# **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 New Year with New Opportunities

The Puyallup Lions Club is about to embark on their 65th year of service to the Puyallup Community. With this new year it is an opportunity to serve in even greater capacity. To do this however, we need to make a commitment to increase our membership and to create an atmosphere that will attract some of our other members back to the club. We need to make our club attractive and the service we accomplish more value added to our members.

We need to come up with some new projects both financial as well as working to help the community. We are looking at developing more one day type fundraisers like the Chili cook off. These projects take some advertising, ticket pre-sales and finally on the day of the event people to work the project. It can be done and we have the talented members in our club to do it. As far as the service projects little things like cleaning up a beach, picking up a trail, or any myriad of other things can be accomplished. Even if it is just two or three members that get out and do the projects. We need to find activities that people like to do and want to accomplish. This is an opportunity to develop some new projects that help the community but are short in duration.

Now is the time to grab the opportunity of a new Lions Year and run with it. Let's make the 65th year of service to Puyallup be even better and find new ways and new members to help us make Puyallup a better place to live in.

# Pictures of the Month













Upper Left: Check presentation to Francis House. Upper Right: Planning Session, Lions at work. Center Left: PDG Marilynn and Lion Neil Center right: Lion Rick being installed as 2nd VP Lower right: ZCE Lisa Ikeda visits the club. Lower right: Lion Dave being installed as treasurer, yet again.

## **Project News**

Do you have any ideas for new projects? We are in need of some new fund raisers as well as some quick service projects that only take a few hours.

Some ideas for projects include a second meal type program similar to the Chili project. Some of the ideas for this are a Chili rice meal, a hot dog, hamburger kick off to summer, or many other things like this. The board of directors needs your input and ideas for this.

Some one day service project ideas include sorting donations at Francis House once a month, picking up litter on a trail or even taking a day to go to the ocean and pick up plastic. Other ideas are to pickup debris at Lake Tapps when the lake is drained in the fall, picking up old fishing line or bottles.

The Puyallup Lions have always come up with new projects and new ideas every few years. We built a dunk tank in the past to raise monies, held chicken BBQ's, sold light bulbs and brooms in our past. Now is the time to dare to be different and come up with some new ideas. In the spirit of change we need to take the chance again.

If you have any ideas for projects please email them to Puyallup.lions@gmail.com . Please do some research and forward your ideas. No idea will be discounted. Gone are the days of "We tried that before and it didn't work." We are open to try things again If the project is successful fantastic, if it doesn't work we tried. Let us innovate and dare to try new things.

# We Serve

## Membership Corner

July 1st kicks off the new Lions Year. It also starts the new year of membership recruitment. There are recruitment packets available to any member that wants one. These packets include the following: Club Flyer/Application, I am a Lion Flyer, LCI Fact Sheet, Puyallup Lions Dues Structures, 2017-18 Puyallup Lions Activities and Major Puyallup Lions Highlights. These packets are designed to assist in recruitment.

We need to actively recruit new members. If we want to continue to do the projects we do we need new people to assist us. The way we get these people is to treat this like a project and work to bring people into the club. New ideas and new ways to serve Puyallup come as a result of gaining new members.

In the near future I will be creating sign up sheets that you can fill out to sign up to work. This will allow for members that do not attend the meetings to have the opportunity to sign up for projects. With this we are going to try to change the way we are doing things. Since many people don't attend meetings this will be a good way to encourage participation.

The goal for this year is to bring in at least ten new members and to increase the involvement by other members. If we all work together this can happen.

## **Upcoming Club Events**

*Meals Program:* Our next meal will be held at the Armory on July 16th, 6pm. The menu will be Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad and chips. Lion Dave will be pre-cooking the burgers and dogs that afternoon at his house.

Through the summer we currently only have our Meals Program projects. We need to come up with some new projects and ideas. We can do little one day projects that can be full of fun and comradery.

Future Meals Dates: The meals program will be on the following dates through the summer. July 16th, August 20th, September 17th and October 15th. The menu will be put out the month before so that people can sign up.

**Senior Breakfast:** It will be the Puyallup Lions Club's turn to cook the breakfast on October 13th. Just a long term planning date.

#### **Around the District**

Banner Passing: July 23rd, 2018 at the Old Spaghetti Factory. 5:30 pm no host bar with the meeting beginning at 6pm. The cist is \$21.00 per person. Need to RSVP to PDG Marilynn Danby with a check prior to July 18th. Mail the checks to PDG Marilynn Danby, 4323 S. Warner Street #B, Tacoma, WA. 98409.

Mineral Lake Arts & Crafts Fair: July 6th through the 8th at the Mineral School Gym. From 10am to 5pm daily. Free admission as well as free parking.

THE BEST WAY TO FIND YOURSELF
IS TO LOSE YOURSELF
IN THE SERVICE OF OTHERS.

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## From the Archives, Pictures from the Past



#### **Member News**

Lion Rick Adamson Father passed away early in June. Lion Rick is doing as good as could be expected and he will be back helping us in the very near future..

**Lions Mike Henry** retired totally on June 21st. His career spanned the Air Force, Puyallup Police and the Puyallup School District. Congratulations to Lion Mike.

**Lion Dave Hilderbrant** is recovering after he and his dog were attacked by four other dogs. Dave as a few scars but is healing well.

**Lion Kent Sharpe** went on a motorcycle tour down to California to watch a motorcycle race. He had a great ride and enjoyed himself.

**Lion Jerry Tecca** took a few well earned days off to go to the Olympic Peninsula with his Daughters family. Spending time with his Granddaughters is one of Jerry's favorite things to do.

**Lion Matt Budzak** has had a rough June, he was in the Emergency room three times for severe pain. He had a catheter for two weeks but finally seems to be on the road to recovery.

It was great to see **Lion Jud Carr** at our installation of officers. It is always wonderful to see his smiling face.

Lion Neil Gruchalla is working his fingers to the bone doing landscaping work at his new place. Neil has not been resting very much since his retirement keeping busier now than when he was working.

**PDG Marilynn Danby**, our Associate member did a great job installing our officers. Then the next morning it was off to the Lions Club International Convention in Las Vegas.



#### Service Shorts

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

- Donated 1500 cups and 8000 forks to the Francis House meals program.
- Fed 55 people in concert with the Francis House Meals Program.
- Donated \$400.00 to Francis House, money will go to their meals program.
- Working with Lens Crafters made arrangements for a person to get a pair of eyeglasses.
- Collected eyeglasses from our drop off locations and then sorted them delivering 224 pair of glasses to LERC.
- Held our planning session to plan for next year.



#### Trivia Section

This section will pick an important date in the Puyallup Lions Club history. We will have assorted trivia for the dates. The first is April 1954 our chartering

- The Fife Lions sponsor a new club in Puyallup. The Puyallup Lions Club is chartered April 1954 with 23 members.
- The US Air Force Academy is established.
- The TV Dinner is introduced by Swanson.
- Hank Aaron hits the first of 755 home runs.
- The first Solar Battery is built by Bell Labs.
- Testing of the Salk Anti-polio vaccine start nationwide testing.
- Puyallup Lions Club first president was L.D. Wyllys. The cost of the original meal was \$2.50 per person and it was held at Ingham's Café in Sumner.

#### **International News and Notes**

Lions are innovators. For more than 100 years, Lions have found creative solutions to some of the most pressing needs in their communities, and the World. We are continuing to innovate our second century of service through LCI Forward.

What is LCI Forward? It is a road map for Lions to plan, implement, and achieve our vision for a better future. It's designed to help Lions triple our humanitarian impact and serve 200 million people a year by 2021.

# To accomplish this incredible feet, LCI Forward focuses on :

- Enhancing our service impact and focus
- Reshaping public opinion and improving visibility.
- Pursuing club, district and organizational excellence.
- Improving membership value and reaching new markets.

## **Calendar of Events**

July 2018

July 3rd Kurt Evensen Birthday
July 4th Tracie Budzak Birthday

July 11th Regular Meeting/Board Meeting Program TBD

July 16th Feed-in Armory 6pm

July 23rd Brian O'Bannon Birthday

July 25th Regular Meeting Tawny Dotson Pierce College Strategic Development





August 2018

August 4th John Budzak Jr Birthday

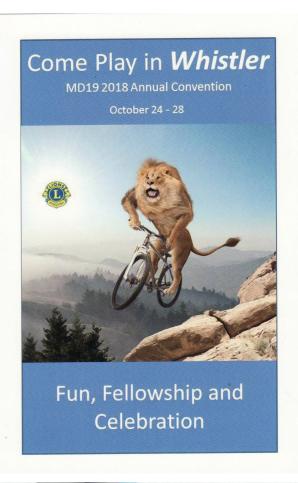
August 8th Regular Meeting/Board Meeting Program TBD

August 20th Feed-in Armory 6pm

**August 22nd Regular Meeting Program TBD** 

August 27th Erica Hilderbrant Birthday









Prior to July 18, 2018
Seating is limited to diners only



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