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SEAL BEACH ARTS & CRAFTS FAIRE A BIG HIT

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Saturday September 8th & Sunday September 9th, the misty mornings turned into vendor tents, springing up like fairy ring mushrooms in the sylvan clearing of Eisenhower Park. One hundred &6 six artisans, craftspeople, non-profits, LEOs, and Lions set up what turned out to be one of the most successful Seal Beach Lions Arts & Crafts Faire.

Entertainment highlights included Maddy Lopez, a sophomore at Los Alamitos High School; Milani Rivers, a senior at Los Al who belted out the National Anthem; along with Sun Stripes and Spitting Image who did song after song to provide music for the show. All of the performers were 16 and under with a single exception: Mike Sullivan, with his smooth Frank Sinatra-like rendition of "Come Fly with Me," who comes from the singing Sullivan family, who is 20. His sister Jean also had a smoky, 1940's jazz voice and performed beautifully. Ellie Williams, Alix Page and Sam Victoria as Sun Stripes did four encores to wrap up the show on Sunday afternoon.

Many vendors reported record sales and attendance. The City was accommodating with a collaborative two-day limited parking permit for vendors to offset the loss of parking in the 10th street lot due to the contractor's isolation of 75% of the lot right after Labor Day. As always, Alamitos Eye Care donated their sound equipment and the manpower to operate it.



Lions Susanne & Michael Gruerwald from Munich Germany paid a visit to the Faire.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2018 MELVIN JONES FELLOWS



Pictured Jim Whiteaker, Mary Hollen, Stan Sarkauskas, Barbara Wright, Scott Weir, Bill Howes, Mark Kavanaugh, and Scott Newton. Not pictured Adriana Ziegenbusch and Lisa Landau

The Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) recognizes donations of \$1,000 to the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) which is the charitable arm of Lions Clubs International. It is the highest award that a club can present to its members.

Donations from 1.4+ million Lions in 210 countries and geographic areas provide the vast majority of the revenue received by LCIF, making the Foundation a leading humanitarian organization. Lions know their donations matter and that funds entrusted to LCIF will support initiatives that impact communities and change lives.

LCIF helps Lions improve peoples' lives around the world, from combating vision problems to responding to major catastrophes to providing valuable life skills to youth. Because LCIF helps Lions carry out large-scale projects through grant programs, Lions increase their impact in their local and global communities and serve even more people in need around the world.

LCIF leverages the donations received through effective partnerships with other foundations, corporations and governments on the local, national and international level. We are proud that LCIF was named the #1 non-governmental organization worldwide with which to partner, according to a 2007 Financial Times independent survey.

To support Lions' mission of serving communities and meeting humanitarian needs, LCIF provides grants in these focus areas:

Saving Sight Serving Youth Providing Disaster Relief Meeting Humanitarian Needs

Since its founding in 1968, LCIF has awarded more than 13,000 grants totaling over US\$1 billion. LCIF will continue to work every day to support humanitarian service projects all over the world and give hope to those who need it.



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Lions Support Fundraising Efforts for Governor Randy



On Saturday, October 13 the Seal Beach Lions cooked dinner for the District Governor's Fundraiser. 85 people were in attendance to enjoy a dinner prepared by PDG Ellen Liebherr. She was assisted by grill masters Mark Kavanaugh, Art Fry and Stan Sarkauskas, warming expert Mike Gibbons, dessert designer Ramona Kies and salad creator Camille Romano. Our services and charging for just the cost of food added about \$1000 to the money raised in support of our Governor.

The Los Alamitos Youth Center held its annual Casino Night on September 29. Lions Angie Canchola and Gretchen Bornhop volunteered to serve as bartenders. A number of other Lion attended in support.

The Mission of The Youth Center is to transform children's lives one family at a time through collaborative social, educational and recreational programs. Since the birth of the Youth Center in 1952, this charity has been honored to have the opportunity to establish valuable partnerships within the community. The Youth Center takes deep pride in the stellar network of collaborators. The Youth Center fully acknowledges their critical importance in this organization's levels of current and future success.

Since 2006, Seal Beach Lions and Leos Clubs have been instrumental in providing volunteer support for many Youth Center programs and events. Both clubs contributed a significant amount of community service hours to Leadership Academy, A Night Among the Stars, Christmas Tree Lot, Every 15 Minutes program and other special events.



Luck be a Lady at the Los Alamitos Youth Center Casino Night







Sailing with the Wind

It was a beautiful Sunday when approximately 80 individuals who are blind or visually impaired were treated to a cruise around Alamitos Bay. The annual activity, in its third year, called "Sailing with the Wind", was cosponsored by the Seal Beach Yacht Club and the Seal Beach Lions. The morning started with registration around 8 a.m. Leos and Lions met vehicles carrying guests and brought them to the registration table. The guests included a group from the Veterans Hospital of Long Beach who are visually impaired. The guests came from several organizations throughout the area. After registration guests were escorted upstairs for breakfast composed of frittata, bagels, fruit and pound cake. The boat owners/skippers also joined the contingent for this meal. Following breakfast, guests were escorted to a group of 15 boats, including a Duffy, sailboats and a few powerboats, and they were treated to a 1-1/2 -2 hour cruise around Alamitos Bay. When the boating was finished, the guests and volunteers returned to the Yacht Club for a Hamburger lunch with all the trimmings, chips, cookies, sodas and water. About 35 volunteers from Seal Beach Lions, Leos, and Seal Beach Yacht Club helped to make this a successful day for all the participants. The guests thanked the Yacht Club and the Lions profusely. Co-Chairs were Lion Mary Hollen and Lion Laura Ellsworth, who are also members of Seal Beach Yacht Club, and their team, Elizabeth Kelly and Angie Canchola

Coastal Clean-Up

On a bright sunny September morning 9 Lions worked the California Coastal Clean-Up. Working the area between the San Gabriel River and the Seal Beach Pier much discarded trash was collected.





Congratulations Lion Esther Kenyon for being named Seal Beach Volunteer Emeritus AND the Grand Marshall of the 2018 Seal Beach Christmas Parade.





Graffiti Removal

Thank you Lions Ray and Alan for your diligent efforts to control graffiti in Seal Beach. Just in September 63 tags in 19 locations were removed. Can't you just read Ray's lips – "Dirty little b@\$*#ds".



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS! and thank you to their sponsors



Ann Curry Penny Jensen Lauren Burcombe Eric Lenahan Janice Morrison Alex Roelofs Chris Warren Kylie Bruce John Neill Carlos Munoz Sandra Turner Esmeralda Bueno



NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Lion Scott Newton conducted a New Member Orientation & Lions 101 Session at the Mary Wilson Community Center. This is a great way not only for new Lions to learn more about how our club functions but a great renewal for seasoned Lions. Members are given the opportunity to share ideas and are introduced to ways to serve the community through Lionism.

Seal Beach Lions Continue to Support California Lions Friends In Sight

One September 8th six of our Lions helped the Rancho Cucamonga Lions with a CLFIS screening. During this all day screening 321 patients received vision exams and most received refurbished eyeglasses.

On September 22 twelve Seal Beach Lions helped the Chino Hills Lions put on a screening. 133 patients were seen, 9 will have glasses made and the remainder left with refurbished eyeglasses.

SAVE THE DATE: District 4-L4 CLFIS SIGHT SCREENING – Garden Grove





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The Seal Beach Lions Club

Meetings: 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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SEAL BEACH LIONS CALENDAR

- **District 4-L4 CLFIS Sight Screening Garden Grove** Nov 3 **CSULB Crew Team Pancake Breakfast** Nov 4 **GENERAL MEETING – DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISIT** Nov 8 Nov 10 Every 15 Minutes Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser Nov 10 CLFIS Vision Screening West Covina Nov 11 Veteran's Day Ceremony Nov 17 District Leadership Training Nov 17 Seal Beach Christmas Tree Lighting Nov 21 Lions General & Board Meeting Nov 22 Seal Beach Thanksgiving Event Nov 30 Ronald McDonald House Long Beach Nov 30-2 CLFIS Vision Screening Imperial Youth Center Tree Lot Project Dec 3 Dec 5 **Lions General Meeting Youth Center Tree Lot Project** Dec 6 Dec 7 **Seal Beach Christmas Parade** Dec 8 **CLFIS Vision Screening – Montebello** Dec 9 **College Park East SNOW Project** Dec 10 Youth Center Tree Lot Project Dec 11 Leisure World Sight Impaired Club Luncheon **Dec 14 Lions Christmas Party Dec 14 RCSD** Tree Lighting and Beer Garden **Dec 15 Breakfast with Santa**
- Dec 15 CASA Project (Breakfast & Gift Giving)

Ronald McDonald House Long Beach Dec 18 Dec 19 NO LIONS MEETING Dec 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS Dec 27 **Rose Float Decorating Rose Parade HAPPY NEW YEARS** Jan 1 Jan 9 Lions General Meeting **District Melvin Jones Dinner Jan 12** Lions General & Board Meeting Jan 16 Jan 22 **Ronald McDonald House Orange** Jan 23 **Quarterly Board of Directors Retreat** Jan 25-27 CLFIS Vision Screening – Tijuana Mexico **Ronald McDonald House Long Beach** Jan 25 **District Meeting Saddleback Jan 26** Youth Center Night Among the Stars **Jan 26** Jan 30 **Every 15 Minutes Project New Member Happy Hour Jan 30 District Leadership Training** Feb 2 **Pont Baseball Opening Day** Feb 2 **Lions General Meeting** Feb 6 SB LIONS 70TH ANNIVERSARY Feb 7 **CLFIS Vision Screening San Bernardino** Feb 8 LAEF King & Queen of Hearts Ball Feb 8 Feb 8-10 MD-4 California Convention – Sacramento Feb 15-16 CLFIS Sight Screening Santa Paulo Feb 16 Lions Chili Coo-Off & Pinewood Derby Feb 16 Beach Clean-Up Save Our Beach



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Lions Tim & Collette Young, Ellen Liebherr, Camille Romano, Mary & Steve Hollen and Jim Whiteaker visited the Huntington Beach Host Lions. They had a very interesting program on a portable low vision device magnifier.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISITATION LIONS GENERAL MEETING Thursday November 8 7:00 pm **Seal Beach Yacht Club** Dinner reservations: meliebherr@verizon.net

\$7.00 Tostada Bar

A Helping Hand at the McGaugh School Carnival



Chairman Mark Kavanaugh, with the help of Lions Jim Whiteaker, Steve Hollen, Bob Sagen, Chris Warren, Lisa Landau, Chardy Lang and 4 VBA and 4 SB Leos served 150 hot dogs, 220 hamburgers and 120 chips to hungry carnival attendees in support of the McGaugh School PTA. They took in 2,186 tickets which by McGaugh's calculations netted them \$1.093.00 in sales.



Oct 27 Frank Carvajal

Nov 23 Mary Moser

Oct 28 Nat Ferguson Amanda Olsen

Oct 29 Renee Gormley

Oct 30 Camille Romano

Oct 31 Meagan Batchelor George Layman

Nov 3 Terry Stephenson

Nov 5 Cathy Newton

Nov 6 Barbara Avakian Ellen Stewart Janice West

Nov 7 **Eddie Maginnis** Matty Meier Dianna Showaker-Bangs

> Nov 12 Linda Stobbe

Nov 14 Mike Maloney

Nov 15 Sloan Belding-Moore Tom Boscamp

> Nov 16 Carmen Urenda

> > Nov 19 **Bud Adams**

Nov 21 Ray Longoria Shelly Seitz

Nov 26 John Brent Jack Deaton Penny Jensen

> Nov 28 Les Shobe

Nov 29 Steve Masoner Mo Sethi

Nov 30 Laura Stevenson

> Dec 2 Cindy Jurs

Dec 3 Bruce Gormley Mary Newton

Dec 4 Jessica Jenkins

> Dec 5 Nick Bolin

Dec 9 Edward Zelinske

Dec 10 Shani Rae Erickson

> Dec 11 Colette Young

Dec 13 Gloria Souders

Dec 15 Laurie Brainerd John Neill

> Dec 16 Brian Cray

Dec 17 Steve Marmel