas Parade, to occur on December 7th, 2018. This relationship has been developed and maintained by Treasurer Scott Newton & President Seth Eaker. Lion Mark Kavanaugh has taken over the Chairmanship of these five shows.



Lions Silvia, PDG John, Mark, PDG Ellen, Stan, Mike Liebherr, Camille Romano and Mike Gibbons celebrated at the Huntington Beach Host Lions Club 80th anniversary party & installation at Mile Square Park.

WE LOVE OUR NEW MEMBERS!



Make sure you take the time to introduce yourselves to them!

- Mia Adams
- Catherine Blumberg
- John Brent
- Kylie Bruce
- Davis Brunjes
- Cynthia Brunjes
- Esmeralda Buena
- Bryan Gray
- Dennis Kaiser
- Eric Lenahan
- Bobett Lee-Taylor
- Chloe Mann
- Jennifer Marsh
- Megan McHugh
- Katherine McHugh
- Tony Rallings
- Laura Simington
- Mike Turner
- Sandra Turner
- Ted Ziegenbusch
- April Ziegenbusch

Leo to Lion Members

- Sam Harrison
- George Schremelis
- Maddi Berry
- Brandon Cruz
- Johnny Blumberg
- Yasmin Shokes
- Ryan Rodriguez
- Miles Austin
- Sara Blasi
- Kyle Bower



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| July 18
Roger Lange | August 6
Keven Bhatt |
| July 21
Brandon Cr
Bud de Cannis
Kyle Gower
Jim Whiteaker | August 7
Diana Bean
Richard Kent |
| July 22
Brian Ballard
Beth Black
Brad Hodges | August 9
Aisha McKinney-Wendt |
| July 23
Chardy Lang | August 10
Kevin Kelly |
| July 24
Gary Snow | August 11
David Brunjes |
| July 25
Judy Danko
Karen Russell | August 12
Lauren Mattes
Scott Weir |
| July 26
Miles Austin
Kurt Buse
Eric Janssen
Josh Muller | August 13
Justin Bucci |
| July 27
Gwen George | August 14
Nancy Herbert |
| July 29
Thomas Newton | August 17
George Schremelis |
| July 29
Robert Wendt | August 18
Teresa Torre |
| July 30
Linda Hearn | August 19
Jasa Denny |
| July 30
Lauren Burcomeg | August 21
Gynthia Ramirez |
| July 31
Mary Maloney | August 22
Lee Lindquist
Jennifer Marsh |
| August 1
Peter Amundson | August 24
Cynthia Brunjes
Vince Guarino |
| August 4
Elizabeth Sontag
Wesley Truncek | August 29
Gary Bean
Michael McFadden
Yasmin Shokes |
| | August 30
Scott Stasowski
Tia Wildermuth |