

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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Changes Occurring

Beginning this month the Puyallup Lions Club will be going down to one meeting a month on the 2nd Wednesday. This was decided due to the declining participation in our meetings. It will be revisited in the future.

Expect to receive more email notifications and reminders about projects and activities. They will also be put on Facebook for general information. We may even have special board activities put out on E:mail to ensure timely taking care of club business.

Tickets are available the Chili project. Contact Lion JJ to get tickets to sell. We will also need members to make chili, will need raffle prizes as well as prizes for the trivia portion of the event. The event is November 2nd from noon to 5pm with set-up beginning at 10am

The Christmas tree Sale is going to be upcoming very quickly. We will need as many members as possible to work on the project this year because a few of the regular members will not be able to work the project this year due to being out of town or to health reasons. If every able bodied member worked a shift every weekend and one during the weeks it would be a successful project.



We Serve



Membership Info

Lion Kent Sharpe and his wife Joyce are on a boat tour of the Danube River. They have been on several walking tours and Lion Kent has found a lot of new beers to try.

Lion Neil Gruchalla's wife Denise had to have emergency neck surgery recently to repair a previous surgery that failed. She is on the mend.

Lion Dave Hilderbrant and his wife Cheri are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this month. Congratulations to them both.

Lion Neil Gruchalla and his wife are currently on an Alaskan Cruise.

Lion Mike Henry recently returned with his wife from a long East Coast trip.

Lions John and Tracie Budzak's daughter and her husband just drove cross country moving from Vancouver Washington to Miami Florida.

Lions Amy Ledvina and Terri Soliz are celebrating the Halloween Season by being characters in a haunted house.



Recruitment Corner

How do we attract new members and especially younger members? This is a question for all service clubs, not just the Lions. Some ideas for recruitment are listed below:

- Keep meetings short and on task. Younger members want value for the time spent in meetings.
- Use social media and e:mails to impart information on club activities. Younger members may not come to meetings but want to work on projects.
- The club needs to have projects that are attractive to younger members. We need to listen to their interests and adapt. Things we have always done may need to change.
- The club needs to be open to try things that may not have been successful in the past. If a member comes up with a possible project that may have been tried before we cannot use the words: "We've tried it before and it failed" Rather than that we need to encourage the member to give the project their best try and need to support their efforts. Who knows, the previous attempt may not have had the right person in charge or it was not the right time for it.
- Rather than just inviting people to our meetings we need to ask them to help us serve our community. Once they work on our projects they will be more interested in joining.

Service Shorts

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

- In concert with the Francis House Meals program we fed 39 people a ham dinner
- Collected eyeglasses



International Notes

1917: The Beginning of Lions Clubs International

In response to social problems created by World War I and rapid industrialization, a Chicago businessman named Melvin Jones invites business clubs from around the USA to a meeting where the Association of Lions Clubs is formed.

1920: Lions Go International

Just three years after founding, Lions International becomes international when the Border Cities Lions Club in Windsor Canada is established. At the time, Lions were active in 23 U.S. states with a total of 6,400 members.

1925: Becoming “Knights of the Blind”

Helen Keller addresses Lions at the International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, USA. She famously challenges Lions to become “knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness.” This begins a century-long mission-

International Notes (Continued)

1945: Uniting Nations

Lions and other representatives from 46 nations meet to help establish the NGO section of the United Nations (UN), underscoring Lions International’s commitment to a “certain and lasting peace for the world.” Today, Lions continue to work with the UN at the annual Lions Day at the UN.

1957: Leos Are Introduced

The LEO Program is developed to provide the youth of the world with an opportunity for personal development through volunteering. Today, there are more than 175,000 Leos and 7,000 Leo Clubs in over 140 countries worldwide.

1968: Establishing Our Foundation

Lions Clubs International Foundation is created, with the mission “to support the efforts of Lions clubs and partner in serving communities locally and globally, giving hope and impacting lives through humanitarian service projects and grants.” Today, our foundation has awarded more than \$1 billion in grants,

1990: Launching SightFirst

Lions launch a campaign to help restore sight and prevent blindness on a global scale. The effort raises more than \$346 million, setting the stage for SightFirst II in 2005, which raises \$205 million more for the cause.



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Upcoming Events

Feed-In The next feed-in will be on September 16th at 6:00 pm. Menu will be sent out soon.

Chili and Beer will be held November 2nd. We are adding a Trivia event from 3-5pm at the end of the cook-off. As a result we need to start gathering prizes from local vendors. Gift cards are a great prize for the trivia event. We also need raffle prizes for the drawing during the regular part of the event as well. Watch this space for more information.

Senior Breakfast: It is our turn to cook the Senior Breakfast on October 12th, We will need a few people there by 6:30 am to mix batter and cook sausages. We will need 4 or 5 people total

Halloween at the Mall: On October 31st we will need a few volunteers to hand out candy at the Mall in concert with the Service Clubs of Puyallup, More information will be coming soon

Around the Area

Lakewood Knights Pancake Breakfast: October 5th 2019 8:30am to 10:30 am at the Applebee's located in Lakewood.

Lacey Sunrise Bingo and Spaghetti: Bingo and spaghetti will be held at the Lacey Senior Center on November 2, 2019 . Doors open at 4pm.

Puyallup Valley Lions Selling Poinsettia's: The Puyallup Valley Lions will be once again selling poinsettia's . Watch here for more information or call your favorite Puyallup Valley Lion to order.



Club Events

October 2019

October 3rd Mike Henry Birthday

October 9th Rick Adamson and Melissa Budzak Birthday

October 9th Regular Meeting/Board Meeting

October 12th Senior Breakfast 630-11

October 21st Feed-In Armory 6pm

October 31st Halloween at the Mall

November 2019

November 2 Chili and Beer American Legion Hall 12-5

November 2 Dave Hildebrant Birthday

November 13 Regular Meeting/Board Meeting

November 18 Feed-In Armory 6pm

November 29th Terri Soliz Birthday

November 29 Tree Lot Set-up

November 30th Unload Trees