

# 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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## ***Fifty Years of Service***

Lion John Budzak Sr recently reached a milestone of service. He has been a Lion serving his community for **50 years**. Let's take a look at what was going in in the world when he joined Lions. The war in Vietnam was ramping up, we had still not landed on the moon yet, Puyallup only had one High School and one Lions Club. Puyallup was still pretty much a farming community with berries and cucumbers being the summer crops. There was no highway 512 or Valley Freeway.

Lion John has had an extensive service record. He is a Past Zone Chair as well as a former Eye Bank Trustee. He has picked up numerous corneas when Lions used to be the primary method of transportation to and from the Eye Bank. He spent countless hours and one truck hauling our Dunk Tank around to other locations so that other Lions Clubs could use it for their festivals.

Lion John always had a soft spot for children, chairing the Childspeer project that the club used to do in concert with Mervyns department store allowing for underprivileged children to purchase back to school clothes, then he would roll right in to the Special Needs Breakfast with Santa Claus. At times he even played St. Nick.

Right up until he suffered a stroke he was still collecting eyeglasses for recycling, remaining active as long as possible. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones recipient as well as a life member. He has received numerous District Governor Awards as well. However his biggest legacy is that two of his children and two of his grandchildren are Lions, caring on his legacy (his daughter-in-law is also a member).

## Pictures of the Month



Upper Left: Lion Rick and Dave at Tree Sale, Upper Right Lion John Sr. in his new place. Middle Left Lion Dave at Tree Sale. Middle Right Lion Neil Cleaning Up. Lower Left Lion Neil's new House on Christmas Day at the Lake. Lower Right Lion Kent and Neil at Lion Kent's Retirement





## ***Project News***

### **Scholarships**

Lion Brian and his committee will be forming soon to start looking at this years scholarships. He will need two to four helpers to go through all of the scholarship applicants he gets from the four high schools to decide who will get our scholarships. We will do it like we always have for this year,

Some suggestions have come up to look at our scholarship program for the future. We need to form a group and take a look at our requirements for our recipients. There have been some great suggestions made and if we want to adapt any of them we need to do it now so that we can let the schools know that there will be changes for the upcoming years. Listed below are some of the suggested changes:

- The students do actual community service above and beyond what is required to graduate from school. Things like helping Francis House, Doing Environmental projects, working with Special Olympics, volunteering at an Animal Shelter, Volunteering at the Food Bank, mentoring youth etc.
- Removing the requirement that the student stay in state.
- Have the presentation at a club meeting with acknowledgement at the schools. They would get a certificate from us saying they were our scholarship recipient and provide us with the information of what school they were going to so we could get their monies sent in a timely fashion.
- If no one met the community service requirements according to the committee and the requirements set by the club there would not be an award that year,

## ***Membership Corner***

Last month we talked about what our Club's Culture is. We still need to have a meeting to talk about this and come up with the direction we want to go in. At the Tree Sale I asked several members for their input as a working beginning to this question. It was very interesting in the responses I received.

Some members wanted to go the traditional Lions way of working more with Sight projects, doing more screenings, getting the equipment like Poulsbo and Fife has and concentrate more on sight.

Another idea was to champion the working poor in the community and continue to work with Vision but start working closer with Francis House and doing more with them. Continuing our Meals Program but do more as well. This is another good idea and it is an under served area and we are already heavily involved in this but it would just be formally focusing it.

What are other ideas? We need to come up with a Culture to sell ourselves. Our Foundation already has an identified Culture in that we are involved in Diabetes. This is a great thing that we are doing and something that we can advertise and stress for donations to the Foundation.

We will be looking for your ideas at the first meeting in February on what you think our culture should be. This will help in the recruiting of new members and guide us into the future.

## ***Upcoming Club Events***

**Meals Program:** Our next meal will be held at the Armory on January 15th , 6pm. The menu will be fried chicken, Potato Salad, Hot vegetables, and salad. Lin Kent will have the sign up sheet at the next meeting.

**Nominations Committee:** The committee will be forming this month and we will be looking for people to serve in leadership roles and positions on the board of directors for the upcoming year. Please consider a position on the board of directors of the club, especially so we don't have a few people filling multiple positions. Watch for a separate mailing to come out in a week or two.

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

## ***Around the District***

**Fife Ham Dinner:** Will be held on January 28th at the Fife High School from 12 Noon to 5pm. The cost is \$15 for Adults and \$7.50 for Children.

**Tacoma SE Potato Bake:** February 24th 2018 1-4pm at the AMVET Hall located at 5717 S. Tyler St. in Tacoma. Cost is \$14 for Adults and \$6 for Children ages 6-12.

**Lakewood First Crab Feed:** January 27th, 2018 6pm at the Sharon McGavick Event Center Clover Park Technical College. Tickets are pre-sale only and are \$50 per person. For tickets visit [www.livelikeylion.org](http://www.livelikeylion.org).

**Lacey Mid-Day Lions:** Night at the Theatre January 23rd, 2018 at 7:25pm Olympia Little Theatre. Cost is \$15 per person. Beginning at 6:30pm there will be No-Host Spirits available.

## ***From the Archives, Pictures from the Past***



**Lion John Budzak Sr. Fifty Years of Service 1967-2017**

## ***Member News***

- **Lion John Budzak Sr** has moved into Assisted Living. His new address is 4610 6th St. Pl SE Apt 229, Puyallup, WA. We will soon have his home phone moved up to his new apartment. He is doing well and is settling in very well.
- **Lion Kent Sharpe** and his wife Joyce retired on December 28th. When spring comes they plan on travelling and seeing a lot of this great country.
- **Lion Neil Gruchalla** and his wife Denise have moved up to the Lake. His new address is 1112 184th Ave Ct. E. Lake Tapps, WA.
- **Lions Steve Jankelson and Erika Hilderbrant** are both fundraising for the "Big Climb" It is rapidly coming up and either one of them could really use any donation that you could give them.
- **Associate Member PDG Marilyn Danby** retired on December 15th after a distinguished career that started out at Washington Natural Gas and ended at Puget Sound Energy. She immediately flew South to enjoy the Holidays in Arizona and missed all of the wonders of a White Christmas.

The Bulletin Editor wishes everyone a Happy New Year. However, it comes with a request as well. Help is needed to write this bulletin. I take notes at our meetings of what the Happy Bucks are and things like that as well as keep an ear open for other information for this column. However, there are members that we don't hear from as often as we would like to. Please send any information to [Puyallup.lions@gmail.com](mailto:Puyallup.lions@gmail.com) that you would like to see published in this column. Additionally program ideas are welcome as well.



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

## ***Service Shorts***

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

- Donated two Christmas trees, one to a group home and one to a needy family for Christmas.
- Arranged for two pair of eyeglasses through Lenscrafters and provided one eye exam for needy.
- Held our annual Christmas Tree Sale having the most successful sale in many years. We raised almost \$15,000 dollars using 263 hours.
- Collected used eyeglasses and will process them after the first of the year and deliver them to LERC.

We will be resuming our normal feed in project in January and will have other activities that will be occurring.

***To Get One Ask One***



### ***Puyallup Lions Trivia***

In this months Lions trivia we will look back at more of the projects of Lion John Sr and his 50 years of service that he was very involved in (not necessarily chaired just very involved.)

- With Joe Door they built a small dunk tank for rent at events that would only be of short duration. It would fit in the back of a truck.
- Unless he or his wife were ill he cooked pancakes or eggs at every Senior Breakfast we were involved in. He enjoyed cooking and did it at any of our projects that cooking needed to be done.
- Regularly picked up corneas from the Hospital to go to the Eye Bank or from the Eye Bank for transplant.
- Was responsible for the "Lions Mints" project that we used to do in the community,
- Went to the Schools with the "Say No to a Stranger" coloring books in the early 70's

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

#### **A letter from PIP Bob Corlew**

Dear Lions,

Happiness is seeing healthy children run and play and go to school. Unfortunately, in areas where measles is prevalent, some children have those simple pleasures taken away. Nearly 400 people die from measles every day, most of them children. Survivors can be left with life-altering complications including permanent hearing loss, blindness, and brain damage. This doesn't have to happen. Measles is a preventable disease, which is one reason why Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is supporting measles initiatives. One measles vaccination costs about US\$1. I've seen Lions pull together and accomplish great things, so I know that we can eliminate measles by donating to the cause and volunteering in local measles campaigns. Let's see what we can do to fight measles and give all children a healthy start to life! Consider donating to LCIF's measles initiative. One Shot, One Life.

### **Calendar of Events**

#### ***January 2018***

**January 10th Regular Meeting/Board Meeting Program Jim Kastama**

**January 15th Anne Rhyner Birthday**

**January 15th Feed In at the Armory 6pm**

**January 24th Regular Meeting Program TBD**

#### ***February 2018***

**February 14th Regular Meeting/ Board Meeting Program TBD**

**February 19th Feed-In Armory 6pm**

**February 26th Merritt Smyth Birthday**

**February 28th Regular Meeting Program TBD**

