

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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Lion's Fantastic People and where to find them

In taking inspiration from a popular children's book I am writing this column. Like the book Lions are rare and hard to find. They are magical when you find them and well worth the search. Lion's are an important part of their communities but are rarely seen or heard from unless you need their services. They are wonderful servants of their society but they tend to be quite and don't like to brag about their accomplishments.

You will find Lions feeding those who need a meal, they will be at the scene of Natural Disasters usually very early in the recovery. They will be Lions helping people to get back on their feet with the simple necessities. You will find Lions screening people for vision concerns and collecting used eyeglasses to be used by others in less fortunate areas of the world. You will find them working with the youth of a community as well. Lions will be picking up litter, planting trees and many other things to help our great planet. In other words Lion's will be out doing what they do best, serving others.

Lions have been and seem to always be the best kept secret in a community. They are humble with their accomplishments but inspired in their deeds. Lions are and always will be fantastic people and leaders in their communities. Do you know where we can find more of them? Ask someone to come and become yet another "Fantastic Person":

Pictures of the Month



Upper Left: ZC Lisa Ikeda at her official visit to the Puyallup Lions Club. Upper Right Lion Kent is presented with a Melvin Jones Coin for his service as last years President. Center Left: Lions Lisa Ikeda, Tracie Budzak and Dave Hilderbrant feeding those in need. Center Right: Dr. Tawny Dotson from Clover Park along with Lion Neil. Lower Left: Special Olympics building.

Project News

Scholarship Recipients

The Puyallup Lions Club presented three Scholarships to students from Rogers, Emerald Ridge and Puyallup High Schools. We did not award a scholarship to Walker due to their being no qualifying candidate.

Alexandria (Ali) Lynn Owen attended Rogers High School. She is currently completing her Gold Award with the Girl Scouts. She volunteered as a swim instructor at the Rogers Aquatic Center and has been active throughout her high school career in Drama. She will be attending Western Washington University in the fall.

Hannah Wisti attended Emerald Ridge High School. Hannah was a Campfire Counselor and volunteered to work with Helping Hand House as well as Francis House. She was also active in the Key Club as well as DECA and was Emerald Ridge representative as a Daffodil Princess. In the fall she plans on attending PLU to study Business and Marketing.

Hallie Pichette attended Puyallup High School. Hallie was a volunteer for the Edgewood Food bank active in YoungLife and her church. Her in school activities included Debate, Decca and AV-ID. Hannah plans on attending Central in the fall studying Social Work.

Thank you to Lion Brian and his committee of Lion Kent and Lion Neil for their hard work on this project.



Membership Corner

What can we do to bring in new members? We need to ensure that people get value out of being a Lions Member. You may ask how do we do this? Well the answer is not that simple. We need to have our service projects help people and be fun and interesting to work on. We need to be open to different types of Service and Fund Raising projects that can bring in new people. Today people are not only looking at the traditional things that Lions Clubs accomplish but things dealing with the Environment as well as hands on items like collecting clothing for the less fortunate, food for the foodbank, school supplies and other things. We cannot be afraid of doing new things that can bring in other people and give their time value.

We also need to balance the history of the Club as well. We cannot abandon all of our past just to bring in new members. We must have a balance between the legacy and what we need to do to remain relevant in the future. This is a fine balancing act but the Puyallup Lions have never shied away from a challenge. Remember we have been serving Puyallup for 64 plus years and have changed many times through the years. Now is an opportunity to move forward to ensure the continued service by the Puyallup Lions Club.

Membership recruitment packets are available from Secretary JJ.

Upcoming Club Events

Meals Program: Our next meal will be held at the Armory on August 20th , 6pm. The menu will be Chicken and Meat Casseroles, salad and vegetables. No Tuna Casseroles.

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. **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

Gig Harbor Lions Day at the Ballpark. August 7th at Cheney Stadium with gates opening at 10am and first pitch at 1130am. Cost is \$13.00 per person. For tickets contact Lion Dave Tucker at (360) 990-7129 or email at : DPTUCKER2@gmail.com

Tacoma Centennial Lions will be taking over the Habitat Grill on 2601 N Pearl Street in Tacoma on August 23rd from 4-8pm. 20% of the profits will be donated to the activities of Tacoma Centennial. Lions .

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.

From the Archives, Pictures from the Past



Member News

Lion John Budzak Sr has switched rooms in his home. He is now in room 109 on the first floor. This will keep him more involved in the activities going on.

Lion Kent Sharpe is not letting moss grow underneath his RV's wheels. He has been going on tour with his motorcycle to find places to go in the RV.

Lion Neil Gruchalla as well as **Lion Andrea Black** are almost finished with all of the work going on at their house. Watch for an open house in the near future. By the way Lion Neils Brewery is back up and running.

Lion Terri Soliz is in the middle of a successful run of the play "Beauty and the Beast".

At our last meeting we had Doctor Tawny Dotson from Clover Park come and talk to us about what is going on. They have some exciting new programs coming soon in Robotics, Aviation and others. They have a significant program at Thun Field in Puyallup as well as their main campus in Tacoma.

Lion Jacob Hall was reported to be running at High Altitude. He went to Sun Valley to put in some high altitude running with friends.

Lion Matt Budzak is a little under the weather. He has been dealing with multiple issues and has had numerous tests done recently. Hopefully he has turned the corner and will be getting better.



Service Shorts

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

- Collected 144 pair of recycled eye-glasses, 21 soft cases and two cell phones for the LERC center.
- Working with Lens Crafters arranged for three people to get new glasses.
- As a part of the Francis House meals program 8 members provided 48 people a barbeque meal of Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Baked Beans,
- One member worked at the National Special Olympics with the Opening Eyes program. The Lion worked sixteen hours and the event provided 300 pair of glasses and screened approximately 1000 athletes.
- Wrote Checks in the amount of \$6000 for our Scholarship recipients.



Trivia Section

August 1981

- Puyallup Lions Club builds the Restroom Concession stand at Sparks Stadium. This gave new restrooms and a location for the officials to change clothing.
- Ronald Reagan fires 11,500 controllers who went on strike
- IBM introduces the first Personal Computer .
- John Hinckley pleads innocent of the attempted assassination of President Reagan.
- Ed Woodiwiss was the President of the Puyallup Lions Club for the first time.
- Puyallup's population in 1981 was 18,251 residents in the City Limits of Puyallup.



International News and Notes

GUDRUN YNGVADOTTIR INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Gudrun Yngvadottir, from Gardabaer, Iceland, was elected to serve as international president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 101st International Convention, held in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA, June 29 through July 3, 2018.

International President Yngvadottir is a biomedical scientist and has worked in research, education and management. Since 1990 she has worked at the University of Iceland as Vice Director at the Institute of Continuing Education.

A member of the Gardabaejar Eik Lions Club since 1992, President Yngvadottir has held many offices within the association, including district governor council chairperson. She has dedicated her service to children and youth, membership and leadership development, health and wellness, including vision and diabetes, environmental projects and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

Calendar of Events

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 DG
Sharon Sikes**

August 27th Erica Hilderbrant Birthday



September 2018

**September 12th Regular Meeting/Board
Meeting Program TBD**

September 16th Jerry Tecca Birthday

September 17th Feed-in Armory 6pm

September 20th Amy Ledvina Birthday

**September 26th Regular Meeting Program
TBD**

