



Seal Beach Host Lions Club

The Growl
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I am proud to announce after an unfortunate hiatus of nine months, 'The Growl' has been resurrected! Here, here! Apologies to the many club members who look forward to receiving their monthly edition via cyber delivery and haven't for so long. My pledge is not to allow this to happen again. You have my word on it.

A fond welcome to all the new faces that grace our presence: at meetings and events. Countless thank you's are deserved by the sponsors who've pledged their cub's name for consideration into the club. At last count, we have added well over a dozen new members to our ranks and are ever growing. Word from Leo Advisor Scott Newton is Leo Membership is up exponentially this year, too..

In taking a page from the current administration in Washington, I have asked former President's (no, not Bush 41 and Clinton!) Scott Newton and George Dooley to add a few words to this edition. I am very honored to succeed them in the Presidents chair and grateful for their support and continued leadership. Their articles follow this one.

In closing, I ask that you continue to share the meaning behind our motto "We Serve" with your relatives, friends, neighbors and loved ones. And, invite them to a meeting or an event so they can witness the fun we have together. I can promise you by doing so they will see, firsthand, how truly admirable it is that we continue to improve the quality of life, and that of our own, by supporting our community.

In Lionism,
President Tom

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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

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The Past President's Message:

It really is great sitting in the audience again. Two years as Treasurer and then one long year as President sitting in the Fish Bowl. Now I get to look mostly at the backs of heads at meetings. Seriously, it is nice to be back to just being a regular Lion again - it also has given me more time to spend with my Leo's.

I want to direct my message to our Lion Leaders and future Lion leaders. My message is about 'Involvement'. Our club continues to grow with new and

vibrant members. It is critical to get these new members involved in projects, fund-raisers and committees as soon as possible. Some people are natural volunteers and others need to be asked. To our Lions Leaders and Lion Sponsors - ASK!!!! Ask new members to join a committee, take a co-chair role on one of our service projects, or get them to a District Meeting to see the bigger Lions picture. Us 'senior' guys should STOP volunteering for the 'no-brainers' and allow our cubs to chair them. Lion Leaders and Sponsors need to ensure that our new people get meaningful roles at our events. We should do the crap work and let the new Lions get the good jobs.

Bottom line - Lions Leadership and Senior Lions need to help encourage our new members to get involved by asking and making room for them. We need to do more advising and mentoring so that our new generation of Lions becomes the old generation some day.

It's great being a Past-President again!!

In Lionism,
Immediate Past President Scott, 2004-2005





Membership Directors Message:

Hello Fellow Lions,

This month because of the influx of new members, I thought maybe it would be a good idea to provide a brief history of Lionism.

'Lions Clubs International' began as the dream of Chicago insurance executive Melvin Jones (sound familiar). He believed local business clubs should expand their horizons from purely professional concerns to the betterment of their communities and the world at large.

An invitation went out to service organizations around the country and on June 7, 1917 a meeting was held in Chicago. During that meeting the name of 'International Association of Lions Clubs' was adopted. Thirty-six delegates representing 22 clubs from nine states were in attendance. Dr. W. P. Woods of Indiana was elected as the first president.

Just three years later the organization became truly international when a club was established in Canada. By 1927 clubs were organized in Mexico, Cuba and China. Many other countries joined throughout the 30's, 40's and 50's.

Perhaps the single event having the greatest impact on the association's service commitment occurred in 1925 when Helen Keller addressed the Lions convention in Ohio. It was there that she challenged Lions to become the "Knights of the blind in a crusade against darkness."

Another significant event in the association's history occurred in 1987, when 'Lions Clubs International' became one of the first service organizations to admit women as members (you go girl).

Since those first years, the association has grown to include 1.4 million men and women in more than 45,000 clubs located in 193 countries and geographical areas.

So there you have it the rest of the story!

George S. Dooley
Past President, 2002-2003 & 2003-2004



Melvin Jones Fellowship Dinner



Friday January 14, 2005 Queen Mary, Long Beach, CA
Lions Chris Langlais, Khryste Langlais, George Dooley, Bill Howes & Herb Groom

Lions Chris, Khryste and Herb received MJF awards, while Lions George and Bill were recipients of MJF Progressive Diamonds.

It has been club tradition not to award a Melvin Jones Fellow to a member in consecutive years. Therefore, in keeping with this tradition, these five individuals are not eligible for consideration in 2006.

The deadline for submitting considerations for this year's award is due no later than November 2, 2005. This years Melvin Jones Fellow chairperson is Lion Chris Langlais. Please direct any questions to his attention. Contact: 562.841.9126 or via e-mail - chris@divinecranium.com

Saturday, October 22

McGaugh School Carnival
Sail for the Visually Impaired

Saturday, October 29

5:30 pm : Witches Brew Chili & Costume Contest

Sunday, October 30

2:00 am : Daylight Saving Time Ends.

Monday, October 31

Halloween

Wednesday, November 2

7:00 pm : Seal Beach Host Lions Club General & Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 9

6:15 pm : Veteran's Bingo

Wednesday, November 16

7:00 pm : Seal Beach Host Lions Club Meeting & Program night

Monday, November 21

Leo Club meeting at Casa Youth Shelter

Thursday, November 24

Thanksgiving



Editors Note: The following is an actual MJF Nomination sheet submitted to the Melvin Jones Committee by Lion Scott Newton with his list of candidates for consideration. It provides a thorough sampling of what to look for and consider when making your selection for candidates to receive the 2006 award.

Melvin Jones Fellow Nominees October 10, 2003

Melvin Jones Committee
Seal Beach Host Lions Club

President George Dooley
Lion Tom Ahrens
Lion Craig Bekke
Lion Dave Hubbard
Lion Margie Garcia

First, I would like to share some thoughts regarding this recognition program.

This is Lions highest honor – it should be reserved for those who truly deserve it. Lions who care, Lions who go the extra mile, Lions who work to help ‘other’ members of our club be successful, Lions who work to make our club better, Lions who work to make our district better and Lions who work to make our community better – both as a Lion and as a community servant.

In some cases, an individual deserves this honor because of the exceptional work during a defined period of time – namely the past year. In other cases, we should consider those who serve consistently over time.

As I look at the Seal Beach Host Lions list of MJF recipients, I can’t find a single individual who didn’t deserve the honor at least once in their Lions career. All are deserving, but you could argue that some are more deserving than others – and that’s why we have the progressive diamond program.

And finally, I wanted to say that this program means more to some than to others. Some of the more serious and experienced Lions truly know the importance of this award and feel this is an important reward for their efforts. In a way, it is the ultimate recognition for their efforts and acts as a motivator to continue and do more. We should recognize this in the decision process.

With that said, I respectfully place the following names into nomination for an LCIF Melvin Jones Fellowship: (see next page)



Melvin Jones Fellow Nominees from Lion Scott Newton

Lion David Blasi: Lion David has been a member for several years. David has a young family and has not been real active except for his significant role on the Fish Fry and Car Drawing for the past four years. For two years, David worked as the event treasurer for the Fish Fry. In this role, much of his work is done 'behind the scenes'. For the past two years, he has acted as a Car Drawing Co-Chair handling the receipts and ticket distribution. Again, this is basically a behind the scenes job that takes numerous hours and concentration over a four month period. His dedication of hours rivals even the chairman of the event.

As we all know, this past years Car Drawing required a much higher level of support from Dave Blasi – he had to process more than 200 tickets in the last two days and worked diligently to ensure accuracy. Thanks to David, all tickets were processed and accounted for accurately.

For his unselfish 'behind the scenes' community service supporting our two largest fundraisers, over the past four years, I nominate him to receive a Melvin Jones Fellowship.

Lion Dewey Linehan: Lion Dewey celebrates 23 years of service this year. He received his second Melvin Jones progressive diamond in 2000 in honor of his 20th anniversary. Since that time, Dewey has served as Secretary, Fish Fry Co-Chairman and has provided numerous hours of service. Dewey has also contributed greatly to the district by serving as Zone Chairman and Region Chairman.

I proudly nominate Dewey to receive his third progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship diamond.

Lion Cathy Bekke: Cathy has been a Lion for more than 10 years. Like her husband Kraig, Cathy can't say no when asked to help. Along with Kraig, they take on numerous chairmanships of small service projects and events throughout the year. She has also acted as co-chair of the Long Beach Water Ski Association service project held each summer. Cathy is a super Lion who cannot say no.

I proudly nominate Cathy Bekke to receive her first progressive Melvin Jones Fellow diamond.

We have at least one Lion who has probably earned a MJF but is not yet eligible. Some other newer Lions will probably be ready next year.

In Lionism,

Lion Scott Newton



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2005 Fish Fry

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