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President's Corner



My last news letter as president! Thanks to all who have helped me to do this job!

We are winding up the year with our usual busy schedule. The Garage Sale and Swim Program are starting to warm up and the Installation Dinner is coming along soon. All this superimposed on our usual wood cutting, meals on

wheels, news paper collection, commodities and all the other things we Lions do. We Serve!

The China earthquake is a terrible disaster and Lions around the world are responding. To support immediate and long-term needs, a designated LCIF account has been established to help channel donations for this disaster. Donations can be made online at www.lcif.org/donate noting "Lions China Earthquake Disaster Relief Fund" in the comments section. I would suggest that we could funnel our individual donations through our club and that our club should consider a fund match program. We can discuss this at our next meetings of the Board and Membership.

For more information on the Lions' response to this disaster please go to the LCIF website for the reports of Lion Jimmy Ross. - *Lion President Warren Ivy*

SUMMER IS HERE (MAYBE)!

It's June and the Club goes into summer overdrive for activities and slowdown for meetings. June, July & August meetings are the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. Board Meetings on the 1st Wednesday. **Don't forget, starting in July the start time for meetings changes to 6:30pm** unless otherwise noted.

Party Time: The installation of elected Club officers for the 2008-2009 year will be held at the Coupeville Rec Hall on June 18th. Past District Governor, Coupeville Lion Joe

Weber will be the installing officer. **Social time is at 6:15pm, dinner at 7:00.** Sign-up sheets are being passed around at meetings and you can choose between roasted glazed wild pacific salmon or sirloin steak kebabs. Meal is being fully catered by Serendipity Catering and the cost is \$25/person. If you haven't had a chance to sign up at a meeting, call John Kohlmann (678-6736) to be added to the list (*ed. note: 60+ have signed up at press time*). Everyone interested in attending needs to sign up not later than June 10th. - *Lion John Kohlmann*

Calendar For June

★ **NOTE-MARK YOUR CALENDAR !!!**

Meetings 1st & 3rd Wed. in June/July/Aug

June 4

Board Meeting 5:30 pm
Fellowship 6:30 pm
Dinner/Business Meeting 7:00 pm
Program: Gloria Wahlin - Fresnel Lens Restoration

June 7

Pool Cleanup Admirals' Cove Pool Area 9-11 am
For Learn-to-Swim

HELP NEEDED...Many hands make quick work!

June 11

Board Planning Retreat 5:00 pm

June 18

Installation Dinner CpvI Rec Hall 6:15 pm

June 17 - 27 PREP FOR GARAGE SALE
DAILY AT ELEM. SCHOOL
9 AM - 4 PM

June 23-27 Learn-to-Swim Pool Watchers

June 30-2July 9 am - 1 pm
Help Needed

June 28, 29 Garage Sale 8:00 am

★ **Starting in July Meetings**
will start 1/2 hr. earlier at 6:30

The 2008 Coupeville Lions Learn-to-Swim Program will run for 8 days on June 23-27, June 30-July 2nd from 9:00 to 1:00 pm at the Admirals Cove pool.

Lions are invited to support the Swim Program as "pool watchers" on each day of the program. There will be two lifeguards on duty but the Lion pool watchers keep a watchful eye on the swimmers and those children waiting on deck. They are needed as an extra safety precaution to insure the swimmers are in a safe, supported environment. Lion Ed Walker will be circulating a sign up sheet for pool watchers but Lions are welcome at the pool anytime during the program. Just wear your vest and bring your sunscreen!

Lions are also invited to join volunteers from the Admirals Cove Beach Club in a group effort to clean and organize the Admirals Cove pool area on Saturday, June 7th starting at 9:00 am.

So far we have 176 registered swimmers for this year. It is going to be a great program! Thanks, Coupeville Lions, for helping "waterproof" our Whidbey Island children!

TIME TO PAY CLUB DUES

BY

Secretary Deanna Rogers

It's that time of year again. Your annual dues (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009) are \$75.00* and for the spouse and/or relative living at the same address, the dues are \$55.50. To simplify: \$130.50 for you couples.

*Do you know what your \$75 pays?

\$39.00	Lions Clubs International (\$19.50 for spouse)
16.40	Multiple District 19
19.60	Coupeville Lions Club
\$75.00	



Be a good Lion and be rewarded! If I receive your dues by June 30, your Board of Directors wants you to receive ~~ten~~ one-dollar off coupons for a Wednesday Lion's dinner. That also helps my administrative chores too.

When I receive your dues, I will exchange it for your official current membership card and coupons. Please hand them to me or mail to:

Coupeville Lions Club
PO Box 473
Coupeville, WA 98239



The Meals-On-Wheels team needs one or two more relief drivers. There are times when a regular driver cannot deliver and other drivers are committed elsewhere, are incapacitated or on vacation.

The time committed is 2 to 2.5 hrs. and starts at 11:00 am on a Monday, Tuesday, or Friday. There is compensation for gasoline expense.

If you think you can help, contact Lions Von Summers, John Roomes or any of the other regular drivers. They will take you on their route to show you what is involved in meal delivery.

- Lion John Roomes

Manes & Tails

Manes: The main event this month was the Memorial Day Parade (Saturday, May 24th) starting on South Main Street and ending at the Coupeville City Park. Freeman Boyer drove his truck with the large lion sitting on the bed. Dogs were barking at the lion before leaving the staging area at the Coupeville Grade School. Freeman said that only the girls missed him. That was not true as I heard at least five men say “Good to see you; sure miss you at the meetings.”

Then Deanna Rogers, driver, with passenger David Barville, in the yellow-gold 1972 Lady Mini Cooper decorated with foo-foo flowers, lions and signs followed Freeman. All the LMCooper needs are purple stripes and a lion radiator statute then Tom Formeller. would have an additional membership candidate with his two dogs.

Dave Fish, new member as of Wednesday, May 21, rode his lionized segway wearing the rodent-likeness helmet after Rogers/Barville. The two lions mounted on the segway saddlebags were slippers Dave won at the Coupeville Lions Scholarship Silent Auction. (Lemonade out of Lemons).

Urban Legends coming out of Coupeville indicated that John Roomes successfully implemented his plan for the marching Coupeville Lion Club— members with each row containing three people wearing white shirts, dark

pants, and vests. Well, maybe one member had a purple shirt on. Way to go John.

And last, came I. R. Lion who had so much fun with the children, parents, and other parade crowd. It was a hot job.

The best thing about being in this parade is the crowd response to us as we passed them. “Keep of the good work.”

Tales: Taitwister Ed Walker does Happy Bucks and forgoes the fines. I know why. He raises \$1.00 for each Happy Buck event. The fine is just 25 cents. Ed maximizes the time and money at the meeting.

Fun Nite Bingo awakened the Coupeville Lion Club spirit. John Kohlmann thought he could round out to the nearest number called by Mayor Lion Nancy. John still needs to follow the Bingo rules even though he will be our next year’s President. “I’m on” is not the meaning that President Warren was not paying attention to his numbers when they were called for Blackout. Mayor Lion Nancy explained “I’m on” means the person is one number away from winning Bingo.

No President Warren, no Program Tom Formeller, no Taitwister Ed Walker, yes, treasurer Dennis Bullock, at the May 21st weekly meeting. Joe Walck conducted a great, long meeting. He owes us 23.5 minutes. Methodist Minister Lion Ming Xiao sang Happy Birthday in Chinese to Don Richardson.

- Lion Karen Fletcher

Library Expansion in Coupeville



The Coupeville Library, built 20 years ago in 1988, is recognized as a community hub and a place where residents of all ages, students, and business leaders go for information, programs, access to computers, browsing books and media, life-long learning and to meet friends and neighbors. Last year, 191 people visited the library each day. So far in 2008, an average of 28 people visit the library each hour it is open.



As the community has grown, so has the demand for more library services. These increasing demands cannot be met in the current library space. Since 1997, the number of materials checked out has increased by 43%, from 81,353. Seating and table space for reading, study and quiet conversation has been steadily reduced by computer workstations, new and expanded collections and equipment for customer use.

Funding for a library renovation and expansion would require passage of two ballot measures on the August 19th ballot. The first asks voters in the Coupeville Library service area (the school district boundaries) to form a special taxing district, called a library capital facility area. The second measure is a bond, which if approved, would spread the cost of the new library among the residents of the service area.

The population of the area served by the Coupeville Library is expected to grow by 27% from 9,351 in 2005 to 11,920 in 2025. A larger, updated library for Coupeville would meet the needs of the Coupeville community for the next 20 years and serve as a community gathering place offering increased computer access, comfortable seating for reading, study, and discussion, programs for adults, teens and children, and space for wireless laptop users and future technology.

If you have questions about the Coupeville Library expansion, please call Mary Kelly, Sno-Isle Libraries, 360-651-7030.

-Lion Leslie Franzen



Ebey's Reserve Restoration Program-Alexander Blockhouse

If you ever wanted to hand split cedar shakes, learn how to restore old buildings and contribute to the preservation of a historic building in our beautiful community, this is the project for you.

For four weeks in July and August, Ebey's Reserve will be leading this year's restoration project of replacing the roof of the Alexander Block House located at the Island County Museum. This effort will not only preserve the block house but will also be an educational activity for the community which has many historical buildings in need of restoration. This is anticipated to be an annual activity.

The Coupeville Lions have been asked to be the primary source of volunteers to do the work. Because of the amount of work, other groups and individuals, including Central Whidbey Lions, are also expected to participate. The work to be accomplished is to replace the shake roof and any structural members of the roof that are in need of replacement.

The work is scheduled to begin on Monday, July 21 and will take place Monday through Thursday from 8 am to 5 pm for four weeks, completing August 14. Six volunteers are required at all times. Work will be in 4 hour shifts, 8 am – Noon and 1 pm - 5 pm. Week-end work may be available if volunteers so request.

There will also be a 1-2 hour pre-project review held on Thursday, July 17 at 7 pm at the Ruble Farm at the junction of Patmore and Fort Casey Road for all volunteers to get a full understanding of what is to be accomplished and how the project will be managed.

Sign up sheets will be passed around at our meetings on May 28 and June 4. This should be a lot of fun and good weather has been ordered.

- Lion Ron Boyer



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LIONS ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

We Need Your Help!!!

Come yourself...bring a friend...

Sale Set-up Tuesday June 17-June 27



EVERYONE loves a PARADE!