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Coupeville Lions Club

Coupeville, WA

February Events

- 1 - Commodities Distr.** Cam-Bey Apts. 9:30 am (POC Marilyn Pulk).
- 5 - Woodcutting**, Recycle Center. 9:30 am (POC Gary Youngs).
- 6 - General Dinner Meeting, Program:** Mentor Training/ Refresher Workshop by Lion Diana Walti.
- 8 - Barn Sort**, Boyer Barn, 9 am (POC Gary Youngs).
- 9 - Ed Walker Celebration of Life Potluck**, Nordic Hall, 4 pm.
- 13 - Board & General Dinner Meeting, Program:** Jim Short, Hearts & Hammers.
- 16 - Mount Vernon Lions 90th Anniversary Celebration**, 5 pm at Best Western Plus, 2300 Market St., Mt. Vernon.
- 20 - Board & General Dinner Meeting, Program:** Capt. Christine L.G. Sears, Commanding Officer of Naval Health Clinic Oak Harbor, will speak about her time serving on a Navy medical ship.
- 23 - Scholarship Auction**, Oak Harbor Elks Lodge, 5:00 - 8:30 pm.
- 27 - Membership/Retention Committee**, CUMC, 5-6 pm (POC Marilyn Pulk).
- General Dinner Meeting, Program:** Jim Green and Gary McIntyre, Maritime Heritage Foundation/Suva.

President's Message

Service With Grace

A number of years ago (the exact date lost in the fog of time) three local mothers were concerned about children living on this island and surrounded by water without having access to swimming lessons. They discovered that the Navy Base had Red Cross WSI (Water Safety Instructor) classes available. Once the three had the proper certification they set up the first summer swim program. Besides concern, drive, and certificates, they all shared another thing in common: husbands who were Coupeville Lions Club members (just men in the club back then). Lions Club furnished the funding, and Lions and their wives started lessons in the old flooded gravel pits at the south end of Crockett Lake.



After several moves, including to the pools at Admiral's Cove and Camp Casey, the swim program found a permanent home at the Casey pool. One requirement from the start was that all children in the community

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March Events

1 - Commodities Distr. Cam-Bey Apts. 9:30 am (POC Gary Parker).

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

6 - No Meeting, Ash Wednesday.

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

13 - General Dinner Meeting,
Program: Walt Blackford, Puget Sound Energy Outreach Manager. Keeping your home safe and warm this winter.

Students of the Quarter Potluck, A-F Salad, G-O Entrée, P-Z Dessert

15-16 - District 19-H Spring Conference, Chilliwack, BC.

20 - Board & General Dinner Meeting, Program: Robert Pelant of Pacific Rim Institute to talk about the state of PRI and all that's new on the prairie.

21 - Blood Drive, Coupeville United Methodist Church.

27 - General Dinner Meeting,
Program: Matt Nichols - Nichols Bros. Boat Builders.

should be able to learn to swim, and accommodation was made for families who might not be able to afford the program. Swim lesson scholarships (Swimmerships?) were generously funded by Lions.

Over the years, local youth stood up to lead the program (including yours truly), with the Lions still sponsoring and organizing the swim lessons. I'm not sure how many local children were made water-safe, but I'm sure the number is in the thousands. Seattle Pacific University, owners of the Casey pool, recently stepped up to the plate to run an extended swim program. Our Lions Club continues to help by furnishing stipends for swim lesson assistants and swim lesson scholarships.

This story circles back to those original three mothers. When the Coupeville Lioness Club was formed, one of the swim lesson founding mothers became a Charter Member. Eventually, when Lions became co-ed, the Lioness club merged with our club. That founding mom, Grace King, recently passed away. It was my honor to see a motion passed that re-named our swim scholarships in her honor. The Grace King Memorial Swim Scholarship honors not just her service but the support by this club. What a great service this club has made to thousands of children who learned to swim over the years.

Doug Kroon, President, Coupeville Lions Club

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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Students of the Quarter

Sarah Wright

A life-long Coupeville resident, Sarah appreciates small-town life. She knows all her classmates by name. One downside to island life is the amount of travel required by Sarah's participation in multiple sports. She is also a Big Sister for the Big Brothers Big Sisters program and a member of Leos Club. Sarah is active and successful in many areas in school and also in community service outside of school. After high school she plans to study political science and continue on to law school.

Jaschon Baumann

Jaschon, one of five children of Lion Duane and Barbi Baumann, is technically the second child in the family, since twin brother Jakobi was born first. He serves as a Big Brother in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program, and is a National Honor Society member. He's won awards at Science Olympiad, building a computer game in 50 minutes. Jaschon is also a musician and has been in drama all 4 years of high school. He plans to go on a 2-year mission for his church before studying computer science at UW. Jaschon once surprised new Superintendent Lion Steve King by asking, "How are you doing? How do you like your job?"

GIRLS WITH WILD GRASSES, version 2.0



Slow progress is better than no progress. That certainly applies to the grass challenges the Lions Plant Dig and Divide Team ladies undertook way back in November and finished off in January. From the towering 8 ft. grasses pictured here to the line-up of gallons of finalized products, this was a journey of girl-power muscle, ingenuity, and a few good garden forks and saws. Thanks to non-Lion Master Gardener Gabby Leman, who identified these specimens for our sale, and to the hard-working team of Sandy Johnson, Marilyn Pulk, and Deanna Rogers,

these monsters were wrestled from the ground, cut down to size, and potted into the possibility of renewed life for potential landscapes. Grand total: 145 one-gallon pots of *Miscanthus sinensis*, which doesn't take into account the *Stipa gigantea* that still awaits his day at the garden barber chair. Again, with the slow progress.

Now that we're proven plant wranglers, we're up to the task of other "digs"...perhaps in a smaller capacity. A win-win for landscapes and our Garage Sale. Contact Karen Fletcher or Marilyn Pulk to schedule your own dig and divide day. Thanks to all for pitching in for our bottom line and a fun team-builder besides. Have shovels (and forks), will travel.



Cut down to size and split open!



Divisions ready for pots



Happy potters with grasses ready for new homes

- Lion Marilyn Pulk

Membership Moments

By Membership Chair Sandra Johnson



MEMBER TALKS - JANUARY 2019

The month of January was an exploration of sorts. More and more folks are eager to share their stories with fellow Coupeville Lions. Thank you to those who participated, we are better people for getting to know the following on a personal level:

JANUARY 2 - The dynamic duo team of Lions **Penny and David Barville** was a show stopper with their back-and-forth presentation of how they became a couple, both rising up from meager households. Ask Penny how David helped her up while walking on the Santa Cruz Boardwalk . . .the conversation will include a lightening bolt! You can't hear it now, but at one point David spoke with a Gaelic accent when he returned to Minnesota after living with his family in the West Indies.



JANUARY 9 - Lion **Barb Vaughan** humbly shared that she met her beloved husband, the late Past President Lion Dave Vaughn, on match.com. Miss Barb characteristically described how she wanted to go into law enforcement. Do you know she loves the smell of handcuffs in the morning?? No doubt Barb would have made one tough policewoman!

JANUARY 16 - If it weren't for the fun-loving persistence of Lion Sandy Leake, Lions **Gary and Linda Youngs** would not

have shared their Member Talk with us! Thanks, Sandy, for sponsoring the Youngs! Gary shared that he is the oldest of five sons and grew up in the "sticks" of Bellevue. Do you know Linda is the mother of twin girls and once owned a tavern?! Fortunately Gary and Linda were both runners, otherwise Linda would not have been able to ask Gary if she could join him on his "plans for the weekend." The rest is history



JANUARY 23 - Lion Deborah Morrison, who has not even been a Lion for a year, is so eager to just jump in and get going! Deborah once dreamed of being a professional ballet dancer! Make sure to ask her what schools she trained with and about dancing in the Nutcracker Ballet. Deborah also told us of sailing with the Lions 2018 Christmas Ship, which sails from Bellingham to remote islands of the Salish Sea, a 70-year tradition!



Attention all lady Lions!! A little birdie told me that “once upon a time” a group of lady Lions planned and went on an all girl campout at Ft. Ebey! I would like to bring back that option to plan an “all ladies campout.” I know we are super busy with all our other Lions activities so we don’t have to go on the weekend, we can plan an overnighter during the week.

I’m hoping to get a Group Camp Site at Ft. Ebey for one night the week beginning Monday, April 29, 2019.

Please think about it, round up your camping gear, clean up your hiking boots and plan on an overnight, all girls campout at Ft. Ebey the last week in April!

- Membership Chair Sandra Johnson

CONVENTION NEWS

The District 19-H Spring Conference is scheduled for March 15-16, 2019 at the Coast Hotel in Chilliwack, British Columbia. The conference will be chaired by PCC Surinder Gahir. More information can be found at <http://www.lionsmd19.org/>.

The 2019 MD 19 Annual Fall Convention will be held in beautiful Wenatchee, Washington October 16-20, 2019. The Wenatchee Valley is home to premium wines, world famous apples, and 300 days of sunshine each year. The convention will be at the Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel. The Convention theme is “Simply The Best.” For further information contact “Fearless Leaders” Lori Reed and Patti Sparks at 509-888-1539 or 2019lionsconvention@gmail.com.

Lynn Hyde, Director of Historic Whidbey, gave us an update on the preservation of the historic Haller House at our January 2 meeting. The Coupeville Lions provided financial assistance to Historic Whidbey to purchase the house, and Lions have donated time to the rehabilitation effort. Lynn's talk included tales of brave Lions battling giant raccoons that had taken over the attic of the house.





Twining Report

Nilgune Niord of our twin club Mavi Halic Lions Club is a PDG (2008-2009) and currently the coordinator for Lions Quest in Europe. In January she presided over the 2019 annual Lions Quest meeting in Warsaw, Poland.

Lions Quest is implemented in 30+ countries in Europe. The country LQ directors and trainers meet once a year in January for two and a half days to exchange experiences, learn from each other and LCIF staff, and give important input to the program. Next year's meeting will be held in Kiev, Ukraine.

Lions Quest is an educational program of LCIF that exists in 110 countries. One of the best social and emotional learning programs in the world, Lions Quest is designed to help young people (preK - 12) develop the skills and strength of character needed to succeed as adults. To date, LCIF has awarded more than 360 grants for a cumulative total of more than \$20 million to expand or establish Lions Quest programs around the world. Fifteen additional countries, including Egypt, Niger, and Tunisia are starting LQ programs this year.

LCIF is cooperating with Harvard and Helsinki Universities in evaluation of the Lions Quest program, and with the United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime on a pilot project in five Balkan countries.

Information about Lions Quest is available at <https://www.lions-quest.org/>.

- Lion Harold Hertlein

COUPEVILLE LIONS CLUB WEDNESDAY CALENDAR FOR FY2020	
July 3, 2019	No Meeting
July 10, 2019	Burger Burn
July 17, 2019	No Meeting
July 24, 2019	Board Meeting and Member Meeting
July 31, 2019	No Meeting
August 7, 2019	Board Meeting and Member Meeting
August 14, 2019	No Meeting
August 21, 2019	Board Meeting and Member Meeting
August 28, 2019	No Meeting
September 4, 2019	Board Meeting and Member Meeting
September 11, 2019	Member Meeting
September 18, 2019	Board Meeting and Member Meeting
September 25, 2019	Member Meeting
October 2, 2019	Board Meeting and Member Meeting
October 9, 2019	Member Meeting
October 16, 2019	Board Meeting and Member Meeting
October 23, 2019	Member Meeting
October 30, 2019	5th Wednesday Game Night
November 6, 2019	Board Meeting and Member Meeting
November 13, 2019	Member Meeting
November 20, 2019	Board Meeting and Member Meeting
November 27, 2019	No Meeting
December 4, 2019	Board Meeting and Member Meeting
December 11, 2019	Christmas Party
December 18, 2019	Board Meeting and Member Meeting
December 25, 2019	No Meeting
January 1, 2020	No Meeting
January 8, 2020	Board Meeting and Member Meeting
January 15, 2020	Member Meeting
January 22, 2020	Board Meeting and Member Meeting
January 29, 2020	5th Wednesday Game Night
February 5, 2020	Board Meeting and Member Meeting
February 12, 2020	Member Meeting
February 19, 2020	Board Meeting and Member Meeting
February 26, 2020	No Meeting; Ash Wednesday
March 4, 2020	Board Meeting and Member Meeting
March 11, 2020	Member Meeting
March 18, 2020	Board Meeting and Member Meeting
March 25, 2020	Member Meeting
April 1, 2020	Board Meeting and Member Meeting
April 8, 2020	Member Meeting
April 15, 2020	Board Meeting and Member Meeting
April 22, 2020	Member Meeting
April 29, 2020	5th Wednesday Game Night
May 6, 2020	Board Meeting and Member Meeting
May 13, 2020	Member Meeting & Open House
May 20, 2020	Board Meeting and Member Meeting
May 27, 2020	Member Meeting
June 3, 2020	Board Meeting and Member Meeting
June 10, 2020	Installation Dinner
June 17, 2020	No Meeting
June 24, 2020	No Meeting