

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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Where will we be?

Where will the Puyallup Lions Club be in 2030? Will it be a monarch club that gets together for coffee and talks about what we did to serve our community in the past? Will there even be a Puyallup Lions Club or will we have gone the way of so many clubs around us.

We need to honestly work on gaining new, younger members into our organization. Remember when you joined our club? Many of us were in our twenties or thirties and were full of energy to serve our communities. We were the young Lions with others that could mentor us and tell us of past accomplishments. Now our membership averages 56 years old. If this aging of the club continues we will not be able to serve our community in the same way. Remember this number is the average age not the majority age so we have many members older than 56.

In this month's membership corner there are some ideas to recruit younger members. This is a starting place. What we need to do is to ask our younger members to recruit their friends and people they work with. This may change the dynamic of our club but change is a good thing sometimes. We may develop more of an on-line presence doing board actions via email. It could be that we only meet once a month rather than twice, or develop ways that our members can sign up for projects via electronic means. The big thing is that to survive we need to change and attract younger people so we can still be viable in our community.



We Serve

Membership Info

Lion Kent Sharpe recently purchased a vacation spot at Ocean Shores. He is in the process of upgrading it so he will have a local place to get away from it all.

Lion Mike Henry made several trips on AMTRAK as a docent to explain the history along the railways.

Lion John Budzak Jr is well on the path towards a life changing event. He will be having gastric surgery in late October or early November to assist in losing weight. This will lead to repairing his hernia after weight loss.

Lion Dave Hilderbrand has been accomplishing a lot of work around his house. Roof repair and new gutters. He is also taking advantage of the weather and camping as much as possible.

From the Archives



Recruitment Corner

Finding Young Adults to Recruit

Finding young adults to recruit may be the one of the easier steps to recruiting young adults. With some helpful hints, you may not have to go far. Use the following ideas for places and methods :

- Ask current members to recruit within their family. Children and grandchildren of Lions are a great source for membership.
- Visit local colleges and universities. Students are a good resource for your club and many educational institutions require volunteer hours for graduation.

are interested in becoming a Lion.

- Call or email area businesses and ask if you can post flyers or set up a booth in their lunchroom for a day.
- Partner with a youth group or secondary school to implement a joint service project. Many participants will soon reach the age of legal majority. This will give your club contact with future prospective members.
- Encourage the young adults you are recruiting to invite their spouse, friends and family members to attend a meeting. Young adults enjoy doing activities in a group and will feel more comfortable if they bring others along with them. Young people gravitate toward others like themselves, and a good approach is to recruit with your youngest members. Seeing someone of a similar age, lifestyle and perspective enjoying Lions service is a convincing reason to join. Once you have two or three young adults in your club, ask them to team up with your club's membership chairperson to form a committee concentrated on recruiting other young adults.

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 44 people a casserole meal
- Collected eyeglasses
- Donated \$4500 to three students for scholarships

International Notes

Our Global Causes

Every journey begins with a single step. One act of service, one encouraging word, one gift of generosity is often all it takes to bring hope where it's needed most.

Over the last 100 years, the kindness of Lions and Leos has multiplied across borders, oceans, and continents. With over 1.4 million members, we now have an opportunity to truly change our world.

That's why we're uniting our global service around five areas of need. These Global Causes present significant challenges to humanity, and we believe it's our turn to meet them.

Diabetes is a global epidemic, affecting an increasing number of men, women, and children all over the world. As Lions and Leos, we see and feel the effects of diabetes in our communities and are doing something about it together.

International Notes (Continued)

Vision: Ever since Helen Keller inspired us to champion the cause in 1925, we've served and advocated for the blind and visually impaired. Nearly a century later, this long-standing mission continues unhindered.

Hunger: We serve to improve human flourishing. We see how the global hunger and nutrition crisis bears upon our local communities, and believe true community improvement depends on the thriving of its members.

Environment: The earth sustains human life. We've seen how our stewardship of natural resources can improve quality of life and increase engagement in our local communities. Our environment is more than a background: it's our home. And we're committed to caring for it.

Childhood Cancer : The next generation's ability to thrive is closely tied to the supports of the local community. Lions and Leos have seen and felt the effects of cancer on children and their families, and continue to bring hope through tangible service and support.

The Service Journey: The Service Journey is an approach to living and serving well. To making a real difference people can see and feel. It encompasses four simple phases: Learn, Discover, Act, and Celebrate. We love these words because they transcend organizational formulas. They have no borders. They are the essence of Lions and Leos.

If the past 100 years have taught us anything, it's that as we serve, we grow. And we were never meant to stop. **Service is our journey.**

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

C-3 Zone Meeting September 26th at the Bonney Lake Senior Center beginning at 6pm. RSVP to ZC Lisa.

Oktoberfest Maple Valley Lions will be holding an Oktoberfest at Lake Wilderness Lodge on September 14th from 5-10pm

Childhood Cancer Golf Tournament will be held on September 21st beginning at 1pm at the Capital City Golf Course

Tree Planting The Pacific City Mayor as asked for Lions Clubs help to plant 3200 plants along the Interurban trail. The event is on September 28th from 8am to 2pm. The gathering place is 341 3rd Ave SW in Pacific. To get more information and to sign up contact K.L. Bob Baggett from the Auburn Noon Lions at 253-992-4464 or at bpbaggett1@msn.com

Club Events

September 2019

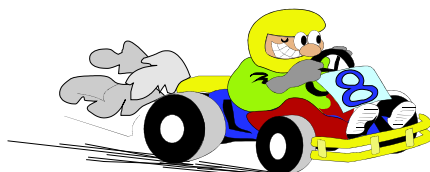
September 11th Regular Meeting/Board Meeting

September 16 Feed-In Armory 6pm

September 16th Jerry Tecca Birthday

September 25th Regular Meeting

September 26th Zone Meeting at Bonney Lake 6pm



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 23rd Regular Meeting

October 31st Halloween at the Mall