

WE VISIT

Read about our visit to the Big Bear Lake Oktoberfest.

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WE SERVE

Look here to read a thank you note to Lion Jackie Maloney and friends for serving at the Ronald McDonald House.

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Lions took on Oktoberfest

LINDSAY SAFE

Editor

More than 50 Lions traveled up the mountain to visit the Big Bear and Sunset Lions Clubs at the 42nd Annual Big Bear Lake Oktoberfest.

Lions Tom and Robin Dsuzynski planned the visitation. They also hosted a happy hour on Friday night for some pre-Oktoberfest fun at their beautiful home.

On Saturday, Lions headed to the convention center and gathered at a long table reserved for Seal Beach.

The Big Bear Lions sold raffle tickets for a \$500 handcrafted stein. Sadly, a Seal Beach Lion did not win the prize. The Sunset Lions manned an entertaining ring toss game.

A weekend complete with chicken dancing, bull riding and lots of beer drinking, made for a fun-filled visitation.

SEAL BEACH LIONS CLUB

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CALENDAR

- Wednesday, November 7**
Lions Regular & Board Meeting
- Saturday, November 10**
CSULB Crew Team Pancake Breakfast
- Saturday, November 10**
CLFIS Eye Screening Clinic
- Saturday, November 10**
District Meeting, Foothill Region
- Sunday, November 11**
Bench Refurbishment Project
- Saturday, November 17**
Vietnamese Lions: A Taste of Little Saigon
- Saturday, Nov. 17 - Sunday, Nov. 18**
Bench Refurbishment Project
- Wednesday, Nov. 21 - Thursday, Nov. 22**
American Family Housing Thanksgiving Dinner
- Thursday, November 22**
Rides for Leisure World Residents to
Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Anne's Church
- Saturday, November 24**
Seal Beach Tree Lighting
- Wednesday, November 28**
Lions General Meeting
- Wednesday, December 5**
Lions General & Board Meeting
- Friday, December 7**
Seal Beach Christmas Parade
- Monday, December 10**
Youth Center Christmas Tree Lot
- Saturday, December 15**
Breakfast with Santa
- Saturday, December 15**
CASA Youth Shelter Breakfast & Gift Giving
- Friday, December 21**
Christmas Party

BIRTHDAYS

- Saturday, November 3**
Terry Stephenson
- Monday, November 5**
Cathy Newton
- Tuesday, November 6**
Barbara Avakian
- Wednesday, November 7**
Eddie Maginnis
- Monday, November 12**
Bob Luther
- Wednesday, November 14**
Mike Maloney
- Friday, November 16**
Tina Moses
- Wednesday, November 21**
Ray Longoria
- Friday, November 23**
Mary Moser
- Wednesday, November 28**
Les Shobe
- Thursday, November 29**
Mohinder "Mo" Sethi



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ELLEN LIEBHERR

President

Sometimes it takes a new Lion to bring the reason why we are Lions home. For those of us who have been serving for a number of years we sometimes forget to look beyond the work to see the results. Last month, Lion Marcella McSorley reminded me of this. She Lion Dave Hubbard chaired the Sailing for the Visually Impaired.

Lion Marcella shared her experience with me. Dropping a few tears of emotion and pride, she told me how good it made her feel to share a great day of sailing in Newport Harbor with individuals who would never enjoy such an experience without the help of service organizations such as the Lions. She reminded me that all of the projects we have on our plate result in making life easier for someone less fortunate. Thank you Lions Marcella, Dave and all of the other Lions who participated in this event.

Our Wings, Wheels and Rotors Expo Project is now behind us. On Oct. 28, more than 40,000 people were greeted by Lions selling pancakes, hot dogs and lots of WATER. I emphasize water since I think we sold more of that than anything. Our booth was right at the entrance and with the long

hot walk from the parking lot, our own "Seal Team Six" greeted people, ready to purchase the cold H2O. If they could get past Aro, they were not going to say NO to Brad. Thank you to Chairmen Aro, Neil, and Les for the many hours spent on this project. Special thanks to Lions Scott Newton and Diana Bean for their 2:30 am early morning call to prep all the food.

The money raised from this event will be used for our military projects; half of which was donated to Honor the Fallen, an organization out of Cypress that assists families of our fallen heroes in their time of need. Organized by Honor the Fallen, Lions Laura, Scott and I met the plane of Sgt. Thomas McPhearson on Oct. 25 when his body returned from Afghanistan. As we celebrate Veteran's Day, this somber and emotional experience reminds me of how much we owe to our military and their families for the sacrifices they make.

Boy, Lion Cathy Newton has done an incredible job on our used eyeglass program. Every month she has some activity going. Whether it is sorting and reading prescriptions or working actual clinics, under her direction we have become one of the leading clubs in donations and service. Just last weekend she got 16 of our Lions to work with the Santa Ana Club and the California Lions Friends in Sight (CLFIS) to screen over 400 patients. Lions helped with check in, applications, eye testing, assistance to optometrists, eyeglass distribution and eyeglass fitting. Thank you Lion Cathy. You are truly a Knight of the Blind.

The McGaugh School PTA members are happy campers thanks to the help of Chairman Diana Brunjes and her team of Lions and Leos who worked the Lion's booth at the carnival on Oct. 27. We estimate that our donation was about \$2300. Great job

Please see President's Message, page 5

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Seal Beach celebrated 95 years as a city

MIKE FERREIRA

Lion

On a beautiful day in Seal Beach, 12 Lions came out to cook for the 97th Annual Seal Beach Founders Day Celebration.

Chairperson Lion Mike Ferreira and his team barbecued hot dog and bratwurst meals for the community.

Although low propane tanks made for a slow start, the new start time of 12:30 instead of 2:30 proved to be a positive change as Lions served 95 meals.

Lions met and visited at HB Oktoberfest

LINDSAY SAFE

Editor

Seal Beach Lions had another wonderful time visiting the Huntington Beach Lions at Old World Restaurant for Oktoberfest.

While enjoying food and beers, Lions attended a zone meeting hosted by Orange Zone "C" Chair Gary Denni.

McGaugh Carnvial was another success

DIANA BRUNJES

Secretary

On Saturday, Oct. 27, seven Lions and 15 Leos grilled hot dogs and hamburgers for the McGaugh School Carnvial goers.

Based on quantity of hot dogs and hamburgers sold, Chairperson Lion Diana Brunjes estimates Lions collected \$2,300 in the form of Carnvial tickets.

All proceeds from the barbecue went directly to the school to support educational services the students, teachers and staff may need.

DG P.J. Smith was arrested in SB

LINDSAY SAFE

Editor

At the October 3 meeting, District Governor (DG) P.J. Smith visited the Seal Beach Lions. Leo the Lion greeted him warmly. However, Lion Dave Hubbard had something else in store for our guest.

As DG Smith began to speak, Lion "Officer"

Bill Howes and his "deputies," Lions Lindsay Safe and Debbie Laws, arrested him for crimes such as only having initials for a first name.

After a good laugh, he continued his speech from inside the Seal Beach Jail. He shared about his trip to Busan, Korea for the 95th International Convention as well as International President Wayne Madden's challenge to increase literacy around the world.

RMFR Manager appreciates Seal Beach Lions

MARY PAT DOOLEY

Manager, RMFR

Dear Jackie and Friends,

My sincerest thank you for your time, support and amazing dinner you provided for the families at the Ronald McDonald Family Room. I loved meeting your group and it really was a fun evening! The food went QUICKLY and was much appreciated!!!! Anytime you would like to cook for the RMFR families, just let me know.

Ryan was asking for one of our Wish Lists, so I am attaching that and another Meal Program flier in case anyone wants to pass it along.

My best,
Mary Pat Dooley
Manager, Family Room at CHOC Children's



Lions cooked up chili once again

LINDSAY SAFE

Editor

It all began with a witty email sent from Lion Scott Newton bragging about his soon-to-be award-winning chili he had been up all night making.

Sure enough, he took the pot at this year's Chili Cook Off.

With his "Leftover Leo Chili" made from unused items from the Leos barbeque at the 2012 Art Festival, Scott won a gift certificate to Kobe Japanese Steakhouse and Sushi Bar.

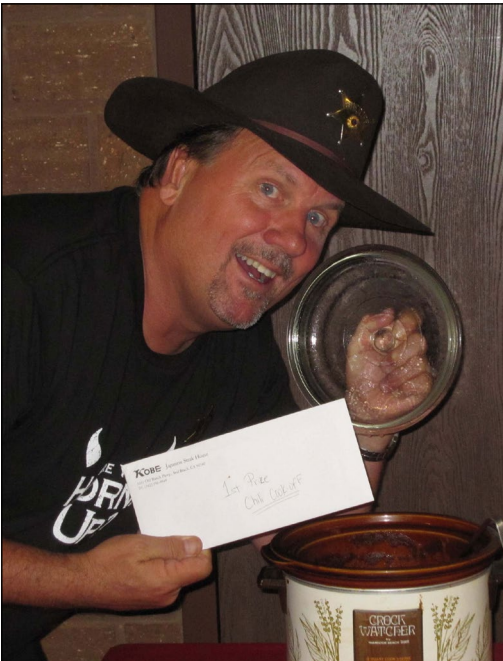
His recipe included canned chili, chopped up bratwursts and a secret ingredient.

Lion President Ellen Liebherr hosted the 10th annual cook off at the Mary Wilson Library Senior Center complete with a Country Western theme.

The library looked great with a grub area, bandanas, cowboy hats and even an "outhouse" to set the scene.

Yummy appetizers and drinks in addition to over 15 fantastic chili entries satisfied the Lions and friends that night.

It was another year, another Chili Cook Off and another entertaining time.



Lions served at Wings, Wheels, Rotors and Expo

LINDSAY SAFE

Editor

Several Lions got little sleep the weekend on Oct. 28.

As early as 4:30 a.m. Sunday morning, Lions arrived to work the 11th Annual Wings, Wheels, Rotors and Expo at the Joint Forces Training Base in Los Alamitos.

Lion Les Shobe led a logistics team to help chalk the runway for participants and vendors.

Other Lions helped to prepare breakfast and lunch for volunteers and event goers.

Thanks to Lions Scott Newton and Diana Bean, who were making sausages and pancake batter at the Methodist Church at 2:30 a.m., breakfast was ready on time.

This was another successful event with lots to see.



President's Message, from page 1

Diana. I promise the smell of hamburger in your hair goes away.

Our annual chili cook-off on Oct. 20 was a "gas." A number of us gathered at the Senior Center to once again see the ballot box stuffed with bought votes. I am sure the whole thing is rigged but congratulations anyways to winner Scott Newton, who by the way, used leftovers in his chili. No, I am not bitter.

That same morning other Lions were busy working the Seal Beach Tri at the Beach. Lion Diana Bean managed our group of about 30 Lions and Leos who manned the bike route. Thanks Diana. Your work here and with the Chamber is much appreciated.

I am still looking for volunteers to cook a turkey for our American Family Housing Thanksgiving Dinner. If you can help, please send me an email. I promise to send you my fool-proof recipe for baking a turkey. They need to be delivered on Wednesday, November 21 so we can do the carving. Lion Diana Brunjes is also looking for volunteer drivers to pick up Leisure World seniors and take them to the Chamber Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Anne's.

December is a busy month for us and there are tons of opportunities to volunteer. Lion Scott is chairing the biggest event – the Seal Beach Holiday Parade. He needs at least 80 Lions to work this event so I hope you will contact him to help out. After we are finished with all the projects, we will be taking time to enjoy our own party on Friday, December 21 at the Petroleum Club. It's only \$25 per person. We also have a party bus to take you there for another \$10. Get your reservations in early!

Thanks, Lions, for all you do for our community and those in need. Your volunteering does make a difference. I am proud to be a member of such a vibrant and caring group.



Lions helped Tri the Beach

LINDSAY SAFE

Editor

On a brisk morning, 350 triathletes competed in the inaugural Seal Beach Triathlon.

Chairperson Diana Bean and a team of Lions and Leo's helped with the logistics for "Tri the Beach," the first

Seal Beach Triathlon in 25 years

Dressed in neon green vests, volunteers helped direct competitors from the swim to the bike transition station. Along the 10-mile bike path, others made sure athletes remained safe on the course.

The event was a huge success and organizers plan to host it again next year.



Lions sailed with the visually impaired

LINDSAY SAFE

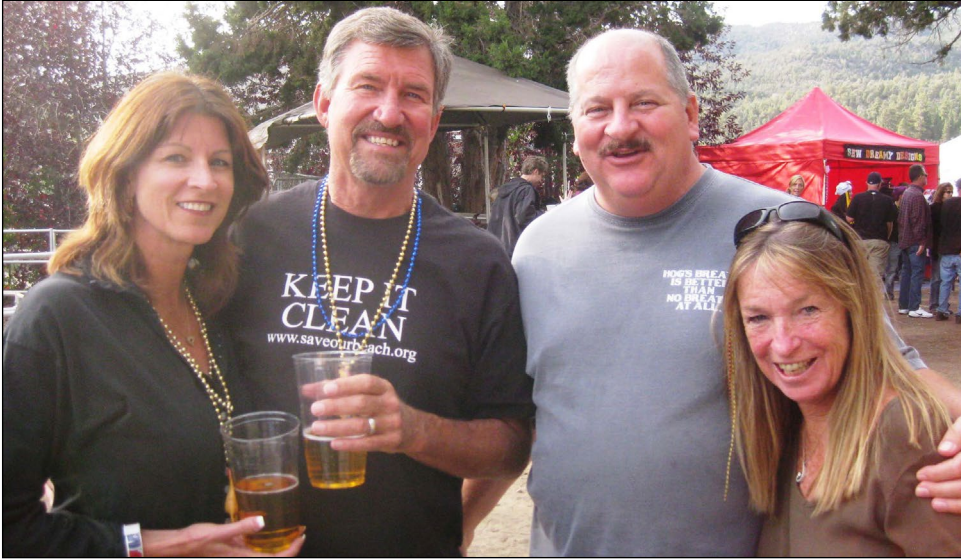
Editor

On Oct. 20, Lion Chairmen Dave Hubbard and Marcella McSorley attended the Sail for the Blind and the Visually Impaired with a few more Lions.

The Women's Ocean Racing Sailing Association sponsored the event held at the American Legion Yacht Club 291.

Lions served as escorts, servers, crew, guide dog sitters and more to 15 Veterans from the VA Blind Rehab center.

Noch ein bier, bitte? Oans, zwoa, g'suffa!



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Official Meeting Minutes

OCTOBER 3, 2012 GENERAL MEETING

President Ellen Liebherr calls meeting to order at 7:10 pm.
 District Governor PJ Smith led the club in the Flag Salute.
 Lion Cathy Newton led the club in the Invocation.
 Lion Dave Hubbard led the club in the City of Hope Prayer.
 Guests:
 President Ellen introduced the District Governor PJ Smith, 1st Vice District Governor Sheila Casteel, and 2nd Vice District Governor Gil Smith
 Lion Terry Stephenson introduced guest Mary Maloney
 Lion Mike Maloney introduced First Lady Georgia Smith
 Lion Sue Charles introduced Beverly Lloyd
 Visiting Lions: Phil Evans (Stanton Lions), Loyce Mejias (Foothill Zone A Chairman Ontario-Upland Lions), Ted Hebert (La Habra Lions)

Secretary's Report:

President Ellen announced the upcoming Zone Meeting at the HB Oktoberfest October 11 and encouraged members to attend to support Zone Chairman Gary Denni. She also announced the November 10 cabinet meeting at the Hilton Ontario \$28/pp. Make reservations with CS Dewey.

Treasurer's Report:

Lion Terry announced the balance in the Admin Account \$18,148.00, Charitable Giving Account \$91,656.00.

Business:

- 1) Visitations – President Ellen announced that Lion Camille has a number of visitations scheduled. She challenged every member to make at least one visitation this year. This weekend is the Big Bear visitation with about 50 Lions attending.
- 2) Founder's Day Concert & BBQ – Lion Mike has his volunteers in place for October 6-7.
- 3) Sail for the Blind 10/20 – Lion Dave: This event is held in Newport Beach and the Lions assist the blind and visually impaired through the morning. There are over 60 sailboats.
- 4) Seal Beach Triathlon – 10/20 – Lion Diana Bean had a sign up sheet.
- 5) Salon Mertiage Memorial – Lion Diana Bean announced a memorial 10/11
- 6) Chili Cookoff 10/20 – Lion Dora invited everyone to come and enjoy the evening. Bring chili, dessert, corn bread or salad and the \$10 fee is waived.
- 7) McGaugh School Carnival 10/27 – Lion Diana is the chair. We will be cooking brats and dogs to support the PTA.
- 8) Wings, Wheels, Rotors & Expo 10/28 – Lion Scott announced that we have 50 shifts to fill. We will be cooking breakfast and lunch starting at 5am until 4pm. Lion Les announced that his team will be marking spots from 1-4 on Saturday and leading logistics on Sunday.

Program:

President Ellen introduced Orange Zone C Chairman Gary Denni who introduced Orange Region Chairman Randy McMillan who

introduced District Governor PJ Smith.

At this point Lion Dave Hubbard entered with a “jail” that was put around the podium, followed by Officer Bill (Howes) looking for Governor PJ Smith. He was joined by his deputies Lions Lindsay and Deb and a list of charged filed against him were read. Lion Dave said that his case would go to the jury (membership) after we heard his speech.

Governor PJ started his speech by calling up Lion Aro Riley announcing her a “centerfold” in the current issue of the Lions Magazine. He then told the membership about his trip to Buson, Korea where he was installed as Governor. He shared International President Wayne Madden's theme “A World in Service” with emphasis on education and literacy. He also said that Lions should make pit stops to insure that clubs are running at full engine.

After his speech Lion Dave polled the membership. Guilty as charged.

Governor PJ introduced his cabinet: Cab. Treasurer Sandi Schaffer, Region Chairman Randy McMillan, Cab. PR Chairman Carol Van Holt and Cab. Secretary Dewey Linehan.

2nd Vice District Governor Gil Smith talked about GLT (Global Leadership Training) with dates to remember: October 6 CEP Facilitator Training & Certified Guiding Lion Training, November 10 Membership Workshop at the Foothill Cabinet Meeting, November 17 Level 2 Extension Workshop

1st Vice District Governor Sheila Casteel talked about membership and member retention.

Lion Loyce Mejias presented all of the Lions Float Inc. articles for sale.

Melvin Jones Committee Chairman Barbara Avakian addressed the membership regarding how many Lions had nominations for this high award this year. So many Lions are deserving and 9 were chosen. DG PJ announced recipients: Lindsay Safe, Aro Riley, Cathy Newton, Camille Romano, Grant Newton, Kristine Albertelli, Adriana Ziegenbusch, IPP Mike Haley and Scott Newton.

Happy Dollars:

Lion Brad gave us a break and only collected Happy \$\$ tonight.
 Adjourn:

Without any other business, President Ellen adjourned at 8:40pm.

OCTOBER 17, 2012 GENERAL MEETING

President Ellen Liebherr calls meeting to order at 7:00pm.
 President Ellen led the club in the salute to the flag of the greatest country on earth, the United States of America.
 President Ellen asked for a moment of silence for the late Tim Terbush.
 Lion Diana Brunjes led the club in the City of Hope Prayer.

Guests:

President Ellen announced that any guests in the room would

be wearing leis as our cue to be sure to welcome them. We had several guests, including Mike and Terry as guests of Lion Tim Young, Lion Scott brought Mike Markan, who was a past president of a Lions club, Lion Diana Bean brought Esther Kenyon, Lion Scott also introduced a former Leo, Alex Olson, as well as Mary Maloney and Peter Hefauer. Lion Ray introduced Mark and Laura. Lion Diana Brunjes introduced Caitlin and Sharman Snow from the Seal Beach Animal Care Shelter.

President Ellen announced the memorial for Tim Terbush at O'Malleys on Thursday at 1pm.

Secretary's Report:

Lion Diana announced the upcoming Cabinet Meeting on November 11 in Ontario. See her if you are interested in attending.

Treasurer's Report:

Lion Terry announced the current account balances. Admin is \$15760, Charity is \$92374 and we're writing checks every month for donations.

Lion Ray asked to speak and announced the Lions Magazine, straight from Berlin, with an article about the Fish Fry.

New Business:

- 1) Visitations – Lion Camille: Friday, Harbor Mesa Casino Night, Ontario is also hosting a Wine Event on Sunday and Ensenada is coming up in March.
- 2) Sail for the Blind 10/20 – Lion Dave: This event is held in Newport Beach and the lions assist the blind and visually impaired through the morning. There are over 60 sailboats. Lion Dave needs help escorting guests.
- 3) Seal Beach Triathlon 10/20 – Lion Diana Bean: Need 29 volunteers to help work the bike course along the channel.
- 4) Chili Cookoff 10/20 – Lion Dino: The cookoff is being moved to the library at 5pm. The Lion wearing the best western themed outfit will win a special prize.
- 5) McGaugh School Carnival 10/27 – Lion Diana: We will be cooking brats and dogs to support the PTA. Lion Diana needs help from 8am-4pm, especially with tear down.
- 6) Wings, Wheels, Rotors & Expo 10/28 – Lion Les/Aro/Scott: On Friday, we will be marking spots from 1-4PM. On 10/27 Sat 1-4pm we will be marking parking sports and receiving those units that want to set up Saturday to avoid the 5am-8am crunch on Sunday. On Sunday 10/28, Lions will begin a pancake breakfast at 7am for the volunteers and public. We will need lots of Lions to help with this event.
- 7) CSULB Crew Team Pancake Breakfast 11/10 – Lion Scott: Only need a few volunteers.
- 8) Veteran's Day Flag Placement 11/10 – Lion Laura: In Riverside, Lions will be placing flags on Veterans graves.
- 9) Tour of Thums (oil well) Islands 11/1 – Lion Ken: No charge! Starts at 9:30am at Long Beach Harbor, limit of 20 people.
- 10) CLFIS Screening Clinic – Lion Cathy: We'll be doing eye screening with Santa Ana Lions at Valley High School at 8am. Lion Cathy is looking for Lions to help from 7:30-12 for signups and 11:30-4.
- 11) American Family Housing Thanksgiving Dinner 11/22 – President Ellen: The event takes place in Westminster where Ellen will be the head chef. There will be a carving party on Wednesday night. The dinner is for low income housing and is open to the community.

- 12) Chamber Thanksgiving Dinner 11/22 – Lion Diana Brunjes: Looking for volunteers, roughly five, to help with transportation to and from Leisure World to St. Anne's on Thanksgiving Day.
- 13) Seal Beach Christmas Tree Lighting 11/24 – Lion Laura: There will be real snow, a snowman building contest, get your ornaments today! \$25 for a family size and \$100 for a business.
- 14) Chamber Report – Lion Diana Bean: There will be an open house at Crema Café where you can learn how to bake bread on Saturday from 1-4pm. The Sidewalk sale begins next Friday, The Halloween on the Green Golf Tournament on October 29th, still looking for golfers!
- 15) Seal Beach Holiday Parade – Lion Scott: A lot of entries, more information to come next meeting.
- 16) Tree Lot 12/10 – Lion Barbara: Come and smell the forest! It will be at the youth center tree lot next to Ganahl Lumber in Los Alamitos.
- 17) Santa visits Special Ed Kids at Tincher School – Lion Scott: Santa goes to visit these special students in Long Beach.
- 18) Holiday Party 12/21 – President Ellen: Make your reservations! \$25 per person at the Petroleum Club. There will be entertainment and a sit-down dinner. 12/10 is your last day to sign up with Lion Camille. There is also a party bus that will be leaving Pavilions for \$10 per person (there and back).

Old Business:

- 1) Wag n Walk – Lion Cathy: A lot of fun, Cathy thanks all the volunteers.
- 2) Oktoberfest at Big Bear – Lion Tom and Lion Robin: It was two visitations in one! We stumbled across the Sunset Beach Lions and had a great time. The cocktail party on Friday night was especially fun.
- 3) Founder's Day Concert and BBQ – Lion Mike Ferreira: Lion Mike was absent.

Break: President Ellen announced a break at 7:55pm. The meeting was called back to order at 8:04pm.

Program: Canine Companions for Independence

We had a guest on hand with a video in regards to this program which allows disabled individuals to get a helping dog for free! She couldn't say enough how good it felt to change somebody's life. There's a Doggie Award of \$1000 each year that President Ellen has been working on for 20 years.

Induction of New Members:

IPP Mike brought up new members as well as potential members.

Proud Lion Awards:

Lion Les was awarded Proud Sponsor, Lion Molly Bounds received her Proud Lion Award with Lion Aro as a Proud Sponsor and Lion Tim also received his Proud Lion Award. Congrats!

Treasure Chest Drawing:

Another day full of interesting prizes and no one choosing the winning key...

Fines and Happy Dollars:

Lion Brad spared no mercy.

Adjourn:

Without any other business, President Ellen adjourned at 8:36pm