

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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First Lieutenant Victor Kandle

First Lt. Victor Kandle is Puyallup's only Medal of Honor recipient. He graduated from Puyallup High School in the class of 1939

Lieutenant Kandle was rewarded with the Medal of Honor for his actions against Nazi infantry around LaForge France in October 1944. He later lost his life in another action on December 24th, 1944. He is buried in the American Cemetery and Memorial at Epinal France. The medal was awarded to his Widow at the Presido in March of 1945.

No memorial or marker exists in Puyallup to recognize his award of our nation's highest military honor. Although recognized at the time by the community for his sacrifice and heroism at the time, he is largely forgotten today. There is no mention of him at Puyallup High School.

The Puyallup VFW is hoping to remedy this situation with the help of the community. They have received approval from the Puyallup School District to erect a memorial to him at Puyallup High School. Kandle's story is as a lasting example of extraordinary sacrifice and patriotism. The monument will inspire us and be a significant connection for all students and citizens of the heritage of the Puyallup community.

They are asking for help in raising the \$6500.00 needed for the construction and placement of the memorial. Donations can be made to the "VFW Kandle Fund" and mailed to Jack Taylor, 131 Eagle Dr. E., Puyallup, WA. 98374

Pictures of the Month



Upper Left: Lions Dave and Neil getting ready to serve the Meal for the Meals program. Upper Right: District Governor Sharon at our last meeting: Lower left Jack Taylor from the VFW and ZC Lisa Ikeda. Lower right: Lion Neil awarding the camera shy Lion Jerry an attendance award from LCI>

Project News

. CARE

Each year the club makes a donation to CARE for a project sponsored by MD-19. These projects have been very different over the years like bringing water to villages, prevention of child trafficking or the projects that has been sponsored for the last two years improving education in Guatemala.

The project decided on for the next two years will be "School Gardens for Healthy Nutrition" They are looking to raise \$40,000 each year for the next two years.

With support of the Lions in MD-19 Lions Care will implement the project in 40 communities in five municipalities in Southern Honduras. In this part of the Country known as the "Dry Corridor" we find the most acute levels of poverty and malnutrition. 91.7 percent of the population live in extreme poverty and 58 percent of the children under age 5 suffer from chronic malnutrition, in part from recurrent droughts and a lack of knowledge about proper diet, conservation agriculture techniques and preservation of the environment. CARE will directly reach 1600 students and 40 teachers in these target communities. The project will have two phases that will last twelve months beginning in 2019 and ending in 2021.

This is what our donation to CARE accomplishes. Personnel donations can be made as well by sending your tax deductible checks to CARE to the MD-19 office 4141 W. Maplewood Ave., Bellingham WA. 98226.



Membership Corner

We all have our individual projects that we like to work on. Be it a fund raiser, the Meals Program or many other things. What we don't necessarily like is going to meetings. What can we do about this? Is it important to be at meetings? Sometimes yes when we have projects coming up and need to have people sign up.

If we don't have attendance at meetings what can we do to ensure people know about our upcoming projects and allow for signing up for them? We as a club need to have new ideas for communication about projects so everyone can still be a part of them. The meals program is one example where we are thinking outside the box. We send it out to all of our members so they have the opportunity to see what is needed and bring the item to the meal. Now we need to do something similar for all of our other projects. Perhaps investing in a PDF file that allows for people to enter information on it. We need to keep trying to use every opportunity possible to make our club still remain viable.

As far as our meetings are concerned we will have the first meeting be more of an information meeting followed up by the board meeting. Our second meetings of the month will have speakers and programs. Let's hope that with summer over more will attend the meetings.

Upcoming Club Events

Meals Program: Our next meal will be held at the Armory on September 16th , 6pm. The menu will be Ham, Macaroni and Cheese and vegetables..

Zone Meeting: Zone meeting will be on September 20th 6pm in the Bowman-Hilton Clubhouse. Dinner at 6:30pm with meeting from 7-8:30pm. Cost is \$12.00 RSVP to ZC Lisa Ikeda or let the Club Secretary know if you plan to attend.

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

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.

Around the District

MD-19 Annual Convention will be held in Whistler BC on October 24th and 25th. The convention will be held at the Hilton Whistler Resort and Spa, Registration forms available from the secretary or on the MD-19 web site.

Tacoma SE will be taking over BJ's Brew House on Steele Street September 17th from 11am to 11pm. Contact your club secretary to get a copy of the coupon needed to participate.

Maple Valley Octoberfest held on September 22nd from 5-10pm at the Lake Wilderness lodge. Cost is \$45.00 per person. For more information or tickets go to : www.MapleValleyLionsClub.com/Octoberfest

From the Archives, Pictures from the Past



Member News

- Lion Kent Sharpe and his wife Joyce went on a cruise to celebrate their anniversary. Congratulations to them both and it looks like they had a great time on the Alaskan Cruise.
- Lion Neil is still enjoying his retirement going camping and having no need to be back a specific time. He is working though right now finishing up the painting of his house.
- Lion Terri is having her left knee replaced on August 28th. Once she recovers fully she will have the right leg done. Here is to a speedy recovery.
- Lion Brian O'Bannon worked to help his wife's school by building it a new playground for her school. Way to go Brian.
- ZC Lisa Ikeda will be having some surgery in September. Keep her and her family in your thoughts.
- Lion Jerry's oldest granddaughter GG recently turned six years old. Her and her sister are the apple of Jerry's eye and wear him out whenever they come over to play.



Service Shorts

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

- In concert with Francis House as a part of their meals program six Lions fed 50 people a casserole dinner.
- On member picked up and sorted 187 pair of eyeglasses for recycling as well as 20 soft cases.
- One member worked to assist the building of a Playground at a school putting in over 20 hours to ensure that it was a great success.
- In concert with Lens Crafters arranged for a person to receive a pair of eyeglasses.
- Hosted the visit of our District Governor Sharon at our club meeting. Although the turnout was small it was a great meeting.

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



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



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Trivia Section

With the Washington State Fair coming up this month's trivia is about the Fair.

- The first fair was in 1900 on October 4-6th. It was held in a vacant field by Pioneer Park.
- In 1901 the fair purchased property on the corner of 9th and Meridian. They built a horse track for racing (this stopped in 1977).
- In 1915 Fisher Scones were sold for the first time.
- In 1941 the Federal Government took over the Fair Grounds, first for a relocation camp and then as a base.
- 1961 brought the first fireworks show.
- On June 14th 1970 the Grandstand and several rides were burned in a fire.
- The Spring Fair began in 1990.
- In 2000 they had the first cattle drive from the railroad tracks to the fair grounds.

International News and Notes

Taken from President Gudrun's message. Her theme is "**Reaching For New Horizon's**".

Here are a few things I want to focus on this year:

Membership: It's on everyone's mind. How can we not only recruit new members, but keep our current members and build leaders who can take our work into this next century of service? One way we can do this through balanced membership, including both genders and people from all walks of life, who can bring their life experiences to bear on the service work we do.

Friendship: Comradery has always been a part of the experience of being a Lion. We don't want to lose sight of the importance of building friendships through service. There is nothing that can bond people more closely than working together to help others. (More next month)

Calendar of Events

September 2018

September 12th Regular Meeting/Board Meeting

September 13th Annual Community Service Club Lunch 11:30 am at fairgrounds

September 16th Jerry Tecca Birthday

September 17th Feed-in Armory 6pm

September 20th Amy Ledvina Birthday

September 20th Zone Mtg Sumner 6pm

**September 26th Regular Meeting Program
Childhood Cancer Program**

October 2018

October 4th Mike Henry Birthday

October 9th Rick Adamson Birthday

October 9th Melissa Budzak Birthday

October 10th Regular Meeting/ Board Meeting

October 13th Senior Breakfast Activities Center

October 15th Feed-in Armory 6pm

**October 24th Regular Meeting Program
TBD**