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Membership !

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Indoors or out, no one relaxes in March, that month of wind and taxes, the wind will presently disappear, the taxes last us all the year. ~Ogden Nash

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Membership OPEN HOUSE

by Lion Paddy Roberts, Membership Chair

No doubt many of you have already identified prospective new members to sponsor and bring with you to the OPEN HOUSE on March 24. Beyond your close friends and coworkers other people who might make good Lions are: those new to the area, especially retired folks looking for involvement; former Lions who have moved into the community; speakers you have heard who have impressed you as involved citizens; people you have met through other community services (scouts, Hearts & Hammers, etc.); people involved in your church activities; merchants and business people who need

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Calendar of Events

March 2010

- 3-Board Meeting /Dinner/ Meeting & Student of the Quarter Pot Luck
- 10-Dinner/Meeting
Program: Nichols Bro.
- 13-Lions/Scouts Food Drive
- 17-Board Meeting /Dinner/ Meeting
- 24-Dinner/Meeting & **OPEN HOUSE**
- 26/28 Spring Conference Bellingham.
- 30-Board Meeting /Dinner/ Meeting

April 2010

- 7- Board Meeting /Diner/Meeting
- 10-Zone Project Deception Pass
- 14-Dinner/Meeting
-Program: Foretell the Weather
- 21-Board Meeting /Diner/Meeting
Officer Elections
- 28-Dinner/Meeting
-Program: Land Trust

Coupeville Lions 5th Annual Scholarship Auction

By Lion Molly Hughes

Another Successful Auction!

Thanks to the work of many, many Lions, the fifth annual Scholarship Dinner and Auction was a great evening for the Lions and their guests! I can't stress enough how many Lions have to work together to pull this huge event off. We had great committee leads this year along with many dedicated helpers. Thanks again to Bob Johnson for coordinating all the food and beverages; Joe Walck for designing and printing the tickets, programs and programs; Deanna Rogers for taking charge of the decorations; Ed Walker and Cindy VanDyk for keeping track of all the ticket sales; Leslie Franzen for organizing the dessert auction; and Nancy Conard and her crew for running the auction registration and check out. They all had fellow Lions helping them in their respective areas but they

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Our Lion Secretary Deanna and Lion Rod Barnes prepare a report for our Zone Chair every quarter. I thought you would like to see what our club did overall this last quarter, after all you are the men and women who made it all happen:

- Inducted 1 new member
- Two Blood Drives, total of 158 units received
- Adopt a Highway Litter Pick Up, 29 Lions, 50+ bags
- Shopping Spree Raffle netting \$1,270
- Honored 4 High School Students of the Quarter
- Cut and delivered firewood to needy
- 20 Lions Club visitations
- 2 Eagle Scout Court of Honor Awards, \$1,000 to each Eagle
- Donated 320 pairs of used eye-glasses
- Donated \$26,016.72 to Island County Varner Park for parking lot paving

TOTAL NUMBER OF SERVICE & FUND-RAISER HRS 10/20/09-1/20/10:

2,138 hours

TOTAL MONEY RAISED SINCE LAST ZONE REPORT:

\$2,857.41

TOTAL DONATIONS SINCE LAST ZONE REPORT:

\$29,524.92

These accomplishments are well worth being proud of. Like all Lions, we don't rest on our laurels, we look back fondly, and then look forward to new challenges and opportunities to **SERVE**.

Next month promises to be another great Lion month. Our now famous "Student of the

Quarter Pot Luck" is at our first meeting. We will honor two students; and Lion CHS Teacher Tom Eller will accept a check for \$1000 to continue our club's support of the successful WoodLINKS Program at Coupeville High School.



**President 2009-2010
Joe Walck**

Our next meeting will feature the long awaited Nichols Brothers Boat Builders postponed from last month.

Lions Day is this month too, and our club has partnered with our Scout Troop to hold a food drive on March 13th. Final plans are in work now; please check your email for how to SERVE on this project.

Now for the **BIGGY!** Our annual **OPEN HOUSE** is March 24th. At this meeting we will invite your friends and neighbors to consider **SERVING** our community by joining the world's largest volunteer service organization, **LIONS**.

And for more fun, the 5th Wednesday of March will be our **LION BINGO** night.

Have a **GREAT** Lion Month.

-LP Joe Walck



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contacts in the community.

It is important that new member prospects know what we do so they can decide if they have the time to give and that Coupeville Lion's Club is right for them. Once you have identified someone, take the time to explain what Lion's Club is all about and about our many services and activities. Remember, we are only as good as our members!

Invitations were available at the February 24 meeting. If you still need one, you can contact John Kohlmann, 678-6736,

Another Successful Auction!, continued from pg 1.

took the lead and made my job so much easier. Thanks again to the rest of the committee who did an outstanding job of being the big auction item 'getters'; Al Chochon,

Barb Vaughan, John Kohlmann, and Jim Phay. Dave Fish did a great job with our advertising and please allow me to specially thank my husband, Larry Hughes, who had an ongoing and never ending "honey-do" list for the two weeks prior to the auction. Thanks to all of you who helped in the kitchen, served wine, parked cars, set up, decorated, sold tickets, gave auction items, got auction items, baked desserts and attended the event. A special thank you to those special souls who showed up on Sunday, when I'm sure we would have all liked to have stayed in bed, to finish the final clean up of the barn. Bob, Joe, Dennis, Dale, Don, Warren, Ed, Mel, Deanna, Roger T., you all know who you are...and most of you set up and worked during the auction too, you all amaze me! (Little shout-out to Lion spouse Lynda Richards and

Auction, continued

friend of Lions Joanne Pelant who came to my rescue in the days before the auction!)

To recap: the event was sold out, every square inch of the barn was decorated, the music was lively, the wine went down smooth, the food was great, the desserts were yummy, registration and check out was record quick, Dale Sherman was his usual entertaining self, we had a great showing of school district folks, the school mascots...William and Winnie...made a surprise appearance along with our very own I.R. Lion, the Honor Society kids served flawlessly, and the bidding was brisk. We had a great auction but you will have to wait till this weeks meeting to hear the grand total we made for the kids! I can't say it enough, but I will say it again, THANK YOU! for your support of the scholarship auction. I am humbled by your dedication to our Club and our community.

Yours In Service
Molly Hughes, Auction Chair

Ed. Note: see page 7 for more pictures from the auction. All photos were taken by Lion Marsha Phay



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Membership Matters!

by IPP Lion John Kohlmann

If you have been reading your Lion Magazine and the monthly bulletins from District Governor Virginia Edgelow, you will have noticed the concern across Lions International with dropping membership. MD19H lost 260 members so far this year! Some losses are inevitable, as members move away or as age & illness take their toll. But many losses are in the ranks of our newer members. The Coupeville Lions Club has experienced both this year. In the first three months of the current Lion year we lost eleven members. Our newest members are the future of our Clubs, and to lose them unnecessarily jeopardizes our ability to continue serving our community.

In retrospect, we know that often new members drop out because they just haven't gotten plugged into the activities of the Club. Our Multiple District has developed a program which has proven successful in reversing that trend. It is the Lion for Life program. It's a simple way to introduce new members into their new Club and Club activities by providing the guidance of a Sponsor plus a Mentor. The Membership Committee has developed a pocket guide which makes this an easy process. Our Lion for Life program was introduced to the membership at the Club meeting February 10th. At that time, 20 of our members volunteered to serve as sponsors as we bring new members into the Club! Great support for a new program.

For those who missed the meeting on 2/10, let me explain briefly how the Lion for Life program will work. Prior to Induction, we have an Orientation for all new members. Before the Orientation, the Membership Committee will assign a volunteer Mentor to each new member.

Both the Sponsor and Mentor are asked to be at the Orientation to learn more about the new member's interests and as part of their support for the new member. The Lion for Life program will be explained during the Orientation and the new members will be asked to participate in it. A program card is given the new member which identifies Lion functions for the new member to be involved in. Some examples of the functions are Club meetings, a Board meeting, two service projects, a fund raiser and a Zone Meeting. These are functions that will let the new member learn about our Club and Lionism. Hopefully, it will show them the benefits that derive from participating in Club events and they will become comfortable team members. New members will NOT be required to participate in the program, and some will not complete all the steps in it. The important thing is that the Sponsor and Mentor will work together to bring the new member into the life of the Club. Having a Mentor to help the Sponsor in getting a new member engaged in Club activities will double our chances for success in keeping that new Lion around. New members who complete all parts of the Lion for Life program within three years will be awarded a President's achievement medal. And these will be Lions who will be there when help is needed!

If you have questions, please call me (678-6736). If you missed the meeting on 2/10 and are willing to help the Club by being a sponsor, please let me know.

- IPP John



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Membership – IF NOT YOU, WHO?

by Pres Joe Walck

Some of us asked to join...some of us were asked to join ...what we all asked was to SERVE our community. If we wait for our fellow citizens to ask us, our club will grow smaller every year. If we ask those in our community who we see SERVING in other clubs and capacities, we will grow and become stronger because of the sheer number of SERVICE minded individuals in our community and club.

But if we don't take the time and ask, we are missing some great Lions.

I am very proud to have sponsored some great Lions. Lion Gale is working hard in the Membership Committee, Lion Ron is 2nd VP, Lion John is 3rd VP...and Lion Dave and Barb are a couple of real barn-burners, joining committees, attending meetings, joining in on projects.

I really cannot take credit for recruiting all five. My better half, Jackie, much more outgoing, recruited Gale, Dave and Barb. That is her way of welcoming people to our community...she brags about the Lions and the work they do (not me, the Lions), then say's "oh, by the way...how about joining the Lions!" It works.....

Lion John walked into a meeting 2 years ago...I spotted him, looking lost by the entrance. I walked over, introduced myself, and invited him in to meet our members. The rest is history; you can always count on Lion John to join in, anywhere, anytime.

Lion Ron I've known for about 10 years. We both volunteer at the museum, one of

many places he volunteers his time. He is a "professional volunteer", like many of us. I thought he would enjoy the work the Lions do as much as I do. He does. When I invited him to a meeting and to join, he said "Yes, of course...no one ever asked me before."

So there you are, 5 Lions...only 1 asked to join, the rest were asked to join.

If Not You, WHO?

Look around your neighborhood, your church, your charities, your work...there are Lions out there!

If you don't ask, the answer is no...ASK and help our club grow and SERVE.

- Pres Joe



The fantastic desserts that were auctioned off last Saturday, raising over \$2000. Of course all the calories were guilt-free as this was for a great cause!

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Long-term Reconstruction Plans

from LCIF

Lions leadership and local Lions are developing a long-term plan for reconstruction, and a committee made up of Lions from the area was established to oversee relief efforts. A return trip is planned for February 24th to continue planning and deliver needed additional supplies. Currently, Lions are focused on immediate needs, such as shelter, food and water. But initial reports from the Lions of Haiti for long-term reconstruction focus on building a school and an ophthalmic clinic. This is similar to what Lions have been done for reconstruction following other catastrophes.



Lions Sight and Hearing Van

by Lion Al Sherman

The lions sight and hearing unit will be at the school on Monday April 12, that is a change of date due to conflicts, I will be getting things organized for that date.

**Look for
a sign up
sheet at
a meeting
Soon
thanks**

- Lion Al

Troop 58 Boy Scouts, Pack 58 Cub Scouts, and Coupeville Lions combined food drive .

by Lion Rod Barnes

The combined force will meet at the Food Bank in Coupeville at 10 AM Saturday March 13th. The teams will be established; two (2) adults (drivers) and two (2) or three (3) Scouts per team. Each team will be assigned an area to cover for picking up food.

An ad will be published in the Whidbey Examiner and Whidbey News Times to let people know about the food drive and what areas will be covered. The ad will advise people to have their donations of "Non-perishable" food on their door steps (Porch). The teams will return to the Food Bank at 10 AM with their collections, AND to enjoy a PIZZA Lunch. If there are some areas yet to be covered, the teams will go back out to finish picking up the food. The boys are told the drive starts at 10 AM, and will finish by 2 PM, however it is expected to be over before 2 PM .

Remember Lions, part of sponsoring a Boy Scout Troop, is also helping them out and this project is both a Scout and Lions project.

- Lion Rod



Lions President Joe Walck congratulates Troop 58 Eagle Scout Dustin Mirabal

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Zone Meeting

by Lion Secretary Deanna Rogers

At the Zone Meeting last Sat, Feb 20, IPP **John Kohlmann** was elected 2010-2011 Zone Chairman. Other awards given out were President Excellence to John Kohlmann, Secretary Excellence to Deanna Rogers and Membership Chair Excellence to Ed Walker all for 2008-2009 by Past District Gov Mel Stokes. The meeting program included membership and retention suggestions. Those attending (15) were Joe Walck, John Kohlmann, Deanna Rogers, John Purcell, Ron Wilkinson, John Roomes, Rod Barnes, Bob Clay, Ed Walker, Dave Fish, Karen Fletcher, Dave Vaughan, Barb Vaughan, Grace King and Don Richardson.

- Lion Deanna

Short Notes:

January 2010 shows a great beginning to our New Year and what a "Positive" start we have had! This is the month when the statistics change with 14 lions removed from club rosters, and 22 New Lions inducted! Lions, we have been entrusted with a legacy to keep our district and clubs strong to serve our communities. We are the stewards of this great district and the clubs within it!

MD-19H DG Virginia Edgelow

Ed. Note: photos were taken by Lion Marsha Phay

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New Member—Ramona Laster

by Gail Lutz, Membership Committee

Born in Pampa, Texas, Ramona moved with her family to Evansville, Tennessee when she was three. In high school she entered the annual state wide student driving contest achieving a second place. After graduation, Ramona enrolled in S. M. U. She married at the end of her freshman year, and she with new husband moved back to Tennessee where her two children Jennifer (now 44) and Chuck (now 48) were born.

Because of Ramona's love of different fabrics, she continued to develop skills and her education in the area of Textile Arts. In 1978 she earned certification (in Richmond, Virginia) for the professional care and repair of Medieval textiles. Subsequently she has taught related classes in museums and schools.

Finding it too much to keep the Tennessee soybean and corn farm running after her husband passed away, Ramona sold and moved to Whidbey in 2008. She has discovered a log house on three acres near Coupeville and "loves it" - especially the wild life and the space for her four dogs to run within the fenced yard.

Ramona's hobbies are gourmet cooking and herb gardening. She is joined in our Club by Teresa and Tom Ellis, and is sponsored by Penny Barville.

- Lion Gale



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