

# THE GROWL

## WE CELEBRATE

Check out how our Lions celebrate a successful year of Lionism.

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## WE SUPPORT

Read about our visit to the La Habra Host Lions Club's 64th Annual Corn Festival.

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## WE SERVE

Look here to read about this year's National Night Out.

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Read the official minutes from the July general and board meeting.

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# Lions celebrated service

LINDSAY SAFE

*Editor*

Nearly 100 Seal Beach Lions flooded the shores at Barney's Beach House on Saturday, August 18 to celebrate another year of successful service and excellence in Lionism.

The party, chaired by Lion Les Shobe and crew, was complete with food, games, music, sun and lots of fun. Lions played horseshoes and went swimming while others visited in the shade on the hot summer day.

Lion Gary Snow and Michael Orr of "Deuce Coupe" kept the partygoers entertained with great music.

All drooled over the barbeque pulled pork and chicken sandwiches prepared by Lion President Ellen Liebherr. The food was a welcome change to the hamburgers, hotdogs and bratwursts of the past. And unlike last year, the beer and wine were flowing with no interruptions.

Some very special guests joined the Lions on this day of festivity.

The Blind Veterans, led by Elizabeth Greco, joined us from the Veteran Affairs Hospital of Long Beach. They enjoyed visiting with several of the Lions. This was their second time getting to know the Seal Beach Lions as they also joined us at our Fish Fry in July.

We were also honored to have the new Naval Weapons Station Base Commander Capt. Martin "Tripp" Hardy and his wife Grayce stop by for a visit. Capt. Hardy's grandfather was a Lion in Virginia Beach, VA. He recalled having very fond memories of attending Lions events as a child.

Overall, it was a great way to celebrate, appreciate and reward our general membership for their hard work and dedication to our town and the surrounding communities. With some 90 service projects, the efforts and visibility of the Seal Beach Lions Club is something of which to continue to be proud. Congratulations, Lions.

## SEAL BEACH LIONS CLUB

Meetings on the first and third  
Wednesday of the month at  
Khoury's Restaurant  
110 Marina Drive, Long Beach  
7 p.m.

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## CALENDAR

- Monday, September 3**  
Eyeglass Sorting Party
- Wednesday, September 5**  
Lions Regular & Board Meeting
- Saturday, September 8**  
The United Nations' International Literacy Day
- Saturday, Sept. 8 - Sunday, Sept. 9**  
Leos Art Festival
- Saturday, September 15**  
Walk for the Beach & Coastal Clean up
- Wednesday, September 19**  
Lions Regular Meeting
- Thursday, September 20**  
Region Meeting: Costa Mesa
- Saturday, September 29**  
Wag 'n' Walk
- Wednesday, October 3**  
Lions Meeting & Governor's Visitation
- Saturday, October 6 - Sunday, October 7**  
Inaugural Seal Beach Lions Oktoberfest
- Sunday, October 7**  
Founder's Day Concert & BBQ
- Thursday, October 11**  
Huntington Beach Lions Oktoberfest
- Thursday, November 15**  
JFTB Tour

## BIRTHDAYS

- Saturday, September 1**  
Linda Stephenson
- Sunday, September 2**  
Bill Howes
- Monday, September 3**  
Bill Blatnik
- Thursday, September 6**  
Todd Stegen
- Friday, September 7**  
Mary Ludington
- Thursday, September 13**  
Bryce Bannerman
- Saturday, September 15**  
Vic Grgas  
Byron Markel
- Tuesday, September 18**  
Mike Haley
- Friday, September 21**  
Scott Levitt
- Sunday, September 23**  
Inger Newton
- Monday, September 24**  
Marcella McSorley
- Wednesday, September 26**  
Brad Barras
- Thursday, September 27**  
Marilyn Redd



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ELLEN LIEBHERR

*President*

Do you ever count your blessings that you live at the beach? I sure do. With this heat wave we have been experiencing and the crazy weather all over the country, we definitely are the lucky ones. However, high temperatures haven't stopped our Lions Club from doing what we do best--serving our community.

Our annual beach party on August 18 was a great day of fun and fellowship. Close to 100 showed up to enjoy food, games, music and the sun at Barney's Beach. Thank you Lion Les and your crew for setting it up and a special thank you to Gary Snow and Deuce Coup for entertaining us. It was a relaxing day and a wonderful way to celebrate a great year of service.

Congratulations also to Sight & Hearing Chairman Lion Cathy Newton and her team for a successful eyeglass sorting party. Lion Nikki graciously offered her courtyard for this project where a group of Lions assembled Sept. 3 to sort the 2000 pairs of eyeglasses recently collected. Next they will get together to use our new lensometer to read the prescriptions before sending them off to Lions in Sight and the California Lions Friends in Sight where they will be distributed to needy individuals.

Our schedule is filling up. There's a lot going on--Wag-N-Walk, Wings/Wheels & Rotors Expo, the Founder's Day concert, Sailing for the Visually Impaired, the McGaugh School Carni-

val, eye screenings--so much to do. Take a look at the ROAR and see what interests you. Get involved. Each of our projects brings its own rewards.

If you haven't been at the meetings you have missed our own Hewell Howser (aka Gary Denny) hustling people to work our coastal cleanup projects. His spot-on impersonation is one of the most entertaining things I have seen. Be there to work on Sept. 15 and he just may show up as his alter ego.

Visitations are in full gear. Have a little free time? Lion Camille has plenty of interesting events and meetings that you can sign up to attend. See how other clubs conduct meetings. Enjoy their fundraisers and service projects. There are 33 other clubs in our District. There is always something going on.

On October 6-7 we will be visiting the Big Bear Lions Oktoberfest. With about 50 of our Lions attending, this may be a record visitation for our club. Just mention beer.....

We will also make our annual visitation to the Huntington Beach Lions Club Oktoberfest at Old World on October 11. Again, mention beer....

I hope you will all make an effort to attend the October 3 general meeting at Khoury's. This will be the date that District Governor P.J. Smith will visit and give us a run down on what our International President Wayne Madden's goals are this year. We will also be announcing the recipients of our 9 Melvin Jones Fellowships. A big night, so please try to be there.

We also have a couple social events coming up that you won't want to miss. Join us at 5:30 on Sept. 24 for Monday night football, Packers at the Seahawks, Baytown Realty parking lot. \$5.00 per person for food & beverage. Also sign up for our annual Chili Cook-Off. Lion Dino is calling for all master chefs to cook up their best grub for this event on October 20th.

Get involved. Be a TEAM player.

Regards  
President Ellen

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## Lions admin garage sale needs more support in future

LINDSAY SAFE

*Editor*

Lion Margie Garcia graciously hosted the Annual Lions Garage Sale at her home on August 4 and 5.

Unfortunately, due to lack of donations from the club the garage sale did not raise as much money as in the past.

Next year, let's try to donate more to gain more for our administration fund.



## SB Lions host Braille Institute Leo Club

LINDSAY SAFE

*Editor*

Last month, the Leo Advisers and Board Members decided to host and help grow the Braille Institute Leo Club into the flourishing club it once was.

The club began in 2000 when Lion Scott Newton was the District Leo Club Adviser and his son, Lion Grant Newton, was the District Leo President.

Lion Grant has agreed to be the liaison between our Leos and the Leos from the Braille Institute under the guidance of John Doogan of the Stanton Lions Club.

As for now, Advisers aim to make Dining in the Dark the first big event with our new Leos.



## Lions enjoyed La Habra corn

LINDSAY SAFE

*Editor*

With butter dripping down their hands, Seal Beach Lions enjoyed the famous corn while visiting the La Habra Host Lions Club's 64th Annual Corn Festival at El Centro Lions Park.

If corn was not their pleasure, Lions dined on pizza, tacos, corn dogs, sandwiches and hotdogs.

A few lucky Lions attended the amazing parade complete with local business own-

ers, prancing horses, marching bands and a sarcastic pirate on stilts.

Not only could people enjoy tasty treats, but also listen to live music, enjoy carnival rides and visit the marketplace.

Two of our Leos, President Evan Jenkins and Vice President Carl Ackers, came out to help the La Habra Leos serve sodas, ice cream and warm funnel cakes to the crowd.

Overall, nine Lions had a great time at the festival. Thank you Lion Camille for organizing such a great visitation.

## A Lion's highest honor

SCOTT NEWTON

*Firt Vice President*

One of the highest honors bestowed upon members of our club is the Melvin Jones Fellowship named in honor of Lions Club International's Founder.

This award is given each January and recognizes dedication and commitment to our community and Lions Club. Nominations can be submitted to Lion Chairman Barbara Avakian up until September 25.

## Barney's Beach House holds Lions party



# More beach party pictures



## Lions take on the night

LINDSAY SAFE

*Editor*

For the second year in a row, Seal Beach Lions participated in the community's National Night Out on Tuesday, August 7.

Held annually on the first Tuesday night in August, the event works to create and awareness of crime and drug prevention, generate support for the local anti-crime organizations and

strengthen neighborhood spirit. This year Immediate Past President Mike Haley chaired the event with the help of co-chair Lion Marcia Haley.

With the help of five of our Leos and Leo Advisers Scott and Cathy Newton, the booth served to highlight our Lions Against Graffiti (LAG) program and share with our community the work the Lions and Leos do around town.

## Official Meeting Minutes

### AUGUST 1, 2012 GENERAL MEETING

President Ellen Liebherr calls meeting to order at 7:00pm. Lion Bruce Gormley leads the club in the salute to the flag of the greatest country on earth, the United States of America. Lion Terry Stephenson leads the club in the Invocation. Lion Ray Longoria leads the club in the City of Hope Prayer.

#### Guests:

Lion Diana introduced Marc Bonner, with the Boy Scouts of America. Lion Jim introduced Lynn Adkins who was back for his second visit and Lion Ashleigh introduced her sister and former Leo Rozzie. IPP Mike introduced Cash Gooden.

#### Secretary's Report:

Lion Diana asked that all chairpersons complete and return a form for reporting purposes. She will bring extra copies to the meetings and will e-mail the template to all chair people.

#### President's Comments:

President Ellen "couldn't be prouder. The Fish Fry was magnificent".

#### Awards and Recognition:

IPP Mike, surprisingly, did not have any awards to hand out.

President Ellen awarded Nikki with a pin for bringing in 5 Lion members.

#### New Business:

1) Garage Sale – President Ellen: IPP Mike has signed on as co-chairlion. This event will take place on the 4th and 5th of August. Please bring household goods on August 3rd. See Lion

Margie or IPP Mike with questions.

2) Visitations - Lion Camille: need at least 8 people every visitation to qualify due to new rules.

Next visitation is this weekend at La Habra Corn Festival. Four Lions are going together on Saturday at 11am. We do not all have to go together! If you attend, please report your visit to Lion Camille.

3) National Night Out – President Ellen: This event promotes LAG and the club to the community. IPP Mike volunteered to chair this event, which takes place on August 7th from 5-7:30pm on Ocean and 10th Street. Come for the free popcorn and to say what's up!

4) Beach Party - Lion Les: Sign up! You will need to complete a waiver to get on the base. Fill it out even if you're not sure if you will be attending. Only \$5 and must have car registration if you drive. Lion Les needs help to move stuff from the garage to the base and to clean up.

Approximately 100 people are going. Gary Snow, a talented musician, will also be playing, for free!

5) New Member Orientation – Lion Scott: On August 20th at 7pm at Fire Station #48 (off the 405/SB Blvd on N. Gate Road), all new lions or perspective lions

are encouraged to come learn more about Lionism. Pizza and beer will be served and the meeting will only last an hour. Let Lion Scott know if you will be attending.

6) Octoberfest Visitation – Lions Robin and Tom: Lion Tom is looking for commitment on the fabulous Motel 6 rooms. See Lion Tom if you are interested!

7) Melvin Jones Fellowships – Lion Barbara: This award is for the 9 best of the best among us. This is the highest honor in Lionism. Nomination forms were handed out, if you were not at the meeting, see Lion Barbara for yours. Last years winners are not eligible for nomination this year and lions must have been in the club two years to qualify.

#### Old Business:

1) Car Opportunity Drawing - Lion Bruce and Lion Renee reported that the car drawing likely brought in \$32,5000 (estimate)! Both say that numbers will be solid by the next meeting.

2) Fish Fry – Lion Scott: Gross Revenue for the Fish Fry was \$62,625 and after paying all the bills, Lion Scott believes the surplus will be approximately \$32,500. With over 9300 beers served and over 1000 fish fried, 129 lions, 45 leos and another 75+ helpers, Lion Scott says the event was more successful than last year. Lion Scott read an article from the Sun and quoted himself, mentioning that he is so proud of the Leos and especially the Leos that become Lions; they are learning at a young age how to serve and be a part of the community.

#### Announcement:

1) Lion Dave Hubbard announced that Jack and Wanda Tononka were named Lions of the Year by International. A dinner in Diamond Bar will be announced soon.

2) President Ellen also handed out another award at this time, to Lion Ashleigh for bringing in five lions.

Break: President Ellen announced a break at 7:38pm. Break ended at 7:48pm.

#### Treasure Chest Drawing:

Lion Ray filled in for Lion Bill. All sorts of fun prizes tonight, including a flying pig and broken fountain. Lots of happy faces (for those who won some cash). But, as usual, no winners for the chest.

President Lion reminded lions to turn in their dues if they have not done so!

#### Fines and Happy Dollars:

IPP Mike filled in for Brad (phew). After the barrage of fines, the happy dollars were a nice relief.

#### Adjourn:

Without any other business, President Ellen adjourned at 8:08pm.

### AUGUST 1, 2012 BOARD MEETING

1) Call to order: President Ellen called the meeting to order at 8:14pm.

2) Roll call: Grant Newton, Terry Stephenson (Treasurer), Diana Brunjes (Secretary), Nick Bolin, Scott Newton, Mike Haley

(IPP), Bruce Gormley, Camille Romano, Geri Eckner, Neil Gormley, Cathy Newton, Les Shobe, Nikki Illingworth and President Ellen Liebherr. Absent: Diana Bean, Adriana Ziegenbusch, and Brad Barras.

3) Membership Proposals: four tonight. Lion Jim recommends approval for his guest, Lynn Adkins. Lion Ashleigh recommends approval for her sister and previous leo, Rozzie Maddox. Lion Scott produced and read a letter recommending Rich and Michele Gemar for membership. IPP Mike motioned to approve all recommendations, Lion Grant seconded, all in favor.

4) Business:

A. Secretary's Report: Lion Les moved to approve previous minutes, IPP Mike seconded, all approved.

B. Financial Report: none tonight

C. Braille Leo Club – Lion Scott: Only \$90/year for the Lions to adopt this Leo club. Lion

Cathy asked if an advisor would be assigned. An event being considered is Dining in the Dark, Lion Geri asked if Lion Scott knew how many members were in this club. Lion Nick motioned to adopt this club, Lion Camille seconded, all approved.

5) Adjourn: President Ellen adjourned at 8:27pm.

## AUGUST 15, 2012 GENERAL MEETING

President Ellen Liebherr calls meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Lion Ray Longoria leads the club in the salute to the flag of the greatest country on earth, the United States of America.

Lion Linda Stephenson leads the club in the Invocation.

Lion Matti Kline leads the club in the City of Hope Prayer.

Guests:

Lion Diana introduced Eric Martin. Lion Nikki introduced should-be-member Naomi Schuessler, and the club welcomed guests from Ocean City, Maryland Lions.

Secretary's Report:

Lion Diana announced an upcoming fundraiser for a local Leos club.

Treasurer's Report:

Lion Terry announced the current account balances: administration \$21,362, raffle \$63,667, regular \$36,841 and savings \$6,000

Lion Ray requested to speak a moment and announced that our fellow Lion Tim Terbush was in a coma and asked for well wishes and prayers on his behalf.

New Business:

1) Visitations – Lion Camille: There are two upcoming visitations at the Orange Street Fair and Big Bear.

2) New Member Orientation – Lion Scott: This is encouraged for members who have never attended, both new and old. Monday at 7pm at the fire station off SB Boulevard and the 405.

3) Beach Party – Lion Les: The blind vets will be joining us as well as the base commander, Trip Hardy. Bring an appetizer or dessert and sign up now!

4) Melvin Jones Fellowship Nominations – Lion Barbara: This is

the highest award in Lionism and

9 of our club members will be honored. Please be generous with your nominations and turn them in by September 25th.

5) Braille Institute Leo Club – Lion Scott: As of August 1st, we are now working with this partially and fully blind Leos Club. This is very exciting news!

6) Oktoberfest at Big Bear – Lion Tom: Hurry up and get your rooms, they're going fast!

7) Casa Auction – Lion Scott: \$175 per seat and it is an honor to attend. It is the last Saturday in September.

8) Coastal Clean Up & Walk for the Beach – Lion Gary: Join your fellow Lions in a walk along the historic beach, picking up garage and some exercise. Heading to Clancy's immediately after...

9) Leos Art Festival Fundraiser – Lion Scott: This event will be held at Eisenhower Park. Come show your support and buy some food. Need some help on Sunday from 4-7pm for cleanup.

10) Recycling – Lion Laura: We've all been invited to visit the recycling center, date to be announced. We're all encouraged to do our part and recycle responsibly.

Break: President Ellen announced a break.

New Events/Chairmanships: President Ellen requested that Lions step up and help chair the following events:

1) Sail for the Blind – Lion Dave

2) Chili Cookoff – Lions Dino and Dora

3) McGaugh School Carnival – Lion Diana

4) Wings, Wheels, Rotors & Expo – Lion Aro

5) Peace Poster Contest – Lion Ray (with Lion Karen Russel to help)

Old Business:

1) Car Opportunity Drawing – Lion Bruce: After expenses, this brought \$30,000 profit to the Club.

2) Fish Fry – Lion Scott: Those who especially helped with this event were awarded with a fish fry

pin. The lions awarded: Bruce, Renee, President Ellen, Laura, Terry, Lee, Nikki, Neil, Marcia, Mike, Tom, Robin. Heroes Ameritus included IPP Mike, Brad, Jim, Al, Camille, Gary, Brad, Lindsay, Grant, and Cathy.

Brad, Lindsay, Grant, and Cathy.

3) Garage Sale – Lion Margie: While not a lot of money was collected, it was a fun day in the sun.

Treasure Chest Drawing:

All sorts of fun prizes tonight, including an angry bird. As usual, none of the keys worked...

Fines and Happy Dollars:

Lion Brad returned to torture and tickle us all.

Adjourn:

Without any other business, President Ellen adjourned at 8:26pm.