

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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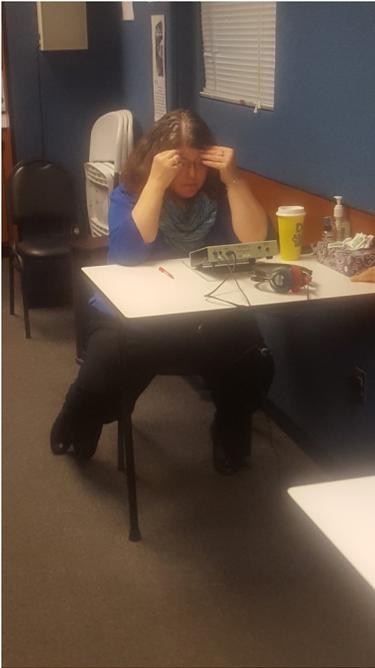
A Day in the Life of a Volunteer

Volunteerism is becoming a lost art in today's world and we need to keep it a part of society for service clubs to be relevant in our society. True volunteerism doesn't take a huge commitment of time, maybe just a few minutes in a day or an hour one day a week can make a huge difference. Recently we received a call for a donation of 1000 pounds of flour that a company had to donate. It took two Lions an hour to go up and pick up this flour drive it down to the food bank and drop it off. This donation will have a huge impact in that the food bank will divide this 1000 pounds of flour into 1000 one pound bags of flour for families. So this one hour out of a busy day positively impacted 1000 families.

Another thing that we do is we spend maybe an hour or so preparing a meal once a month and another 30 minutes serving it. Anywhere from thirty to sixty people get a warm meal that may have been their only food for the day. We as volunteers spend maybe ninety minute to two hours and have such a huge impact on a persons life. It takes just a few short minutes once a month to make a huge impact on so many peoples lives.

Last month four Lions spent two and a half hours screening children for hearing and vision issues at a school. We screened over one hundred and fifty kids finding a total of twenty four that needed to be referred for further testing for possible hearing or vision issues. Imagine if we were not there to offer this service to these children? One hundred and eighty minutes to make a difference in someone's life. Lion's can and always will make a difference in peoples lives,

Pictures of the Month



Upper Left: Lion Terri at Vision Screening, Upper Center Top: Lion Tracie at Vision Screen, Upper Center Lower: Lions Dave and Terri at Vision Screen. Upper Right: Flour Donation. Middle Left PZC Patty Inducting new members Kurt and Tammy while their sponsor PZC JJ looks on. Middle Right: Lion Jank the superstar. Lower Left KL Kent, PZC Donna Murr and PZC JJ at a regular meeting

Project News

The Scholarship Committee has once again started the deliberation on who our recipient's will be. This project has been one of our oldest projects and was chaired by Lion Ed for many years. When Lion Ed passed away the Scholarships were re-named the Ed Woodiwiss Memorial Scholarship.

Originally the Scholarship was for two high schools, Puyallup and Rogers in the amount of \$750.00 each. In addition we had another Scholarship opportunity for youth to attend Business Week. As time went on and we added a third High School we as a club dropped the Business Week opportunity and offered a third scholarship to Emerald Ridge. Further discussion ensued and we decided to offer the alternative High School Walker the same opportunity and offered the 4th Scholarship. Meanwhile the club decided to raise the amount awarded to \$1000 per scholarship.

For several years we served as a conduit for the Karen Weber memorial scholarship as well. Karen was the daughter of a former member who lost her life in an accident. The Weber family would select the recipient and we administered the trust they had set up for the scholarship. This went on for about 15 years and was discontinued just recently.

The committee is now in process of evaluating the applications of the three major schools and selecting their top candidates. Then they will come together and decide the recipients. Since Walker as only a few applications their candidates will be gone over at the final meeting. Once that occurs the recipient will be notified at the individual schools scholarship ceremonies. Lion Brian O'Bannon is the new chair of the group and is doing a great job.

Membership Corner

Membership is an important part of any clubs stability and growth. However getting people involved is even more important. We as Lions bring in many people into our clubs but don't give them the opportunity to get involved.

How do we get new members involved? We have to find out their likes and what type of projects they want to do and get them involved in those. If they want to try new projects we need to encourage them to develop their ideas and bring them forward and give them the opportunity to sell their ideas. We as existing members must listen with open minds and not use bias's. What we may have tried in the past and didn't work may have just been the wrong timing of the attempt or the wrong person in charge.

Another thing we need to do is to make new members feel welcome by getting to know them and don't always just sit with the same people at our meetings all the time. Ask the new member to join you. Invite them to your table, get to know them. Remember, there are no assigned seats in life and their should be no assigned seats in Lions. Ask them out to join you if you go somewhere after the meeting.

The bottom line is make them feel important, welcome and a needed addition to your Lions Club Family.

Upcoming Club Events

Meals Program: Our next meal will be held at the Armory on April 16th , 6pm. The menu will be Fried Chicken and all of the fixings.

Rose Sale: The Rose Sale is unfortunately cancelled because we cannot get a promise of flowers from our supplier. There is a shortage of flowers and if we are going to sell them in the future they need two months notification. We may need to look for a new project to replace this one.

Scholarship Committee: Scholarship committee made up of Lions Brian, Kent and Neil have started the process of selection of our recipients. The dates for the presentations are as follows: Rogers at 4pm on May 23rd, Emerald Ridge at 4pm on May24th, Puyallup at 3:30 pm on May 30th and Walker High School on June 6th at 6:30 pm.

Around the District

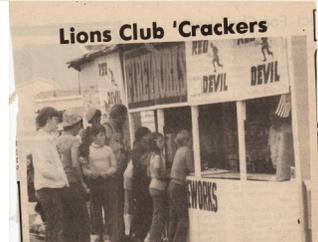
Conference: Time to start planning for the Annual District Conference that will be held on April 27th, 28th in Bremerton. This is the 70th annual Conference for District C.

Fishing Derby: May 12th will be the annual Fishing Derby for Children with Special Needs. Help is needed from 9am to 1pm to help the children fish.

Mill Pond Park Cleanup: On April 21st the Lions of District C will be cleaning up the Mill pond park in preparation of the Fishing Derby. Cleanup will begin at 9am, bring rakes, gloves etc. to accomplish the cleanup.

C-3 Zone Picnic: will be on June 9th beginning at noon at PDG Emerson Bishop's house

From the Archives, Pictures from the Past



Budzak Is Top Lion



PUYALLUP - John Budzak was elected president of the Puyallup Lions Club and takes office today, July 1. He joined the Puyallup Club in 1967 and has held jobs as Tailwister, Lion Tamer, Visitation Chairman and 2nd Vice-president.

Budzak is employed as a data system specialist for the Federal Aviation Agency in Auburn. He is an Air Force veteran and has lived in Puyallup since 1964. He and his wife, Lorraine, have four children.

Goff Is 'Lifer' In Lions

PUYALLUP - Elmer Goff, a charter member of the Puyallup Lions Club, was recently named a Life Member of the Puyallup Club.

To be eligible for the award, a member must have been a member 20 years and to have been voted by the membership of the club to receive the award. A request is then sent to Lions International and is voted upon by the International Board.

Goff is past District Governor of District 19-C of Lions International.

Member News

Lion John Budzak Sr celebrated his 81st birthday on March 28th. He is adapting well at his new residence and guests are always welcome to come and visit with him.

Lion Neil Gruchalla is calling it a career on April 2nd. After that he will be going and visiting his son in California. Additionally his addition on his house is rapidly coming to the finish line.

Lion Kent Sharpe just returned from a two week scouting trip to Arizona. While there he checked out camp ground for his RV, took in a few spring training games and purchased a new Honda 90 trail bike for his motor home transportation.

Lion Steve Jankelson did an outstanding job on his fund raiser that is near and dear to his heart. He was a team leader for Team Alaska Airlines for the "Big Climb" to fight Blood Cancers and his team raised over \$125,000 for the cause with Lion Steve raising \$8,000 of that himself. Way to go Jank, a job well done.

Lion Rick Adamson just celebrated his Granddaughters first birthday. Congratulations.

Lion Erica Hilderbrant recently went to Hawaii and went hunting as a part of the adventure. She did great bringing home two dear with two shots.

Welcome to two new Lions who were inducted at our last meeting. Lions **Tammy Sorensen** and **Kurt Evensen** were both inducted by PZC Patty Lovell at our March 14th meeting.

Lion Terri Soliz is temporarily moving into John Sr's house for awhile. It will be good to have someone in the house while we get everything cleaned up and organized.



**I SAY IT OUT LOUD!
I'M A LION
AND PROUD!**

Service Shorts

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

- One member participated in the "Big Climb" for blood cancer raising \$8000 for the cause.
- Received a donation from a company of flour, donated 1000 pounds of the flour to the food bank.
- Collected used eyeglasses from several optometrist offices and other drop locations. Delivered 488 pair of glasses and 39 soft cases to LERC.
- Screened 157 school age children from Cascade Christian School for sight and hearing issues. Found 12 hearing and 12 Vision referrals.
- Fed 52 people in concert with the Francis house meals program a dinner of corned beef and cabbage.
- We do not have numbers yet but we have made the purchases for the annual Easter Egg Hunt that will be held on March 31st.

Puyallup Lions Trivia

- One of our members started the Lifeline project in this area installing them in Senior's homes. Now this has become the norm and a commercially offered product.
- The Club has supported assorted Vision activities in addition to glasses including Slit Machines to Good Samaritan Hospital Emergency room for emergency diagnostic reasons.
- We have assisted in purchasing a Diabetes service dog for a young man that can sense when the boy's blood sugar get's critically low.
- Built a ramp and weatherproofed a house for a young girl who suffered a crippling car accident. We allowed for her to go home to a warm house.
- Purchased a glass eye for a boy that lost his eye to a tumor. It allowed for him to have greater self image.
- Put in a merry-go-round in Pioneer Park play ground until it was replaced by the City.

International News and Notes

50 Years of LCIF

Lions are a lifeline to some of the most vulnerable people on earth. And that lifeline only gets stronger through the support of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

Our foundation is celebrating its 50th anniversary. For half a century, LCIF has worked hand in hand with Lions, supporting our service through grant funding. Together, we have achieved some incredible milestones. More than 87 million children have been immunized against measles. Eye clinics have been built, cataract surgeries funded and sight saved through US\$342 million in grants. Nearly 5,000 grants have helped devastated communities rebuild after natural disasters. This is the Power of We.

In all, LCIF has awarded more than \$1 billion dollars in grants—converting generous donations into service—but the real impact of LCIF is measured in the number of lives we change together. That's why we are launching an ambitious capital campaign to raise US\$300 million at our International Convention in Las Vegas. This campaign will allow LCIF to increase support of its expanding focus areas, including our new global causes.

Calendar of Events

April 2018

April 3rd Helen Vajgert Birthday

**April 11th Regular Meeting/Board Meeting
Program TBD**

April 16th Feed-In Armory 6pm

April 21st Mill Pond Park Cleanup

April 25th Regular Meeting Program TBD

April 27, 28th Spring Conference Bremerton



May 2018

May 7th Matt Budzak Birthday

**May 9th Regular Meeting/Board Meeting
Program TBD**

**May 12th Fishing Derby Mill Pond Park 9am
to 12pm**

May 21st Feed-In Armory 6pm

May 23rd Regular Meeting Program TBD

