

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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Lions, the best kept secret.

Lions as a whole have a habit of serving their communities behind the scenes. We just find something that needs to be done and just do it. We don't have a habit of publishing our success in the communities we serve. Sure those directly impacted know what we are doing and are appreciative but the larger community doesn't.

Many of us don't wear our pin on a jacket or have a sticker on our vehicle. Know one knows that we are a part of the largest Service Organization in the world. Social media has been helping as well as our web site but even getting this information to the public isn't easy. We need to take pride in what we do and let people know. How can we get new members into our group when you ask someone and they say "Isn't that an Old Man's Club". Many have told me that they don't like vests and lots of boring meetings. That was the Lions Club of our father's, not who we are now.

We need to let people know what we do and why we do it. That is the best advertising for our club and for our continued growth. We need to crow our successes and be proud of what we accomplish. Wear the pin proudly and be a great resource for recruitment.

Finally be prepared to let people know why you are a Lion. Have your story and be prepared to share it when asked. We all have our reasons and they are fantastic means for recruitment of our future Lions.

We Serve

Pictures of the Month



Upper Left Lions Terri and Neil Cooking Breakfast . Upper Center Lions Terri and Tracie. Center Left Lions Neil, JJ and Tracie Center Right Lions serving dinner. Lower both Lion Kent as a part of his “Where's Kent Now” trip.



Project News

This month begins the busiest time in the Puyallup Lions calendar year. The Christmas Tree Sale starts the Saturday after Thanksgiving and will continue until we are sold out. Prices will remain the same as last year as will the hours we are open. Help is needed by all of our members available to ensure a successful project.

This is our longest continuing project. It traces its origins back to the early 1960's when we would get trees in a bundle of 3-5 from Kirk's. We have had a stable tree source for the last several years but our supplier is selling out after this season so we may need to look for another wholesaler to purchase trees from.

On the Friday after Thanksgiving we will be setting up the lot beginning at 10 am. We tow the trailer down and set up all of the stands, repairing those that need it. Then the next morning we will be getting a truckload of Trees around 9am to unload and set trees out in the lot. We hope to have the Boy Scouts assist us again in unloading but will need all capable hands out to ensure the success. Trees will start selling at noon on Saturday. Hours of operation are 10-7 weekdays and 9-8 on Weekends. Shifts for our workers are M-F 5pm-7pm and weekends from 9-12, 12-3, 3-6 and 6-8pm.

This is our largest fund raiser of the year and allows us to purchase eyeglasses, give scholarships, hold our Egg Hunt and many other things needed in our community.



Membership Corner

With younger members joining our club we need to decide how we want to move forward as a club. Meeting attendance seems to not be important to these people. They just want to work on a project or two when they are available to help. They are dedicated to making their community a better place.

How do we move forward? Some clubs have gone to meeting once a month or even once a quarter. Projects are announced and signed up for via the web. This seems to be effective for these clubs. It doesn't necessarily work for established clubs. Maybe we need a hybrid form of this model.

What we cannot do however, is remain static. We need younger members in our club and to attract them but once they join we need to keep them interested in what we do. We also need to encourage these younger members to bring their friends and associates into the club. That means keeping our club vibrant and give them something positive to embrace.

Once we get these younger people in the club we need to embrace the changing tide. These people want to help the environment, feed the hungry and do socially responsible activities. They are no different than we are, just a different way of reaching the same goal, making Puyallup a better place to live.

Upcoming Club Events

Meals Program: Our next meal will be held at the Armory on November 19th , 6pm. The menu will be Turkey, Stuffing and all of the fixings. There will not be a feed-in in December due to our giving that month up for others to serve during the Holidays

Chili Cook-off: Will be held on November 10th at the American Legion Hall. Pre-sale tickets are now available. Start planning on your chili plans. The event will be from 2-5pm with set up at noon.

Tree Sale: The Christmas Tree Sale is rapidly approaching . We will start selling the Saturday after Thanksgiving and continue until sold out. There is no change in the price this year. We will need everyone's help to make this project a success.

Around the District

Green Puyallup Day will be held on November 3rd from 9-12. There are four wetland areas that will be cleaned up. Please RSVP to Caleb Mott via email at Calebm@pierced.org

Puyallup Valley Lions Poinsettia Sale is under way with delivery dates November 20th and/or December 11th. These six in pot poinsettias are \$12.00 each and must be pre-ordered. Contact Lion Virginia Hill at 253-770-1373 for more information and to order.



From the Archives, Pictures from the Past



Member News

October is vacation time for retiree's. Lions Mike Henry, Neil Gruchalla, Dave Hilderbrant and Kent Sharpe were all gone at one time or another during the month. Retirement is a great gig if you can do it.

Lions Terri Soliz and Amy Ledvina put in time over the weekends leading up to Halloween, they participated in a haunted house that's them changed weekly so there was many great make-up jobs on these two Lions.

Lion Neil upgraded from his Gorilla Glue, Blue Tarp covered trailer for a newer 5th wheel. He and Denise broke it in down on the coast.



Service Shorts

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

- In concert with Francois House Meals Program five Lions fed 34 people a Lasagna dinner.
- Four Lions assisted the Puyallup Senior Center's breakfast fund raiser. We served 74 Sausage Egg pancake breakfasts.
- Four Hundred and forty-four pair of glasses were delivered to the recycling center to be used in assisting the needy.
- Collected 124 pair of glasses from our pick-up locations in the community as well as from the Western Washington Fair's lost and found.
- Will be participating with the Service Clubs of Puyallup in passing out candy for trick or treat at the Mall. Candies are being donated by the local foodbank

Puyallup and Fife Lions Sixth Annual Chili Cook-off & Homebrew Tasting Saturday, November 10, 2018 2pm to 5pm



Raffle

***\$10.00 per person
(\$12.00 at the Door)
Includes chili, salad
and cornbread***

**American Legion Hall
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Trivia Section

- In October 1957 Lions Clubs International begins "October Membership Growth" month. This month emphasized gaining new members into the organization.
- In October 1957 the Boeing B-52 started round the clock alert flights. The plane is still in service today over sixty years later.
- In 1957 the Soviet Union launched Sputnik into Earth Orbit. This started the "race for Space" .
- The Puyallup Lions Club went door to door selling lightbulbs to the community.
- Charter member Ralph Burr was elected Zone Chair of Zone C-6. The clubs that were in the zone at the time included : Auburn, Kent, Federal Way, Algonia-Pacific, Puyallup, Maple Valley, Sumner, Orting and Black Diamond.

International News and Notes

Lions Logo Refresh

In nearly 100 years of use, the Lions logo has changed and evolved. But it has always stood for the same idea: **We Serve**

1917: Note the visual pun in this early logo: a Lion and a club.

1920: This rendering with monogrammed L and back-to-back lions is the basis for the logo today.

Recent Current Centennial

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Calendar of Events

November 2018

November 2nd 2018 Dave Hilderbrant Birthday

November 10th, 2018 Chili and Beer at American Legion 12-5pm

November 14th 2018 Regular Meeting/Board Meeting

November 19th Feed-In Armory 6pm

November 23rd 2018 Tree Lot Set-up 10am

November 24th, 2018 Unload Trees 9am

November 28th 2018 Regular Meeting/ Program Student of the Month

November 29th 2018 Terri Soliz Birthday

December 2018

Christmas Tree Sale until sold out

December 12th Regular Meeting/Board Meeting

December 15th 2018 Jud Carr Birthday

