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Happy New Year!



Check out what members are promising for the New Year.
Believer what you will!

- "I resolve to grow 5 inches. Not sure which way." Marah Fineberg-Kuck
- "I resolve to be nicer to everyone. Sometimes." Camille Romano
- "After a few more runs down the Seal Beach berms, I intend to qualify for the South Korean Winter Olympics." Dave Schwien
- "So far this year I have been under the knife, under the gun, and now planning on being under the influence." Lara Edwards
- "I resolve to remember to write 2018 on all correspondence for the next twelve months" Loyalty Taster-Lee
- "I resolve not to drink as much wine in 2018; I will drink more martinis instead." Mary Hollen
- "I resolve to stay calm and collected when the recipient of a free pancake breakfast complains that we don't have vegan sausage or blueberry syrup. I also I resolve to continue to buy raffle tickets at each meeting so I have the chance to become a winner by handling Mark Kavanaugh's marble sack." Bob Ripple
- "I resolve to never again take sleeping pills and laxatives on the same night." Deb Machen
- "I resolve to stop watching the Real Housewives." Ryan Ziegenbusch
- "I resolve to be more punctual. Let's see how it's going so far: Monday nowhere that I had to be so goal accomplished. Tuesday worked from home. May have been in my bathrobe but I wasn't late. Wednesday completely forgot to go to a scheduled doctor appointment but technically I wasn't late. Thursday fell asleep and forgot to go to yoga. See Wednesday technically not late. Friday thru Sunday got sick and stayed in bed....not late for anything. Monday Squealed in on two wheels for my Monday morning meeting.....but not late. This is going to be so easy.....Carmen Urenda
- "I resolve to remember I am NOT a Leo but a Lion. I will hunt down my yellow Lion shirt and wear it to at least one function this year as opposed to wearing my blue VBA Leo shirt." Chardy Lan
- "I resolve not to go on weekend pizza/movie marathons, especially no wine ever to go with!" Esther Kenyon
- "I resolve to wear loose clothes or suits whenever possible, excepting Lions events where I plan on being shirtless displaying my new Seal Beach Lions logo tattoo." President Seth
- "I will not have several drinks then decide to talk about relationships with potential girlfriends." Roger Lang
- "I resolve to open Facebook no more than twice a day including posting events! My only problem I use my phone for all my business calls and emails when out of office. I hope I can do it." Alan Chavez
- "I will not sit in my home office all day on the computer in my nightgown. I will move the computer to the bedroom" Ellen Liebherr
- "I will lose the 10lbs I gained in December caused by my great love of Long Island Ice Tea. Bowl a 300 game (that's been a resolution for the last 57 years. Start my morning walks again (I've had some tendinitis problems in my Achilles tendon over the last 3 months). And my biggest resolution: See the Cleveland Browns win a game (not holding my breath on that one)." Bill Howes
- "This will be the "Year of Decluttering." I resolve to get rid of the following: Clothes that I haven't worn in the past 50 years. Same with anything found in kitchen cupboards including canned goods, college term papers filed in my office along with tax returns from the 1900's. All sleeping bags and camping supplies left over from younger days. I now prefer hotels. The beer keg left over from a Comedy Golf party 20 years ago, although it does make a nice plant stand. Come to think of it, there is still some beer in the keg. Do you think that Ray would like it? But most important, no negativity, only positive vibes in my life." Barbara Wright
- "B4 my K9 53 ounce Chihuahua Milla gets 2 old, I resolve to m8 her with her Gr8 Dane boyfriend" Marcella McSorley
- "I resolve to learn the route home from Clancy's blind folded. Join Ray in his quest to stop the temperance movement in Seal Beach. Believe in something like "I believe I'll have another drink. Realize that God loves me, and that tequila is proof of that love. Read the Bible and realize that it is full of wine. Get drunk and pound nails in my head as people look on at the pier." Scott Newt
- "My New Year's Resolution is to stop kidding myself and stop doing New Year's resolutions." Bruce Gormley
- "Don't expect any New Year's resolutions from me. I plan on staying the same awkward, sarcastic, foul mouth delight that you all come to know and love. My hangover lasted longer than my resolution." Knute Fredholm
- "I resolve to make 2018 my drama free year and enjoy my true friends." Laura Ellsworth



MORE RESOLUTIONS

"I resolve I won't listen to any more Ed Sheeran songs. Should be easy. Broke resolution: 1230a when my friend played "Shape of You" at her house party. Then the rest of Divide. The Skimm: Who the hell am I kidding? Ed is part of my daily rotation of tunes on Spotify. Plus I'm this close to having 8/18/18 tattooed on my arm which is the next time I'll be seeing him. At the Rose Bowl. With 90,000 people. You get it. Lions: Resolution: Nope, not going to co-chair the Car Opportunity Drawing this year. Broke resolution: 1/6/18 when Mike and I discussed what car to look at for the Car Opportunity Drawing this year. So many to choose from! The Skimm: Again, who the hell am I kidding? This is my one chance to get new Lions involved and hang out with "old" ones. Pun intended. And have Cathy @%?\$# at me for knowing more new Lions than her. And wake up at 7am every Saturday and Sunday for 11 weeks plus holidays. Everyone knows I like to sleep-in. Who can argue with that?" Ramona Kies

"I had resolved this year to do more of my own projects around my house instead of calling a handyman, thus saving me some money. Well my first project this week was to replace the steps coming out of my back gate with newer more stylish stepping stones. The first thing I did was wet down the area good so the old stones set in dirt would come up easily, ha! Needless to say, this idea did not go well. I had to pry up the old stones and mud flew all over including my face and hair. I could hardly walk with the amount of mud that had accumulated on my shoes. It was a back breaking job removing 10 cement stones and stacking them in my yard. That was it for one day! The next day I proceeded to put down the newer, bigger but only 5 cement stepping stones and they were heavy so I tried to roll them out back but that was hard because they were square and didn't roll well and more than one toppled in the dirt on my toes - *#@!!*. OUCH! I got on my knees on a rubber porch mat to place the stones and again it was back breaking and hard. My knees landed up bruised, hurting and had the pattern of the porch mat ingrained in them! That evening I called my handyman with the remainder of my current to-do-list of 3 items. I had decided 'why should I deny someone a living!' And thus in the first week of the new year had broken my resolution, but I am happy about it! Jan Ridgeway

OMG it's another brand New Year
and another resolution I must make in fear.
You know my last year's resolution was a bust
so I'll try a little harder this year I must.
Okay I'll make up a couple for me to share,
how about jogging, working out and joining a gym somewhere?
Ha? That would be highly unlikely for me to do,
even though I know I have a few pounds to lose, do you?
I just thought of one that would be good for me,
but like the one above it won't be likely...
That I will follow the rules and not touch a drop or a case
because for me merlot wine is too hard to replace.
I give up, this is really hard to do,
I know deep down I have no resolution I can stick to.

Oh New Year's Resolution how hard you can be,
I really want to keep them but they are hard for me.
This year I will lose the weight. Be gone you sweetly treat.
Snickers bars I promise not to eat.
I will not drink so much. I'll put the beer away.
O here comes Ray. I'll have to do that another day.
So my New Year's Resolution for this year will be
to make new resolutions as the days go by, you see.
Who am I kidding resolutions I vow not to make
Now that one is not fake.

Lion Lee Lindquist

Rob Clark

A Message from President Seth

E.B. White, the American humorist said, "I get up every morning determined to both change the world and have one hell of a good time. Sometimes this makes planning my day difficult." Isn't it so with both our Lions Club and New Year's resolutions? We strive to make our community a better place and help our fellow Lion, yet sometimes we forget about the having fun part, or just choose the fun and ignore the service.

Thanks to our Growl Editor, Ellen Liebherr, we have some collected "Rueful Resolutions" - just to remind ourselves that regardless of planning and desire to serve, we still have to have fun. Heaven knows the likelihood of me wearing loose clothing or more formal attire anytime soon! Zilch.

One of the things we seem to love most about our club is the lack of judgment by other club members to our individual quirks.

I hear that many of our members engage in "Januwagon." This tradition involves not drinking for those who may enjoy a regular cocktail or adult beverage the rest of the year. I think this is a great tradition and a healthy one too after a period of holiday indulgence.

In all seriousness, I wish all of you the very best for 2018 and know we will continue to hold all of our fellow Lions in the utmost positive regard.





Santa Came to Town





































Main Street was alive with the Magic of Christmas on Friday December 1st as more than 3,300 participants wowed the throngs of spectators that lined Main Street and part of PCH for the 1½ hour Seal Beach Christmas Parade. This continuous motion spectacle included bands, dance groups, service organizations, dignitaries and lots of great floats. Some new entrants to the parade that were crowd favorites included the amazing float from Decra-Lite and the Star Wars Storm troopers sporting their red and white holiday canes. The 39th edition of this hometown parade was considered by many to be the best ever. It was also the largest crowd estimated at over 14,000 plus those watching on SBTV-e. The parade began promptly at 7 pm, led by the Seal Beach Police Motor Escorts and the US Naval Sea Cadets carrying our country's flag. As always, the parade ends with the appearance of Santa in the 1929 American LaFrance Fire Engine. A big thanks goes out to Police Commander Steve Bowles who helped arrange getting Santa to be in our Parade. Parade Chair Lion Scott Newton said that, "It takes more than 200 Lions, Leos and other volunteers to put this parade on each year. Getting more than 100 entries lined up in 9 different staging areas is logistically challenging but in the end somehow it all works and each entry ends up in the parade just as planned." To keep the crowds informed, there were four separate announcing stations along Main Street, manned by Lion President Seth Eaker, Jo Dawson, Lion Deb Machen and Lion 1st VP, Ryan Ziegenbusch. The parade is produced by the Seal Beach Lions Foundation with the support of the city of Seal Beach and numerous sponsors. "Without the help of the city and our sponsors, the parade would just not be possible", said Chairman Newton. A special thanks goes out to Run Seal Beach who helped make all of the lighting possible.



Thanksgiving Dinner for Seniors

Seal Beach Lions supported the Community Thanksgiving Dinner again this year. We serve a full course Thanksgiving Dinner with all the trimmings to about 125 people. The event is put on by the Seal Beach Chamber of Commerce and the food is provided by local chamber members (restaurants) on Main Street. Most of the visitors are from Leisure World and Lion Mike Gibbons was one of the chauffeurs that provided transportation. There was also a few homeless that came to celebrate the holiday and get a good hot meal. Chairman Laura Ellsworth sat with a homeless Veteran and helped him feel comfortable at the event.

Lions who gave up some of their Thanksgiving holiday were Lions Laura, Mike, Jim, Frank, Mary, Ana and Brian. Others that were not in the photo were, Rosie Ritchie, Lisa Landau, Steve Hollen and about 10 VBA Leos. Thanks to all that came out to make a difference in the lives of some local folks so that they didn't have to be alone during the holiday

Ready for the Holidays

The Centennial House represents a Legacy Project for the Seal Beach Lions Club. It honors the heritage of Seal Beach which was incorporated in 1915. The house was preserved by the family of the original owners since 1915, and was gifted the the City of Seal Beach in 2015 for preservation and restoration. Now, fully restored, in a place of honor on the Green Belt near Heritage Square, The Red Car Museum and the Mary Wilson Library, it has become a focal point celebrating various Holidays with identifying decorations for public viewing and enjoyment. The 4th of July, (flying an authentic 1915 American Flag), Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas are the designated Holidays to be celebrated.

Lion Jim Whitaeker, the official caretaker of the house and Esther Kenyon, the official decor designer have assumed the duties carrying out the Holiday plans for this historical house and have spent approximately 12 hours each on observing the 4 Holidays and have operated with expenses of approximately \$500. In November, approximately \$300 was spent on Thanksgiving and Christmas decorations and approximately 6 hours of preparation.



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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Lions Support CSULB Rowing

On November 4 CSULB hosted the 2017 Naples Island Collegiate Rowing Challenge. Led by Chairmen Vic Grgas and Rudy Huezo Seal Beach Lions Scott Weir, Ramona Kies, John Mrazike, Evan Jenkins, Sherri Aiken, Art Fry, Chardy Lang, Angie Canchola and 11 Leo volunteers served approximately 250 people, including rowers (both colligate and masters), as well as coaching staff, parents and supporters. The menu consisted of pancakes, sausages, and fruit along with choices of orange juice, milk or coffee





Lions Step up for the Youth Center

Its backbreaking, dirty and cold but Lions Liz Sontag, Ramona Kies, Alan Chavez, Adam Denny and Lion prospect Ronnie Pepitont worked from 4-9 p.m. standing trees from the latest shipment for the Youth Center Christmas Tree Lot at Ganahl Lumber on Thursday, December 7th.

For the final tree shipment on Monday, December 11, Lions Lindsay Safe, Liz Sontag, Bob Rippel, Margie Garcia-Hall, Frank Hall, Marcella McSorley, Tinna Miller and Ryan Ziegenbusch worked from 4-7:30 p.m.

The real MVP was Ramona who stayed late with Liz on Dec. 7 to help the guys at the lot, and then came back for round two the following Monday. Thank you Lions Liz and Lindsay for organizing this project.

SEAL BEACH LIONS CALENDAR

Jan 24	Off-Site Quarterly Board Meeting
Jan 26	Ronald McDonald House LB Dinner
Jan 26-28	3 CLFIS Sight Screening – Tijuana Mexico
Jan 27	District Meeting
Jan 27	Youth Center Night Among the Stars
Jan 28	LAEF Wine & Cheese Fundraiser
Jan 31`	New Member Happy Hour – Glory Days
Jan 31	Visitation – Tokyo Joes
Feb 1	Student Speakers Contest
Feb 3	Pony Baseball Opening Day
Feb 4	Visitation - Ontario
Feb 7	Lions General Meeting – SBYC
Feb 8-11	MD-4 Convention San Diego
Feb 10	CLFIS Sight Screening – Grand Terrace
Feb 10	Cypress College Americana Awards
Feb 15	Visitation – Chapman University
Feb 15	McGaught Family Fun Night
Feb 16-1	7 CLFIS Sight Screening – Santa Paula
Feb 17	Beach Clean Up Save Our Beach
Feb 17	SB Lions Chili Co0k-Off & Pinewood Derby
Feb 21	Lions General & Board Meeting – SBYC
Feb 24	CLFIS Sight Screening – Riverside
Feb 24	LAEF King & Queen of Hearts Ball
Feb 25	Cub Scout Pine Wood Derby
Mar 2	Read Across America
Mar 7	Lions General Meeting – SBYC
Mar 8	Zone C Student Speakers Contest
Mar 10	CLFIS Sight Screening – Corona Sai Baba

Mar 16-18 CLFIS Sight Screening – Mexicali, Mexico

Mar 10-12 Lions Leadership Institute Mar 14 New Members Orientation

Mar 17	Lions Designated Driver Project
Mar 17	Visitation: Upland Lions Bunko Night
Mar 18	Ronald McDonald House LB Dinner
Mar 21	Lions General & Board Meetings
Mar 24	Diapers for Veterans Babies Project
Mar 24	Orphanages for Thailand Fundraiser
Mar 24	Run Seal Beach 10 K – Course Logistics
Mar 24	Run Seal Beach 10K – Team Walkers & Runners
Mar 25	Visitation - Huntington Beach Lions Crabfest
Mar 25	Lions Day at City of Hope
Mar 25	Visitation – Garden Grove Pancake Breakfast
Mar 27	Region Meeting – Student Speakers Contest
Mar 28	New Member Orientation
Mar 28	Visitation – Anaheim Lions Club Baseball Tournament
Mar 31	CLFIS Sight Screening – Echo Park
Mar 31	Springfest Egg Hunt
Apr 1	Easter
Apr 4	Lions Election, Genera/Board Meeting
Apr 7	CLFIS Sight Screening – San Jacinto
Apr 11	Lions Honor the Teach Night
Apr 14	Orange Region Health Fair
Apr 14	CLFIS Sight Screening- Tustin
Apr 14	St. Baldrick's Pediatric Cancer Fundraiser
Apr 19	Lions General Meeting
Apr 21	Earth Day River Jetty Graffiti Removal
Apr 21	Lifeguard Horseshoe Tournament
Apr 27	Lions Pancake Breakfast & BB
Apr 27	Teen Recognition Program Dinner
Apr 28	District Meeting & Student Speakers Contest
Apr 28	Lions Pancake Breakfast & BBQ







Lions "Serve" at Ronald McDonald House

On Sunday, December 3, 2017 PDG Chef Ellen got the help of 4 Lions to cooked dinner for 30 people at the Long Beach Ronald McDonald House. The menu was chicken piccata, hash brown potato casserole, steamed broccoli, Caesar salad and a chocolate parfait dessert.

We had a team of newer Lions working this project. Joanne Adams, Bud Adams and Jennifer Marsh joined in November, where Jan Ridgeway joined last March. It was a great time getting to know more about each other while helping families of sick children at Long Beach Miller Children's Center, LB Memorial Hospital and other surrounding facilities.



The Long Beach Ronald McDonald House is a "home away from home" for families with critically-ill children. They provide a place to stay, a source of comfort and care, and a chance to focus all of their energies on the one thing that matters most of all: their child. Fulfilling this mission is possible because of the generosity and commitment of the community. If you are interested in being the chef of the day, contact Lion Adriana Ziegenbusch adyhomecare@yahoo.com

Santa's Helpers Were Everywhere



On December 8 eight Lions helped Lion Lee Linquist poor beer at the Rossmoor Park Tree Lighting Beer Garden



On December 12 Lion Mary Hollen led a team of 8 Lions who served lunch to 55 seniors attending the Leisure World Sight & Hearing Club.



Lion Bob Ripple led the team that served 415 free breakfasts at our annual Breakfast with Santa project. Families feasted on pancakes while kids got a chance to visited Santa. We cooked, served and cleaned up with a great deal of holiday spirit. Leos were a great help.



WE LOVE OUR NEW MEMBERS!



Dana Delmer Michael Jurs Bus Adams Joanne Adams Hans Witten Susan Ariano

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



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO THESE SEAL BEACH LIONS WHO JOINED NOV-JAN. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP. WE ARE SO GLAD YOU JOINED!

48 YEARS Ed Hirsch

41 years PDG John Schroeder

33 YEARS Jim Klisanin

31 YEARS Eddie Maginnis

27 YEARS Rick Uuesca

23 YEARS Inger Newton Scott Nelson

22 YEARS Dino Syrengelas

18 YEARS Mike Thomason 15 YEARS Chris Langlais

13 YEARS Gloria Souders Adam Denny

12 YEARS Jasa Denny

10 YEARS Roni Behrends Tia Wildermuth

9 YEARS Kent Maul

8 YEARS
Tom Duszynski
Silvia Schroeder
Adriana Ziegenbusch
Ryan Ziegenbusch

7 YEARS
Carl Aaker
Donna Melody
Les Schobe
Laura Ellsworth
Mark Kavenaugh
Tim Kelsey
Teri Newton- DeGiacomo
Lindsay Safe
Cynthia Ramirez
Scott Weir

6 YEARS
Scott Levitt
Marlen Shaw
Todd Stegen
Beverly Bonney
Josh Muller
Diana Newton
Pam Wilson

<u>5 YEARS</u>
Lee Lindquist
Mark Stepanek
Laurie Stepanek
Mike Gibbons
Joe Lopez
Linda Stobbe

4 YEARS
Nate Kranda
Robert Aguilar
Ramona Keis
Gloria Appelbaum

3 YEARS
Dianna Showaker-Bangs

2 YEARS
Susan Proctor
Gretchen Bornhop
Lloyd Ikerd
Tamara Lang
Elyse Avila Smith
Gwen George
Lisa Landau
Natalie Wilson

1 YEAR
Angana Pathak
Greg Phillips
Paul Sanders



Jan 26 Thomas Moore

Jan 28 Jackie Maloney

Dave Schwien

Jan 30

Mariesa Hayes

Feb 1

Cameron Moore

Feb 4 Pamela Winner

Feb 7 Nate Kranda

Feb 9 Gay Johnson

Feb 11 Tim Young

Feb 16

Robert Aguilara

Feb 20 Greg Phillips Tracey Rangell

Feb 21 John Mrazik

Feb 23

Carin Sprague

Feb 25 Beverly Bonney

Beverly Bonney

Mar 2 Erik Dryer-Goldman Amy Kaufman

Amy Kaufman Steve L'Ecluse

Mar 3 Peggy Senneff

Mar 4 Hans Lumme

Mar 6 Sharon Amarantos Mar 7 Laura Kieta

Mar 13

Jonathan Belding

Mar 13 Robin Kemp

Mar 17 Marlen Shaw

Mar 20 Trudy Briscoe

Mar 22 Alan Chavez

Mar 23 Troy Allison Leanne Clark

Mar 24 Beverly Lloyd

Mar 26 Red Jones Jim Klisanin Teri Young

Apr 1

Molly Bounds

Apr 4 Charles Kelly

Apr 7 David Lynn

Apr 10

Mark Kavanaugh

Apr 13 Gary Sethi

Apr 14 Joe Lopez Dottie Palaski

Apr 17 Bianca Sovich

Apr 18 Ernie Wallner

Apr 19 Mike Whitley

Apr 20

Meghan Babrielson





DON'T MISS IT!

Student Speakers Contest

"Integrity and Civility Play What Role in Today's Society?

February 1, 2018

Mary Wilson Library 707 Electric, Seal Beach

Doors close at 7:00pm sharp

NOTE: ALL REGISTRATION FORMS SHOULD BE COORDINATED THROUGH LION CATHY NEWTON EMAIL: Lioncathynewton@gmail.com or give to her at an upcoming meeting.

2018 LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Friday June 29th thru Tuesday July 3rd.



CONFERENCE

HOTEL \$200.00 deposit

\$150.00 by Jan	12, 2018
\$200.00 Jan 13	through March 31, 2018
\$225.00 April 1	through onsite day of.

Thursday \$120.00
Friday \$205.00
Saturday \$205.00
Sunday \$120.00
Monday \$120.00
Tuesday \$83.00
Prices do not include Resort fee \$18 per day plus taxes and parking.

We are doing a group reservation and all attendees will receive:

- Seal Beach Lions button down club shirt (sizes are limited and will go to first paid first served)
- Pay before January 5th you receive an MD4 pin
- Convention Name Badge
- Souvenir Medallion
- Program
- Ticket to International Show Saturday evening.

All convention programs will be at the MGM Grand except the Parade which will be downtown.

You do NOT have to stay at the MGM but we recommend you do the convention reservation with the club.

Group Reservations and hotel questions please direct to Lion Cathy Newton.

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