



Cagey Comments



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"Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush."

- Doug Larson

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Calendar of Events

March 2011

- 2-Board Meeting
- Dinner Meeting
- Program- Hospital CEO about Bonds
- 4-Commodities Distr. Cam-Bay 10am
- 5- Adopt-A-Highway 20 - 9am El. School
- 8-Woodcutting-9am at Recycle
- 9- *No Meeting* – UMC Ash Wed.
- 11>13 Spring Conference, BC
- 16-Board Meeting Din Prog-Lori Cavender, Ryan's House
- 19-Garage Sale Barn Sort 9am
- 23Dinner Mtg Program Student of the Quarter **Pot Luck**
- 30-Board Mtg / Dinner Mtg: Lion Bingo



Looking Ahead: Adopt-A-Highway

by Lion Roger Sherman

Adopt-A-Hwy litter pickup will be on Saturday, March 5, at 9:00am, in front of the Superintendent's office. We will not need as many litter pickers this time. Someone did the litter pickup on the east side of the overpass.



The Coupeville Lions Pickup Team

The Coupeville Lions Club has been picking up litter along Highway 20 for the past 18 years on a

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Looking Back: Scholarship Auction

by Lion Ron Wilkinson



The Scholarship auction brought in approximately \$19,800 dollars up \$400 from last year. This is only the figures from the action itself and does not reflect ticket sales, sponsor-



Lions Carol and Jackie counting ticket sales

ships and expenses. If past years trends hold we should net about 22,500 dollars. This is amazing given the weather conditions. We had a full house on the night of the auction and even turned people away. The high school Tolo had been scheduled for the same night but it was postponed one week so we had all the Honor Society kids to help at the auction. It was an amazing couple of days as the Lions turned out

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Keeping warm at the Auction

March is coming in like a Lion! Just had a 52 MPH gust of wind and rain predicted for the next several days. Congratulations

to Ron and the whole Scholarship Auction crew for a wonderful wintry event. Lots of work! Now take a short breather and catch up with regular lives. I want to encourage any who can to vol-



CHS Honor Society Serving dinner

unteer for the International Convention. It will be here before we know it and it is a rare opportunity to see the Lions organization up close. I finally signed up as a greeter. Volunteers are welcome even for a day's work; you don't have to do the whole thing.



Zone H7 Lion of the Year our own Lion Molly Hughes

My pitch for this month is for the new Senior Meal Site. This is an idea brought forth from Senior Services to better meet the needs of Seniors in our community who don't get out much and would benefit from a nutritious meal and visit with friends. The idea is to use the United Methodist Church

as the site with volunteer help for set up, serving and clean up. Senior Services would contract with UMC to provide the meals one day per week, similar to the meals provided at Cam Bey apartments. I feel this has the po-

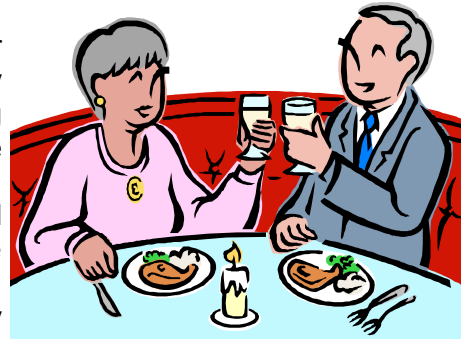
President's



President 2010-2011 Lion Dennis Bullock

Corner

tential to be a great service program for Lions and others. It is also an opportunity to serve that might be more feasible for some than cutting wood, driving Meals on Wheels, picking up Garage Sale donations and other heavy lifting type jobs. Meal service would be very much



like Lions dinners are done now, probably with fewer customers. Some customers would likely be Lions too. Lunch would cost \$4 (donation). **Please let Ron Wilkinson or me know if you are interested in participating!** At this point the greatest need is a volunteer to serve as chair of a meal service committee. The target for start up is April if we can get enough willing workers. See page 3 for more information.

Busy times lie ahead. Lots of opportunities to join in the fun. Don't forget, **No Meeting on Ash Wednesday, BINGO (our last one this year) on Mar. 30th at the Rec Hall, and Membership Open House on April 13th!**

PS: Congratulations to Lion Molly, Zone Lion of the Year!

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Jacob Ebey House Cabinets Project Update

by Lion Ron Boyer



The cabinets for the Jacob Ebey house are nearing completion and look magnificent, as the 22 volunteers that participated can attest to. We planned to have the project completed by the end of February, but as with many projects of this nature, we must remain flexible in terms of scheduling.

Rob Hetler, our leader in this project, has established the following schedule to complete the work.

Friday, March 4th –Detailing the three desks.

Friday, & Sunday, March 11th, & 13th – Finishing (probably short work days)

Saturday, March 19th – Transporting & Installing at Jacob Ebey House and Team Photo

A sign-up sheet for volunteers for these work days will be available at our Lions meetings and will be emailed to all those who have participated.

To all participants - Please show up at the **Jacob Ebey House at 2 pm, Saturday, March 19th** to view the final product and for a group picture. (Please park at the prairie overlook by the cemetery and walk to the house.)

Thank you to all the participants for your efforts.

Seniors Weekly Luncheons

by Lion Sec Jim Phay

Senior Services Director Cheryn Weiser has proposed opening a new site to provide hot nutritious meals and the accompanying social benefits of gathering with others for senior citizens in our community. The United Methodist Church is willing to support the proposal in their facility with additional financial and volunteer support. The concept is to provide a lunch once a week with food prepared by Senior Services. Volunteers would set up, serve and clean up, much like a Lions meeting dinner. Approximately 20 customers are anticipated based on participation at other sites and size of our community. Board of Directors has recommended that Coupeville Lions pledge up to \$3,500 to support the cost of meals for the first 6 months of the program, using money from the Denson Seniors Reserve fund. The recommendation passed and a chairperson and club members are need to volunteer and get the program going

Member Profile

by Lion Jackie Feusier Walck



PP Lion Joe Walck is no stranger to the sewing machine and sewing patches. The Navy recognized his unique talents when they assigned him to training as a Parachute Rigger (Survival Equipment Specialist)

after “boot camp”. After graduation from “A School”, Joe was trained as a test parachutist where he gladly retired his jumping career after his 100th successful jump.

During his young career he packed ‘chutes, maintained survival equipment and ejection seats, repaired rafts, and created canvas and nylon flight bags to aircrew specifications. As all Para-lofts are equipped with heavy duty sewing machines, Joe and his shipmates made friends and extra cash sewing on rating badges, squadron patches, service stripes and such. In our house, Joe is the one who asks “...have any sewing you need done dear?” I am a lucky, lucky girl.

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Adopt-A-Highway

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section of highway 20 that is about one mile on either side of the overpass. The Washington State Department of Transportation started the Adopt-A-Highway program during the late 1980s. In Washington, during 2009, 1,200 volunteer groups safely picked up 26,112 bags of litter, volunteering 21,000 hours.

The Coupeville club averages about 45 bags per pickup and has over 20 Lions participating. Most of the trash is paper and disposable objects which have blown off vehicles. There are also many items which have been jettisoned by those who do not care about our environment, beer cans, pop cans, dirty diapers, candy wrap-drink containers and on. The picked up mattress pickup bed linens, rock, building cardboard, flags for long of plastic bags, more. The was a \$50 bill and the worst find was a decayed deer.



Looking Back: Auction

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to set up, work the auction night and clean up on Sunday. The community at large showed up on Saturday and they were not afraid to bid, so that our numbers were strong.

Thank you to all both those that worked to put on the auction and those that attended and bought the wonderful items. A great many of you fall in both categories. We also want to honor and thank those who donated auction items. Without you there would not have been an auction.

From the Zone

by ZC Lion John Kohlmann

Our Multiple District Council has been trying to resolve relationship issues between MD19, Sightlife, and the Northwest Lions Foundation (also known as the Northwest Lions Foundation for Sight & Hearing). The clarification of those issues will now apparently be worked out by LCI, MD19 and the two Foundations. That resolution will likely require many months, so in the interim MD19 has withdrawn their endorsement of Sightlife/Northwest Lions Foundation (NLF).

I called PZC Allan Stone (our elected MD19H Trustee to NLF) to clarify what is happening with our Foundation. As you know, most Clubs do a White Cane fund raising drive each year and we send those proceeds to the NLF. They in turn provide matching funds to our Clubs to provide needed assistance to community members for eye surgery or hearing aids. Besides the White Cane funds the NLF receives from the Clubs, they also typically receive \$200,000 from Sightlife to help fund matching grants back to our Clubs. Sightlife is able to provide that level of support because they are successful in getting corporate grants and from proceeds of eye bank operations.

All that aside, what should Clubs do now?? I can tell you that PZC Allan Stone has been told that our NLF will continue to provide matching grants to Clubs for sight and hearing needs. The operation of the Health Screening Unit will continue as before. In short, Sightlife and NLF remain firmly committed to serving the sight and hearing needs of our communities. I know many Clubs are gearing up for their White Cane drives. I encourage you to continue those efforts so service to our neighbors will still be possible. The funds collected will best serve the Northwest if you continue to send them to NLF. If your Club is uncomfortable with what the final outcome will be in this dust-up, then you may choose to retain your White Cane funds for the near term. I do believe we best serve the overall needs of sight & hearing programs by sending the White Cane collections to the NLF.

Finally, I also know that the Boards of both Sightlife and the NLF (with Lions on both Boards) will be meeting in the next few weeks to consider what response they may need to take. I will pass on to you any information I receive about possible changes in operations.

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Camp Horizon

by Lion Don Webster

Our District's Lions Camp Horizon was created to serve the special needs community. I believe we could and should be attempting to serve more campers each summer. The past few years we have operated with approximately 10 empty camper spots during each of our camper sessions. One of the key things that limit our ability to fill those spots is the availability of Campership funds. Many of our prospective campers simply cannot afford to attend.

Our District's special needs project was created without any mechanism for funding from District sources. Many of our District's Clubs have supported us over the years and for that we are very thankful. However, we do not receive many financial contributions from individual Lions. I would like to make it easy for our District's Lions to make a contribution to our Campership Fund, for example adding a line to their dues billing for Camperships. It would read something like: "I would like to support campers attending our District's Lions Camp Horizon through this donation of \$_____".



Camp Horizon program.

Shall we try something different this year?

Yours in Lionism, Don Webster



As you know, due to weather, our last meeting was canceled. We need to announce the slate of Lions volunteering to fill our club offices. Our elections will be on April 6th. The following Lions have agreed to run for the open offices.

Nominations from the floor are welcome.

President	Fred Bronson
Immediate Past President	Dennis Bullock
Secretary	John Purcell
1st Vice President	David Vaughan
2nd Vice President	Ron Wilkinson
3rd Vice President	Molly Hughes
Tail Twister	Karen Ekberg (1 more year)
Treasurer	David Fish
Lion Tamer	Bruce McNair
Membership	John Kohlmann
1st Yr Director	Dale Riddle
1st Yr Director	Al Sherman
2nd Yr Director	Cindy VanDyk/Grace King
2nd Yr Director	Von Summers

Zone work party

Dennis Bullock and Kathy Marley: Per Dennis: Saturday, April 9, 9:30 AM at Deception Pass State Park for clean up. Bring tools, gloves and camping is free. Per Kathy, free lunch to be provided: hot dogs (Central Whidbey), potato salad (Anacortes), Soda (Coupeville), Chips (Lopez), other clubs to be decided.

Membership Night

Mark your calendars for April 13! Membership Drive Open House is set for that evening. It's your chance to introduce that person you think would make a great lion, to the Coupeville Lion's Club. A program has been planned that will encourage that person to join with our club in making the bold declaration, "WE SERVE!" As you know your prospective member will receive a free dinner and an especially warm wel-

Sight and Hearing Van

Alan was pleased to announce that the new Sight and Hearing Van and tractor are ready and beautiful. Last year almost 33,000 kids were screened. All funds from White Cane Days will go only to patient care and grants to clubs for surgeries (50/50 split foundation/club). The foundation has a total of \$130,000 available.

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April 2011

1-Commodities Distr. Cam-Bey 10am
6-Board Meeting /Dinner/Meeting
White Cane Envelopes
& Officer Elections
9- Deception Pass Clean-up
12-Woodcutting-9am at Recycle
13-Dinner/Meeting /Program-
---Membership OPEN HOUSE---
16- Camp Horizon Cleanup
20-Board Meeting/Dinner/Meeting
27-Dinner/Meeting
Program: _____
29>30 - White Cane Day-Red Apple

"Roar & Growl"



Winning Peace Poster by Raj Phairembam, an 11-year-old boy from Moirang, Manipur, India

Photos were taken by Lions Marsha Phay and Nancy Baggott



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