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Coupeville Lions Club

Coupeville, WA

August Events

1-2 - Meal Service, Camp Horizon.

3 -- Commodities Distr. Cam-Bey Apts. 9:30 am (POC Marilyn Pulk).

7 - Woodcutting, Recycle Center. 9:30 am (POC Gary Youngs).

8 - General Dinner Meeting, Program: Cheryn Weiser, Dir. Island Senior Services, "Future Whidbey Island Senior Needs." New Member Inductions.

10 - Barn Sort Boyer Barn, 9 am (POC Gary Youngs).

10 - Memorial Garden Work Day, 9:00-11:30 am at MD 19 HQ grounds, 4141 W. Maplewood Ave, Bellingham.

10, 11, 12 - Arts & Crafts Festival

11 – Ft. Casey Big Guns 50th Anniversary Celebration, 1:30 - 4:00 pm.

16 - Blood Drive, United Methodist Church

22- Board and General Dinner Meeting, Program: Robyn Myers, Manager of Conference Services, short presentation on the Camp Casey Swim Program.

TBD - Site prep work on the Ferry House outbuildings.

President's Message

Fellow Coupeville Lions:

Let's begin with a huge shout-out to all Lions and Friends of Lions who made this year's garage sale a \$51,000 (before expenses) success! Unbelievable what great planning and teamwork can accomplish. It was exciting to have around 90 people at the Burger Burn celebrating the amount raised to help our community and Lions Clubs International.



We all have busy summers; two family weddings are on my schedule. Since our meetings are every two weeks, I want to remind members about the volunteer needs in our community. Swimming lessons continue at Camp Casey. Thank you if you are bringing snacks for the staff. Because of Lions' continuous help, children in Coupeville are safer because they are learning to swim. The Coupeville Lions Club began the program over 50 years ago, and still helps by offering "swimmerships" and pays stipends to the pool assistants.

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September Events

4 - Woodcutting, Recycle Center.
9:30 am (POC Gary Youngs).

5 - Board & General Dinner Meeting, Program: District Governor Corinne White.

7 - Commodities Distr. Cam-Bey Apts. 9:30 am (POC Marilyn Pulk).

9 - Salmon BBQ and Free Music in the Park, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm, \$20 tickets.

12 - General Dinner Meeting, Program: Peg Tennant, Coupeville and Oak Harbor Farmers Market Manager.

14 - Barn Sort Boyer Barn, 9 am (POC Gary Youngs).

19 - Board & General Dinner Meeting, Program: Lion Mayor Molly Hughes, "State of the Town."

26- General Dinner Meeting, Program: Whidbey Health Lead Paramedic Robert May, "Don't Fall."

Coupeville Harvest Festival, races and Shopping Spree ticket sales.

August has some special opportunities for service. Our Club's days to serve at Camp Horizon are August 1st and 2nd. Arts and Crafts Festival is on August 11 and 12. Also on the 12th is the 50th anniversary celebration for the return of the big guns to Fort Casey. Coupeville Lions Club spearheaded this effort, helping to pave the way for moving the guns all the way from the Philippines. The 25th is the final opportunity in August for Lions to serve. Picnic on the Prairie is celebrating 40 years since the founding of Ebey's Landing Reserve. Please contact Lion Vice President Rick Walti if you can help with parking and traffic control at these last three events.

Have a safe and fun August.

Coupeville Lions Club President Doug

PDG Dick Eisenbrey passed away on July 9. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, August 26 at 3:00 pm at the Langley United Methodist Church.

COUPEVILLE LIONS CLUB OFFICERS:

Doug Kroon, President; Sue Hartin, Secretary; Gary Youngs, Treasurer; Brian Pulk, 1st Vice President; Rick Walti, 2nd Vice President; Janet Burchfield, 3rd Vice President

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MEMBERSHIP/MEMBERSHIP RETENTION COMMITTEE, VERSION 2.0



“Something old and something new” have united to develop strategies for Coupeville Lions Club’s greatest resource . . . our members. Our first Membership/Membership Retention Committee has been restructured via an early August kickoff meeting. **Marilyn Pulk**, Membership Retention Director, passed out the agenda for the committee’s new direction. In an effort to restructure and revive the unified goals for both CLC Membership and Membership Retention, both Marilyn and **Sandy Johnson**, Membership Director, have proposed a combined committee led jointly in a tag-team, more universal approach. They acknowledged that both functions are distinct from each other—bringing members into the club and keeping them as viable members, but are also connected in our commitment to work together on member issues. It was felt that this would encompass concerns and strategies that are “all things membership.” The meeting format will change from a “working meeting” to a “status reports” meeting from committee members who have taken on action items. A tribute to our past Membership Retention Directors (**Ken Halvorson** and **Pat Waters**) was given in the kickoff meeting, as they had been instrumental in the development of Mentor Training and the organizational groundwork which we will build upon. That included initiation of a mentor training class, exit interviews, statistical information on member losses, survey development, and various outreach strategies. Time will be allowed at the end of meetings to “brainstorm” ideas/suggestions from all committee members, so everyone’s ideas are heard, documented and discussed.

First, the Old . . . Mentor Definition: It all began with the question, “What is a mentor?” An early Membership Retention Committee member, **Barbara Vaughan**, initially developed a “Simple Definition of Mentor,” which reads as follows: *“A Mentoring Lion is like a guide or a coach who interacts directly with his/her new Lion and helps them learn skills, gain knowledge and grow in proficiency. The Mentor’s primary function is to welcome their new Lion, answer their questions, and teach them the ropes, so to speak. Listening to and answering the new Lion’s questions is especially important.”* With this definition and organizational foundations developed over the past few years, we jump-started to the “New.”

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Then, the New . . . A Unified “All-Things Membership” Strategy: Recently, our membership has grown from past years’ declines. We believe this has been due to both the Membership Director’s and the Membership Retention Committee’s outreach efforts, which together have developed several ideas and projects to bring in new members and keep them coming back. A combined force of Membership/ Membership Retention working together in a committee setting to get new members and keep them motivated to remain active, involved, and mentored is our goal. Together with our past years’ foundational groundwork, we look forward to a new direction and new ideas in the future. As we tackle member concerns and retention ideas as an ongoing learning challenge, we would encourage anyone interested to join in our journey. Our meeting schedule will be once per month on the 4th Wednesday from 5-6 PM at the United Methodist Church, except for August 22nd when we will meet at 4-5 PM. Members rule . . .

Sandy Johnson, Membership Director

Marilyn Pulk, Membership Retention Director

Salmon Bar-B-Q

This year’s Salmon Barbecue will take place on Sunday, Sept. 9 in Coupeville Town Park. Sandee Allen and Rick Walti will coordinate the event and will need help in the following areas to proceed:

1. Pick up tables at the church at 10:00 am.
2. Cooks, 10:00am, and someone to bring the wood.
3. Set-up, serving and clean-up.

The set up includes: arranging the tables, washing tables in kitchen and picnic tables with bleach, starting the hot water (Rick and Warren), putting up two tents to cover the serving area (required by Health Dept.), packing ice chests, making coffee and lemonade, supplying paper goods and plastic silverware, etc.

4. Pick up kitchen cabinet, ice chests, tent covers, coffee pots, etc. from barn.

We will also need someone to pick up corn, salmon, and other food. I believe Doug and Gordon can assist in this area.

Joe Walck is putting together the poster and tickets (\$20.00 ea.).

Thanks in advance, and please let either Sandee or Rick know what you would like to assist with. Let’s make this another good fund raiser for our Lions Club community.

-Lions Sandee & Rick

Camp Horizon Meals



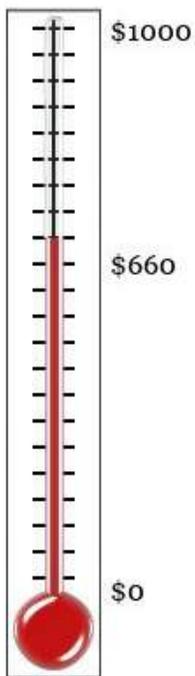
On August 1 and 2, a crew from the Coupeville Lions served food, did dishes, and cleaned the dining hall at Lions Camp Horizon. This is our one opportunity during the year to meet the campers that we support through our donations to the camp and to see how much fun they have at camp. Our crew this year was Bruce and Derrik MacNair,

John Roomes, Warren Ivy, Brian and Marilyn Pulk and granddaughter Paige, Carol Decker, and Dave Fish. Thanks to all of you for helping out.

-Dave Fish.



Twinning Project



We have finished our fundraising portion of the project, but there is more to do. We raised \$660 of member donations – THANK YOU. This will allow us to send \$2,320 to the Mavi Halic club to help with their backpack program. This is about half of their goal to provide 50 back-to-school packs to Syrian refugee children. Again, thank you for your support.

Now, we are gearing up for our local part of the project. We are in the process of acquiring the gift cards to be provided to the kids that participate in the back-to-school program at Coupeville Schools. The tentative dates are August 21-23, but this has not been confirmed. We will be looking for help greeting the families and providing the gift cards on behalf of our Lions Club. Stay tuned for sign-up sheets for this exciting community service project.

And, we are still looking for committee members that can help us define future Twinning projects and activities.

-Dave Fish

Membership Moments

By Membership Chair Sandy Johnson



SPIRIT OF VOLUNTEERISM

Dear Lions - In an advice column I recently came across, the writer wrote in concerned about a relative with few friends, writing:

“It occurred to me that I am surrounded by lonely friends, relatives and acquaintances who are living like virtual hermits . . .they only happen to brush up against other people while grocery shopping . . .what can I do? Soon after I talked with a business person I’ve known casually, for years. A recent divorce, kids out of the house and a lifetime of working on his own had left him looking - not for romance - but new friends, good conversation and a more purposeful life. What’s next?”

As you look around your community, is there one person you could reach out to this month and invite to a Coupeville Lions Club weekly meeting or Service Project? Someone who might enjoy our weekly meetings/programs, a shared purpose in the Lion spirit of volunteerism?

While there are member recognitions for new member recruitment, you know better than most that the Coupeville Lions Club is about far more than prizes. We’re a big, extended family.

That’s why I’m asking you to reach out this month and make a difference. Please take a minute to think about someone who may enjoy Coupeville Lions Club fellowship. Remember, everyone with an interest in serving their community and making new friends is welcome to join the Coupeville Lions Club family.

Attached is the link to forward a Coupeville Lions Club Membership application on to the “someone” who is looking for friends, good conversation, and to add more meaning to their life.

<http://www.coupevillelions.org/Forms/MembershipApplication2018.pdf>

MEMORIAL BENCH

Driftwood Park received its newest reason to take a few moments and “smell the roses” or in this case, “smell the salty air.” Two members of our Lions Club and a Friend of Lions installed a memorial bench for a Coupeville Town Council Member.

Driftwood Park is located at the end of Keystone Avenue and was a special place of Coupeville Town Council Member Christine Crowell’s husband, Michael, who fought Parkinson’s Disease

for 22 years, passing away last year on October 12, 2017. To honor her beloved husband, Christine reached out to the Coupeville Lions Club asking for assistance in having a bench she had dedicated to her husband installed at the park for passersby to enjoy. Christine's husband enjoyed fishing along Driftwood Park's shoreline and watching small boats or the Port Townsend Ferry churn the waters of Admiral Inlet. What better way to honor the memory of her husband than to have a bench installed to sit and dream of a man she lost too soon.



Thank you Lion Rick Walti, Lion Bill Johnson, and Friend of Lions Jim Stroh for taking the time to install the memorial bench dedicated to Councilwoman Christine Crowell's beloved husband Michael.

-S.J.

PAINTING FT. CASEY GUNS AND WORTH BATTERY

Historic Preservation is a major component of the Coupeville Lions Club, with preservation projects in Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve and Washington State Parks. This month a few of our Lions had the opportunity to put their painting skills to test by painting the Big Guns and Worth Battery walls at Ft. Casey State Park.

As Washington State Park and Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve prepare for the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Big Guns on Saturday August 11, 2018 from 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm, they advertised on Facebook and invited members of the community to join them at a "painting

party.” Painting dates were Monday, July 16 through Wednesday, July 18, with two shifts available to paint, 8am - 12pm & 1pm - 4pm. Based on the numbers of volunteers who showed up to paint, the project could have been completed in one day. However, the weather was too warm for the afternoon shifts, and the morning crews were able to complete the job.

The early morning weather on Monday, July 16th was perfect for painting as the brushes, rollers, paint trays, and five gallon buckets of paint were rolled out. Painting equipment was provided by the Park and Reserve. *Sherman Williams* came out to the Fort with paint samples to advise the park staff what color to match the guns and walls and what type of paint was necessary for the application. A specific color for the walls and a specific color for the guns were chosen and not to be mixed up. The guns were first given a coat of rust inhibitor prior to being painted jet black.

Thanks to Lion Ron Boyer for applying the necessary rust protectant to one of the guns prior to it being painted. As Ron worked on the rusty parts of the gun, I was able to paint the top and sides of the gun working my roller and paint tray from the narrow gang plank parallel to the



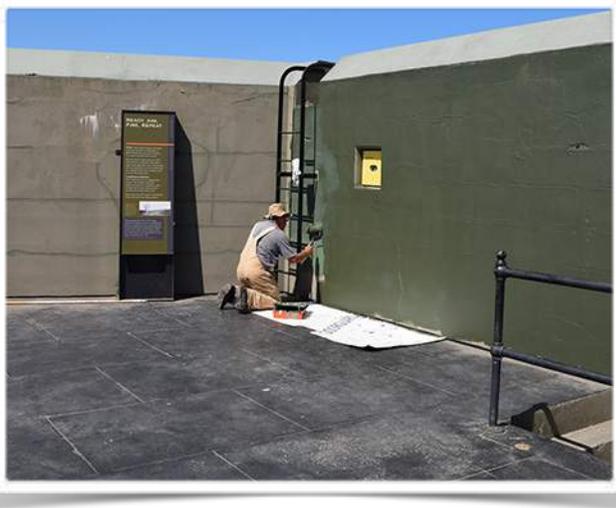
big gun. With a soft, small roller the paint went on smoothly and dried fast. Lion Malcolm Bishop appeared with his soft, small roller and finished painting the remaining top and lower level of the gun.

A thick-as-mud, dark green paint was applied to Worth Battery walls by Lions Tim Neal, Bill Roberts, and Patrick Hussey using long handled rollers.

Wednesday morning, Lions Ron Boyer, Bill Roberts, Malcolm Bishop and I arrived early, along with the fog. It was too foggy to paint the guns as the paint would have just rolled right off, so we tag-teamed the Battery walls, making sure not to get paint on the sidewalk.

As the big disappearing guns glistened in the sun with a new coat of paint, the walls were bowing with gratitude showing off their new coat as well.





The August 11 Big Guns Celebration begins at 1:30 pm. This event will include displays and activities, park tours, and a keynote address by Rep. Norma Smith. Historical demonstrations by 9th Coast Artillery will be offered on Saturday beginning at 9:30 am, and on Sunday the 12th from 9:00 am - noon.

For more information on this event go to Facebook - Fort Casey Big Guns' 50th Anniversary Celebration or go to www.parks.state.wa.us.

I truly enjoyed working alongside my fellow Lions, community volunteers, and staff from Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve and Washington State Parks. It was an honor to take part in the preparation of the Big Guns and Battery as there is so much historical significance behind these guns and Ft. Casey. What better way to show off a "new outfit" than to have a celebration!

-S.J.

Fort Casey big guns 50th anniversary



1:30 p.m. Aug. 11, 2018

Fort Casey Historical State Park
1280 Engle Road,
Coupeville, WA 98239

Please join Washington State Parks in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the big guns and the fascinating story of their journey from Subic Bay in the Philippines to Fort Casey State Park.

The rededication ceremony features keynote speakers, Army National Guard Band, Presentation of Colors, expert panel, tours, demonstrations and opportunities to explore the batteries.

The event is **FREE** and open to the public!
Light refreshments provided.
For more information, please call (360) 678-4519



DISCOVER PASS
required for vehicle access

FREE Demonstrations

 Barracks

 Battery Worth

 Ammo rooms

 Battery Commander stations



Saturday, August 11th 9:30am – 4:30pm*

Sunday, August 12th 9:00 am – noon

Demonstration times at random intervals by 9th Coastal Artillery

*Demonstrations not available during ceremony @1:30pm

Discover Pass required for parking 

GARAGE SALE UPDATE

Our 2018 Garage Sale was a success beyond expectations as we adjusted to rain and a new location. Gross sales at the event and including internet sales totaled \$48,457. After normal expenses and the purchase of 42 new tables we netted \$34,532. This was accomplished by Lions and other volunteers working 3,927 hours during the two-week period and 1,561 hours prior to that. The total of 5,388 hours included nearly 800 from "Friends of Lions". Eighty (80) "Friends of Lions" included Coupeville High School athletes, Navy, community members, friends, and relatives.

The celebratory Burger Burn was very well supported and attended. We took the opportunity to review what it takes to put on the Garage Sale, which includes these tasks performed by Lions and "Friends": Internet sales, scheduling pickups, pick up donated goods and plants, store donations, storage barn donations, test and repair donations, manage the barns, barn sorts, barn repairs and upgrades, determine equipment requirements, buy new equipment, dispose of old worn out equipment, plan layout of the school, assign Lead for each merchandise area and support position at the sale, contracts with school, coordinate with outside organizations, publicity and communications, photography, manage the kitchen, move everything from storage to the school, use of trailers, unpack and set up at the school, price everything, make and set up signs, sell the stuff, traffic control, cashiers and information booth, dispose of unsold merchandise, tally the hours, and send Thank You letters.

The Garage Sale Debrief was also well attended, and many useful suggestions came up during the discussions. The group felt that the Middle School had some advantages and some disadvantages over the Elementary School. Parking and furniture pickup seemed better this year but some areas were crowded and the tent had some issues. A straw poll favored the Elementary School but we will need to determine what the effect of the new construction will be on our plans as well as parking options. Many other comments came up and are included in the meeting minutes.

Second VP (in charge of fundraising) Rick Walti takes the reigns for 2019 and has announced the committee leaders will be the same as 2018 with one change. Karen Fletcher, after several years of superb leadership for the Garage Sale, has decided that this year she will participate as an advisor and worker. Rick has appointed himself to take her place. The 2019 Garage Sale committee led by 2nd VP Rick includes: Ginny Munn for Donation Pickup Scheduling, Gary Parker for Donation Pickups, Gary Youngs for Barn Manager, Rick Walti for Planning, Dave Fish for Logistics, and Brian Pulk for Event Manager. Julian Sayers continues as the untitled Architect and Jack-of-all-Things-Garage-Sale. Thanks to all participants, the future for our 40th Garage Sale looks bright with all rested Lions and volunteers onboard and up for the challenge.

Thanks to Marsha Phay and Joe Walck for this photo collection:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OAmcfSEY9rQ>

-Brian Pulk

SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION UPDATE

This year's Scholarship Auction Chairperson will again be Brian Pulk. Working with Auction Superstars Jan Graham and Vicky Reyes, planning for February's event began soon after the 2018 results were in. Some after-the-event comments led us to two parallel paths being taken this year. There were concerns raised about the growing number of auctions competing for donations and customers. There were also concerns about the type and quantity of items donated, as well as the overall procurement workload.

Diana Swisher is heading up our long-range parallel path and has formed a committee to consider alternative fundraisers to the auction. The recommendations of her committee will be considered as possibilities for 2020. If you have ideas, please let her know.

The more immediate parallel path remains to organize and plan for the 2019 event, to be held on February 23rd. As planning got underway, we discovered what a large hole was left behind with the loss of our dear friend, Jackie Feusier. Jan, Vicky, and Brian set a goal of filling that void in a way that is not overwhelming on any single person while also addressing the concerns mentioned above.

So, the competition is on: a great auction or a greater alternative.

Procurement was identified as the main focus where auction improvements can be made. Vicky has stepped forward to lead the Procurement Committee and is organizing it to be broken down into the following seven sub-committees: Procure Items, Database Management, Item Storage, Inventory, Recruit Sponsors, Setup and Presentation, and Follow-up.

There will be a need for volunteers in each of these areas and today, we have an immediate need. Due to the number of competing auctions at the same time, it was determined that we should get an early start with procuring items and commitments. The Procure Items Sub-Committee of Jim Phay, Diana Walti, and Stephanie Teano is identifying what types of donations we should target. The plan this year is to go after what we want and not just take what we get. At least one more person is needed on this committee to focus on experience-based offerings. We have had several ideas during our brainstorming sessions and need someone to collect these and new ideas and follow up on seeking the donations.

Please consider joining the Scholarship Auction Team by helping with procurement. Let Vicky or Brian know how you can help us achieve these worthwhile improvement goals for another successful event.

-Brian Pulk