

# 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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## **Thought's from the Convention**

I had not been to a convention in awhile and attended this year. There were some new and exiting things coming up in regards to how the Lions in District C fulfill one of the new focus points of LCI. At the 100th Convention LCI rolled out five major points that would become focus points; Vision, Diabetes, Hunger, Environment and Pediatric Cancer. The last and newest of these is Pediatric cancer. The Lions in District C will be partnering with Mary Bridge Children's Hospital to work together to support the families of Children suffering from cancer and helping them ease their burden. It won't officially kick-off until July 1st but the Gig Harbor Lions Club is already holding a fund raiser to support this new partnership.

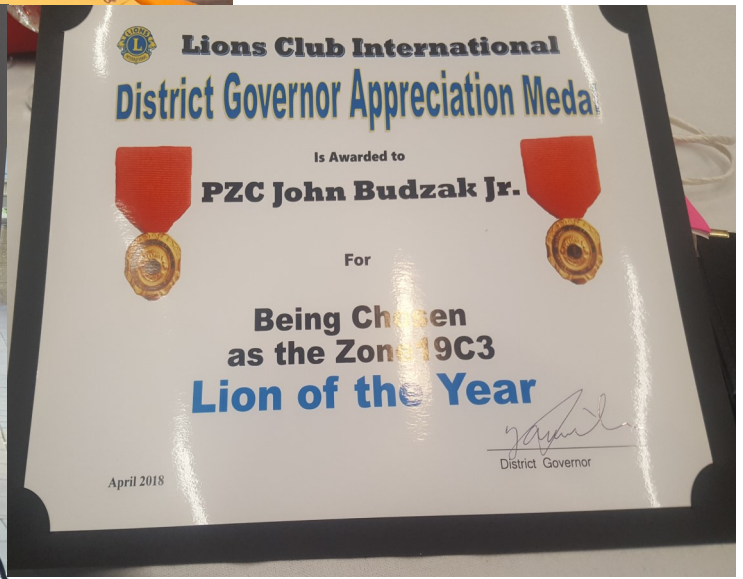
I left before the election results were in but since all candidates were unopposed we have three very motivated leaders that will be coming up in the next three years. Our incoming District Governor Sharon Sikes is an Instructor and Leader that promotes Teamwork, her theme will be "Let's go Forth and Do Great Things in Service." Pat Burch will follow her and his theme will be "Success Through Teamwork In Service". Donna Murr will then follow with her theme of "Continue the Legacy through Service." All three of these Lions are proven leaders and will do great things.

Finally your humble Bulletin Editor was honored at the Convention by receiving the Zone C-3 Lion of the Year. It was unexpected and humbling to be recognized in this way. I thank those that made it possible.

# Pictures of the Month



Upper Left: Lion Kent before the Feed. Upper Right Lions Brian and Neil work on Scholarship. Center Left Lions Kent and Neil on Scholarships, Lower Right Lion Terri Soliz and Lion Dee McDermott discuss Pediatric Cancer Support at Convention. Lower Right: Lion JJ awarded Zone Lion of the Year





## ***Project News***

We have two of our long term projects coming to an end this year. One of them supported our Foundation project. We need to look at finding some new fund raising projects to replace the Charity Rally and the Rose Sale.

We are doing some preliminary work on developing one new project with the help of Lion Brian. We would have a trivia night twice a month. This would be in concert with a local restaurant on the second and fourth Mondays as a start. Lion Brian would be the Trivia Master until he could train others to assist him. We are in discussion with the restaurant at this time and if it was successful it could go to every Monday night.

Another possible project is what Lion Kent calls a Potato Boil. Lion Dave, JJ and others have been discussing this and what we are looking at is trying it out as a club picnic / membership recruitment activity the first time we do it. This is also in very preliminary stages and we are still doing research into it as well. Any help on this would be appreciated.

If there are any other ideas out there please do some development work on your idea and bring it to the board of directors. Yes we need fund raisers but they could also be short little service projects as well. No idea is a bad idea. Please forward them up.

Additionally please email the Secretary any service related activities you do even if it isn't an official Lions club event. Who knows these may give the club ideas on projects and things you do still count towards community service because you are a Lion so please report them to the club.

***We Serve Together***

## ***Membership Corner***

"I don't know how to ask someone to be a Lions Club Member." "I want to help my community but hate meetings." "Do I have to do everything?"

These are just some of the things heard when people try to begin membership drives in Lions Clubs. The first one is by members and the last two are by perspective people when invited. All can be show stoppers to a successful recruitment drive and could lead to a club's growth being stymied.

"I don't know how to ask someone to be a Lion", is easy to address. Practice your elevator speech about why you joined Lions. Just talk about in a friendly way. Invite them to come and work on a project with us or to have a cup of coffee with you to talk about it. Just make it a part of the conversation, no reason for a hard sell just use information and a simple explanation of why you are a member.

The second two questions are more difficult to answer. Yes we would like our new members to come to meetings but we understand that not everyone does that anymore. As a result we have to accommodate those that want to serve their community but don't want to do the meeting thing. We need to keep them informed somehow to let them know when project opportunities are available for their participation.

## Upcoming Club Events

**Meals Program:** Our next meal will be held at the Armory on May 21st, 6pm. The menu will be Mexican food in honor of Cinco de Mayo.

**Scholarship Committee:** Scholarship committee made up of Lions Brian, Kent and Neil have started the process of selection of our recipients. The dates for the presentations are as follows: Rogers at 4pm on May 23rd, Emerald Ridge at 4pm on May 24th, Puyallup at 3:30 pm on May 30th and Walker High School on June 6th at 6:30 pm.

**Installation of Officers:** will be held on June 27th 6:30 pm at Mrs. Turners. PDG Marilyn Danby will be the installing officer and it will be a fun time as she installs Lion Neil as the President. It promises to be a fun night so lets have a large turnout of members.

## Around the District

**Fishing Derby:** May 12th will be the annual Fishing Derby for Children with Special Needs. Help is needed from 9am to 1pm to help the children fish.

**C-3 Zone Picnic:** will be on June 9th beginning at noon at PDG Emerson Bishop's house. This will be a pot-luck and there is a nominal fee for the burgers. RSVP to PDG Emerson at [embishop@comcast.net](mailto:embishop@comcast.net).

**Tacoma Centennial Project:** will be taking over Joesepi's Italian Ristorante for one night only May 20th from 5-8pm. Joesppi's is located at 2207 North Pearl St. in Tacoma.

**Flapjack Fundraiser:** for Mary Bridge on June 2 at the Gig Harbor Applebees from 8-10am. Cost is \$10 per person. RSVP to Sharon Kirry at 253-265-1466

## From the Archives, Pictures from the Past



## ***Member News***

**Lion Neil Gruchalla** retired this month and the first thing he did was go and visit his son in California. Lion Neil and his wife Denise are quickly adjusting to retired life.

**Lion Rick Adamson's** Father is suffering some pretty severe health issue's. Please keep him as well as Lions Rick's entire family in your thoughts and prayers.

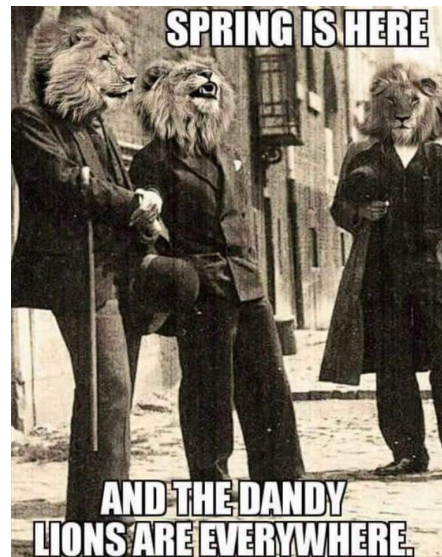
**Lion Terri Soliz** moved into her parents house so that someone is living in it. Also her oldest daughter **Bre** will be a school teacher in the fall. She will be teaching English and starting up the drama department at Chief Leschi school. Great job Breanna.

**Lion Steve "Jank" Jankelson** sent an update to his fundraising for the big climb. His team that he was the leader of "Team Alaska Airlines" is the top Corporate Team in fund raising \$132,699. Steve personally raised \$8225. What an awesome job Jank.

**Lion John Budzak Jr "JJ"** was honored as the Zone C-3 Lion of the year at the recent Convention.

**PDG Marilyn Danby** our associate member was presented with an International Presidents Appreciation Certificate at the Convention this weekend. She is such a hard worker and jumped in to make the conference a success. Congratulations Lion Marilyn.

**Lion Kent Sharpe** recently returned from a scouting trip of campgrounds in the Southwest part of the country. When he returned he had two extra wheels in his truck. Kent purchased a little Honda trail-90 to put on his RV as a camp vehicle to ride around on.



## ***Service Shorts***

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

- Donated \$500 to LCIF
- Collected 488 pair of used eyeglasses and 39 soft cases to the NWLERC.
- In concert with Lens Crafters assisted one person in obtaining eyeglasses.
- As a part of the Francis House meals program 10 Lions fed 45 people a Fried Chicken Dinner
- Donated \$200 to the NWLERC
- Donated \$50 to the MD-19 CARE project.
- Donated \$100 to the Northwest Lions Sight and Hearing foundation for White Cane Days
- Scholarship committee selected three recipients of the Ed Woodiwiss memorial scholarship in the amount of \$3900.
- Two members attended the District C Convention



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

This month not all the trivia will be about the Puyallup Lions. There will be a few things from outside.

- The US Navy actually own the railroad tracks between Bremerton and Shelton.
- Until only the last ten years the Puyallup Lions Club was involved in running most of the District Conferences/Conventions between PID Larry Schrodtt and PZC John Budzak Jr.
- Naval Base Kitsap has the largest fueling base in the United States
- The Puyallup Lions used to provide Daffodils to all of the VIP rooms at the convention. Sometimes this was problematic because of late looms some years.
- The City of Bremerton has a submarine named after it. This weekend it returned to Bremerton to be decommissioned.
- The Puyallup Valley Lions Club split from our club in 1976.

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

Lions are known for bringing uncommon kindness to the world, but what is your club known for in your community? I am sure that you are doing so much more than your community knows, providing valuable service, creating opportunities for caring men and women to give back, and changing lives in ways that most don't see. Technology offers so many ways to share our story with our community, and social media is one of the most effective.

Social media can help you instantly connect with your community. With more than 4.8 billion mobile devices around the world, we have the ability to speak directly to our communities. You can share your success stories, promote new projects and inspire others to serve with you. When you report your service on MyLCI or your regional reporting system, we can shine a light on the work of Lions in ways never before possible. Local media outlets are also monitoring social media to find stories they want to share with their readers. We are good news, and that's something the world needs more of these days.

I believe that when others see the tremendous work we're doing, they will want to be a part of it. We know there is nothing like the feeling of helping others. Your service stories can help bring this feeling to life. And social media can help bring these stories to your community.

## **Calendar of Events**

### ***May 2018***

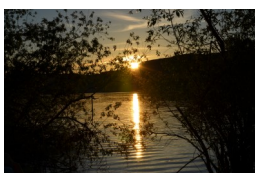
**May 7th Matt Budzak Birthday**

**May 9th Regular Meeting/Board Meeting  
Program TBD**

**May 12th Fishing Derby Mill Pond Park 9am  
to 12pm**

**May 21st Feed-In Armory 6pm**

**May 23rd Regular Meeting Program TBD**



### ***June 2018***

**June 13th Regular Meeting/ Board Meeting  
Program TBD**

**June 13th Mikel Pardue Birthday**

**June 18th Feed-In Armory 6pm**

**June 26th Andrea Black Birthday**

**June 27th Installation of Officers 6:30 pm  
Mrs. Turners**





# Come Play in *Whistler*

MD19 2018 Annual Convention

October 24 - 28



Fun, Fellowship and  
Celebration



Mary Bridge  
**Children's**  
Hospital • Clinics • Foundation

Philanthropy is defined as the love of mankind. Mary Bridge Children's Hospital is defined by the love of children.

A family's world stops when a child is diagnosed with cancer.

Funding from donors makes it possible to offer special support to families of Mary Bridge patients.

You can help ease a family's burden of caring for a child with cancer.

*We're Fighting Pediatric  
Cancer Together!*

Join us as the Lions of 19C and Mary Bridge Children's Hospital work together to help families dealing with pediatric cancer.



*Ask how  
you and  
your club  
can help!*



## Tacoma Centennial Lions Club

TAKE OVER -FUNDRAISER

Joeseppi's Italian Ristorante

**Auction  
Raffles  
MUSIC**

Sunday May 20th

5 PM - 8 PM

Purchase from menu  
2207 North Pearl Street, Tacoma WA 98406



## GIG HARBOR LIONS

### *Flapjack Fundraiser*

**June 2, 2018 • 8am-10am**

Applebees in Gig Harbor

4827 Point Fosdick Dr NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335



\$10 per person • Contact Sharon  
Kirry 253.265.1466  
Call to reserve!  
Limited tickets at the door.



Meal includes:  
Pancakes • Eggs • Bacon • Sausage  
Juice & Coffee

*Proceeds will benefit the  
Pediatric Cancer Fund  
for*

Mary Bridge  
**Children's**  
Hospital • Clinics • Foundation

