

# City of Seal Beach

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Scott Newton

For the better part of his life, Scott Newton has had a passion for community service and helping the less fortunate. This zeal has led him to involvement in numerous organizations, especially those working with youth.

A 20-year member of the Seal Beach Lions Club, Scott has been lead advisor to the Seal Beach Leo Club for more than a dozen years. “This group is the largest and most active such club in Southern California,” he said. “A dynamic group of teenagers from the Seal Beach-Los Alamitos area, it numbers more than 100 and conducts fundraising events and service projects events each year.”

Scott’s personal goal is to help instill community service values into young people through his leadership in Leos. This year alone, the club raised over \$5,000 for charity and provided more than 1,800 hours of community service. Under Scott’s 12 years of leadership, 600 local youth have performed more than 21,000 community service hours and have raised more than \$60,000, all donated to charity.

As past president and director of the Seal Beach Lions, Scott worked nearly 300 hours over the past year serving the community and raising funds for charity. His projects include Beach Clean-up’s, supporting Casa Youth Shelter in Los Alamitos, coordinating Seal Beach’s annual community Christmas Parade and Springfest Easter Parade. He also is active with Lions International and was zone chairman of the West Orange County Region in 1994.

Scott has helped with the Seal Beach holiday parade for over 20 years, and for the past seven years has been the primary coordinator. “More than 5,000 enjoy this small-town parade that traditionally has almost 100 entries,” he said. Known as the “parade guy,” he lines up the participants to run an efficient event. He also obtains and registers all the entries. One year, it had been raining and within 24 hours of the parade, he got 240 cell phone calls asking if the parade was on. The parade was on, and “It didn’t rain on my parade,” he says. Scott was chairman of the 75th anniversary celebration parade in 1990, and already has his sights set on the 100th anniversary parade.

Scott was one of the founders of the “Every 15 Minutes” program at Los Alamitos High School and continues to be involved. “The two-day intense ‘in your face’ program is designed to communicate the risks and consequences of drinking and driving,” he said. His passion, leadership and fundraising efforts have been a significant part of this program’s success, which directly touches over 3,000 students each year. Multiple agencies, including three police departments, the Orange County Fire Authority, three community service organizations, Orange County Superior Court, local business and school district personnel are all involved.

For eight years, Scott was a board member of the Youth Center, Los Alamitos, an organization that provides after school, summer, music and other programs for the young. In 2007 he chaired his company’s “Wounded Warrior” program which raised more than \$60,000 for families of wounded war veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. He also participated in last year’s Polar Plunge for Special Olympics and every April he helps restore houses through Rebuilding Together, a program in Long Beach with the goal of making families’ lives better.

Scott grew up in West Covina and Claremont, where his father was mayor. After graduating from Claremont High School, he went on to earn a bachelor’s degree in Business from the University of Hawaii and an MBA from Chaminade University, also in Hawaii. Scott is the senior vice president for NYK Logistics (Americas) running the U.S. Warehousing and Distribution operations based in Long Beach.

For the past 25 years, he has made his home in Seal Beach, where his son, Grant, and daughter, Teri, also reside. He married Lori in December 2008 and now has five new kids: Sierra, Marissa, Mitchell, Chelan and Colton.