

# Puyallup Lions Club

*"The Puyallup Lions will serve the needs of the greater Puyallup area, providing charitable community service wherever possible."*



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**Puyallup Lions Club  
2nd & 4th Wednesdays**

**6:30 PM**

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## ***The year is winding down***

We are entering the home stretch in our clubs 65th year of serving the Greater Puyallup area. We have accomplished amazing things so far this year and have time to accomplish even more. The only area were we have not done so well is membership. We are down three members from the beginning of this year but still have time to remedy this.

We have many things still scheduled to occur in this last few months of the year. Our Egg Hunt is rapidly approaching and we have our active scholarship group getting ready to review the four schools to award the Edwin Woodiuss Memorial Scholarships. We also have the opportunity to work on an environmental project on Earth Day at Silver Creek. Eyeglasses will continue to be collected and we will be providing meals through the Francis House meals program.

In the next few weeks we will be scheduling planning session for next years activities. Lion Neil has volunteered his house for the event. Watch for more information in the next bulletin. Everyone is welcome to attend the sessions and are encouraged to do so. The more input we get from the club members the better we have buy in and everyone knows what is going on.

We have not given out Lion of the Year for a few years. If you have someone that you would like to recommend please send your nomination to President Neil at nagruchalla@yahoo.com.

## ***Project News***

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

There are changes with the Egg Hunt this year. Our normal park was not available and we will be holding it at Grayland Park at 10:30 am start time. This is being done to allow for people to get from one site to the other. As a result we will be staying set up and picking up the park at 8:30 am.

Help is needed to pick up signs and tables at the storage unit. We will need all of the tables because this park only has one picnic table.

### ***Puyallup Lions Club***

### ***Annual Easter Egg Hunt***

***April 20th, 2019***

***10:30 AM Sharp***

***Open Ages 1 to 8 years old***

#### ***New Location!***

Grayland Park  
599 N. Meridian  
Free to the Public



## ***Membership Corner***

We still have time to bring in new members. We need to look at getting some newer members that have new ideas. With our major fund raiser possibly being drastically changed we need new ideas to help the club stay relevant and able to do the assistance that we accomplish.

Do we know anyone to invite to be a Lion? We are asking them to only commit to what they can do. If they can work on one or two projects a year it is fantastic. Once they get their feet wet they will become excited and want to do more.

Don't ask them to come to a meeting right off the bat. Ask these prospective members to come and work with us on a project. Show them how fun and rewarding that serving their community can be. Then when they see and participate in what we do ask them to come to a meeting. This will allow prospective members to understand what we do.

Membership is the lifeblood of any service organization. Every once in awhile we need to bring in fresh blood to help stimulate the current members as well as the club's impact in the community.

**To Get One Ask One**

## Upcoming Club Events

**Feed-In** The next feed-in will be on March 18th at the armory at 6pm. We will be serving Corned Beef and Cabbage as well as mashed potatoes.

**Easter Egg Hunt** will be held on April 20th in a new location. The hunt will be at Grayland park beginning at 1030am This hunt is open from 1-8 years old at no cost to the public. Lion Terri will be looking for help in this project.

**Scholarships** Lion Brian will be needing assistance in going through the Scholarships for the four schools.



## Around the District

**Spring Conference** will be held on April 12th and 13th at the LaQuinta Inn Tacoma. Elections of your next years District Officers as well as providing new officer training and many other interesting panels. Make plans early to guarantee meals.

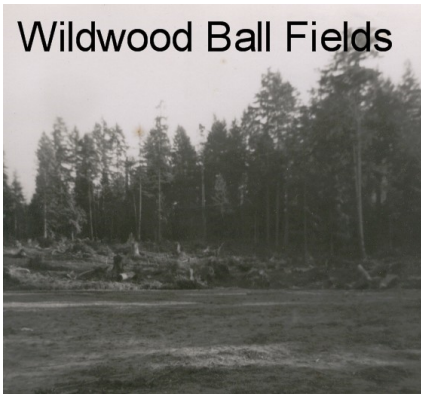
**Earth Day Work Party** on April 27th Silver Creek Open Space from 9-12. This will be to help remove non native plants and to get ready for summer.

**Zone C-3 Fishing Derby** for differently abled students on April 27th at Mill Pond Park in Auburn from 9-12



## From the Archives, Pictures from the Past

Wildwood Ball Fields



Senior Breakfast



House Painting



Egg-Hunt 96



Sparks Restroom





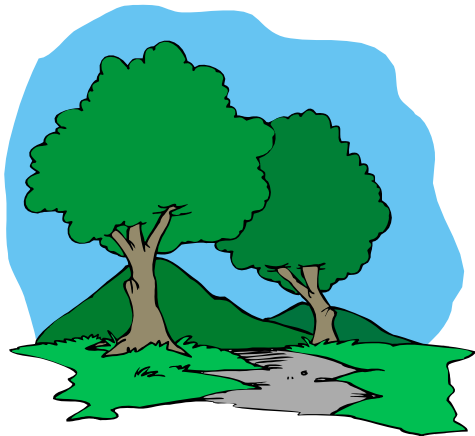
## Member News

**Lion Andrea Black's** son Drew wrestler the first time this year and took third place in the conference tournament. During the regular season Drew went 4-1.

**Lion Jud Carr** is very busy with his Granddaughter who between track and basketball keep him busy,

**Lion Terri Soliz** is about to become a grandma for the first time. Her daughter Sarah is expecting a little boy in the early summer.

**Lion Jerry Tecca's** youngest granddaughter started pre-school. Time sure flies.



## 2019-2020 Club Officers

President	Neil Gruchalla
Vice President	Rick Adamson
Secretary	John Budzak Jr
Treasurer	Dave Hilderbrand
2 year Board	Kent Sharpe
1 year Board	Jerry Tecca
Lion Tamer	Tracie Budzak
Tailtwister	Vacant
Membership	John Budzak Jr



## Service Shorts

**The Puyallup Lions Club proudly served their community in March by doing the following:**

- In concert with the Francis House Meals program we fed 34 people a ham dinner.
- Donated \$200.00 for a high school robotics team
- Collected eyeglasses from several sites yet to be processed
- Two members attended Zone Meeting



## Trivia Section

This month we are looking back on April of 2004 as the Puyallup Lions Club celebrated Fifty Years of Service.

- Google introduces a new service GMAIL
- Queen Mary 2 luxury liner reinstitutes transatlantic service
- Eli Manning is drafted number one by the San Diego Chargers. Stated he would not sign with them and was traded to the NY Giants.
- NFL Star Pat Tillman killed in action. He joined the military and left behind his NFL career.
- Oldsmobile built its last car ending 107 years of production.
- The Puyallup Lions Club celebrated 50 years of service. Club was founded in April 1954.
- Estee Lauder passed away at the age of 97

## International News and Notes

### New Member Service Grants

You know that increasing, retaining and engaging your members is the key to a healthy club and impactful service. With the right resources, your club can celebrate new members and current members while engaging in meaningful service in your community. That's why we're offering you a special opportunity to receive a service grant when you add new members in April.

Here's how the service grants work:

- **Add new members in April** – Clubs will have an opportunity to receive a special grant for new Lions who are reported during April 2019.
- **Apply for a grant** – Clubs can apply for a Service Grant for New Members, which awards a total of US\$35 for each new member in two equal installments on December 31, 2019 and June 30, 2020 club statements if new members stay active.

**Engage new members** – Funds should be used to plan activities that engage new members in service, so they have a great onboarding experience in your club. These service grants will allow you to invest directly in your new members so you can make their first year a memorable one. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to grow your club's impact by inviting new members in April and inspiring a lifetime of service.

In friendship,

Yngvadottir Gudrun  
Your International President

## Calendar of Events

### April 2019

April 3rd Helen Vagjert Birthday

April 10th Regular Meeting/Board Meeting

April 12-13 Spring Conference Tacoma

April 15th Feed-In Armory 6pm

April 20th Easter Egg Hunt 9-12

April 24th Regular Meeting/Program TBD



### May 2019

May 7th Matt Budzak Birthday

May 8th Regular Meeting/Board Meeting

May 20th Feed-In Armory 6pm

May 22nd Regular Meeting/Program TBD

May 26th Kent Sharpe Birthday

