



Cagey Comments



THE COUPEVILLE LIONS CLUB Meets Wednesdays at 6:30PM
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“Everybody can be great... because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love”. –Martin Luther King, jr.

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Calendar of Events
August 2009

- 1-2 Arts and Crafts Festival-ENJOY!
- 5 Board Meeting & Dinner/Meeting Program: Zone Chair Visit-ZC Paul Whelan
- 12 *No Meeting*
- 13 *Blood Drive*
- 15 Adopt-A-Highway 9:00 am
- 19 Board Meeting /Dinner/Meeting Program: District Gov. Visit
Wear a CRAZY tie night.
- 26 *No Meeting*

Port of Coupeville Commissioner Capt. **Marshall W. Bronson**, USN, ret. reports the Coupeville Wharf, established in 1969 cannot pay for itself and is in need of much repair. Greenbank Farm which has no water access does pay for itself, but also needs repair. He fittingly had “all of his ducks in a row” ; three yellow, one blue, one red and one green. The failure to pass a levy last year has made the Port ask for help from the community to work on the wharf. Volunteers will do some the badly needed maintenance this summer.



Commissioner Marshall Bronson
Photo by M Phay

Coupeville Lions Transition Scholarship presented to
Laura Harkins

by Lions Pres. Joe and Ed Walker



Laura receiving the Transition Scholarship

Photo by M Phay

We awarded Laura Harkins a \$1,200 scholarship. She is the first Coupeville student to be accepted in this program, so we created a special scholarship for this unusual event. The word transition was used because Laura is entering the Transition Program at UW. It gives exceptionally-bright, young students a year of coursework to prepare them to become true UW Freshmen the following year. Laura would have

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Presidents Corner

Another month's worth of SERVICE under the Coupeville Lions belts. What a busy month it has been for a whole bunch of our Lions! Starting with the 1st of July! The last day of our Learn-to-Swim Service Program. Thanks to the Coupeville Lions, a couple hundred young Whidbey Islanders (and their parents) now enjoy knowing they can swim and enjoy this great sport for the rest of their lives. Swimming is one of my favorite sports...kayaking is my favorite sport, however the two can become very closely related...in a heartbeat!

We had great weather for our Summer Picnic at Town Park, many thanks to the Lions who planned and executed the great burger fest. I know we all waited with "baited breath" for the announcement on how well the Garage Sale did. And well we did - even with the poor economy, we made about last years total. Once again we will be spreading cheer to those in the community who need our help and dollars. Super well done to so many Lions, and non-Lion volunteers, who made the garage sale possible and profitable. Over 5,000 Lion hours were dedicated to this great fundraiser last year.

Not slowing down for a rest, a large group of our Lions made the trek to Camp Horizon to meet and SERVE the campers. What an uplifting feeling you get when you can see the hard work that goes into making summer camp for special needs individuals such a huge success. The counselors/caretakers are angels of dedication.

What fun it has been to work on the Boyer Barn Restoration Project too. Hope you didn't miss the great photo in the newspaper of Freeman and Lions working on mucking out the historic hay barn. We found some great "treasures" under all the years of muck...come on by if you get the chance to view our "collection", and maybe join our hardworking Lions volunteers. There's always room for one more!

The HWY 20 Litter Pickup had to be postponed until August 15th. It would be wonderful if we could top the last outing, when over 20 Lions helped keep the entry to our town clear of debris. That's 9 am at the School Superintendent's parking lot. Bring a stick with a nail in it, or one of those neat grabber/reach extenders. Many hands make quick work. Also, Vampire Lion Ginny Munn could certainly use a little more help/blood at the Aug. 13th Blood Drive. She will have a sign-up sheet at our Aug. 5th meeting.

The Island County Historical Society extends a BIG thank you to the Lions who helped make their Birthday Bash and Auction a huge success. It was quite an experience putting up a circus tent...nowhere near as hard as I thought it would be, actually it was a lot of fun! You know, the San Juan Lions own their own number of tents and rentals/setups are their major fundraising source. WSU (John Moon) tells me they would love to give the tent to us...hummmm. Interested?...talk to a member of the Board of Directors.

And the last day of July, Lions will assist the Coupeville Fair Association keep vendor traffic keep moving as "street monitors", assisting vendors unload their wares. I delegated to VP John Purcell to ask for volunteers for this new service project, they asked for 6 Lions, Big John got 10! Many hands make light work again.

That's about it...from the 1st to the 31st...Lions SERVING our community.

This month our club will meet and great our new Zone Chair Paul Whelan and District Governor Virginia Edgelow. Please try to make these meetings, and give them a great Coupeville Lion welcome. You get to even wear a tie for the District Governor...pick your craziest tie!... she'll get a kick out of it!

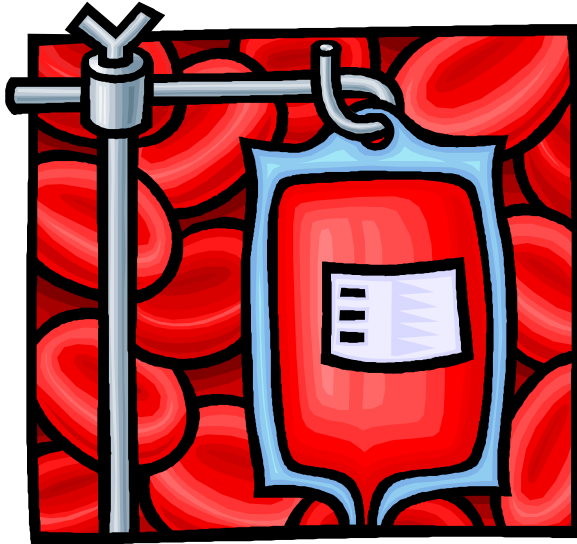


President 2009-2010 Joe Walck

—Yours in Service, LP Joe Walck

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Blood Drive on Thursday, August 13th



Ginny Munn will be looking for volunteers and pass around the sign-up sheet at next meeting. She will also be looking for cookie bakers to supply the treats. Call Ginny at 678-4233 for need more information.

“Wii” Serve at the Cam-Bey!

-Lion President Joe

It started when a man named Matt, wrote me a letter...it was addressed, Mr. President, Lion, and given to a Lion at our recent Annual Garage Sale. He lives at Cam-Bey “Seniors” Apartments, and is recovering from a stroke. He was strong enough to get to see the Memorial Day Parade, and saw



Lions marching, gave him an idea. He was a professional social worker, and he even opened a half-way house for the homeless on the South end...before he had his stroke. He wants to work as a photographer now...someday...when he gets well, he left us the nice mounted photos of us “marching” in our break. He loves the beauty of Whidbey Island.

Matt asked if the Lions Club could donate a Wii to Cam-bey residents. He stated there are a lot of “older” folk there, and his idea was a Wii, because his doctor recommended it as physical therapy for his stroke...there are a lot of stroke victims there, he said. He also thought it would be a good way to get “older” people out of their rooms and active.

I presented the letter to the Board of Director’s meeting last week. I read the heart-felt letter. The motion was made to donate \$300 for the purchase a basic unit (anything over \$300 must go to the membership for a vote) ...The motions was amended to any sum up to \$700 (from the Denson Senior Restricted Fund), so games, sports, and yoga, hardware, software...anything they needed, could be covered. The motion was brought to the membership, and the vote taken...and now Cam-Bey has a Wii.

I just bowled a game with Matt...you know, Wii is a lot of fun! We had several older ladies cheering us on before we finished the first game, I could tell they want to try it too. Matt said he’d try to teach anyone he could. I suggested he make whomever he teaches, promise to teach someone else...and pass it on. He’d planned to do that.

Matt’s phone number is 678-6666. If you have some time, why not give him a call... he’s a super friendly fellow, and would love to make a bowling date with you! Just tell him you are a Lion...if you don’t know how to Wii bowl, he’ll teach you. Lion Chet Saunders lives there too...and maybe some other of your friends. SERVING will never be so much fun.

WE SERVE

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Preserving the Boyer Barn

By Lion Ron Boyer*

Coupeville Lions have again stepped up to the call to serve and have gotten off to a great start stabilizing Lion Freeman Boyer's historic barn. In just the first week of the four week school, Lions and several others have cleared the brush and trees from around the barn, cleaned out the interior of old straw and debris, started to repair some of the doors and the supporting structure, fabricated brackets to reinforce the main structure, set up scaffolding, removed the old shakes from the west side of the roof, split and sorted cedar shakes and more. This has all been done in the first week of the four week school led by National Parks staff in association with Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve.

We have had outstanding support for the project and all participants have had a lot of fun in the process. In addition, a lot of us have learned about the proper way to preserve old buildings.

A large variety of workers is needed; from basic hand labor and assistance, to working on a high roof with harness support, to engineering solutions needed to resolve problems encountered in the project. No matter what your level of experience is, we can use you.

The third week of the school, August 3rd to the 6th, still has a fair number of "slots" still open for those who wish to participate. Contact Ron Boyer at rfoyer@comcast.net or call him at 678-1902 if you wish to participate or stop by the project and sign-up at the barn. Since we do not currently know if the project will take four weeks, Ron will provide an update at the Lions meeting on August 5th and, if necessary, pass around the sign-up sheet for the week of August 10th to the 13th.

See Ralph Edward's photos on page 5, 6.

** no relation to the Freeman Boyer family*

Transitional Scholarship

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been at Coupeville High School next fall if she hadn't been accepted in this program. She plans to do her homework on the daily 2-hour commute to and from the "U". As of now she will ride the bus, being a bit young to get a drivers license. We all wished her well and will be keeping an eye on this remarkable young lady from Coupeville.

WoodLINKS gives the 2008 Larry Hilchie Award to Coupeville Lion

Submitted by Nancy Baggott*

Larry Hilchie was a founding member of WoodLINKS-USA, served as the first WoodLINKS-USA President and was instrumental in its early success. The award was established in 2004 in recognition of his efforts. Sadly, Hilchie passed away suddenly last year. He visited our club 2007 to explain what the WoodLINKS program is and what it can do for the student, the school, and the community. The support of the program by the Lions encouraged Coupeville Schools to go forward with the program.

The award is presented at the annual woodworking industry national conference in "Recognition of Outstanding Contributions to Skills Education." This years winner is Bob Johnson. Bob and his wife Nancy drove to the conference in Las Vegas to better network with shop teachers on how WoodLINKS could be improved at Coupeville High. He was very surprised being selected and is energized to expand the program in the next school year.

**FYI: Bob's wife*

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Restora-
tion of the Boyer Barn Circa 1860

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If it takes three Lions to drive a nail, how many more will be needed to change a light bulb?

Photo by Ralph Edwards



Dave Peel of Microvellum, President of WoodLINKS, Bob Johnson of Whidbey Woodworkers Guild and Coupeville Lions Club, who won the 2009 Larry Hilchie Award and Mark Smith, Director of WoodLINKS

Photo courtesy of WoodLINKS



Lion Cleveland Gary and family have returned from 15 months in Spain and now reside in Jacksonville, FL.



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