



# Cagey Comments



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**“How did it get so late so soon? Its night before its afternoon. December is here before its June. My goodness how the time has flewn. How did it get so late so soon?”  
- Dr. Seuss**

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## **Looking Ahead: A Busy Summer!**

*by multiple Lion authors*

WOW, do we have a busy summer coming up! Lots to do and only a few meetings to get things organized. We will meet on June 15th for the Installation of Officers, the Picnic July 13th, then meetings on July 27th, August 10th, and August 24th. We return to our weekly meeting schedule on September 7th.

To keep you informed of what is coming up, here is a summary of what you will find inside; Installation Dinner (pg. 6), Garage Sale (pg. 3), Learn to Swim (pg. 5), International Convention (pg. 7 and 9), Summer BBQ Picnic (pg. 7). Preservation School (pg. 4), and Camp Horizon (pg. 6).

## Calendar of Events

- June 2011
- 8-No Meeting
- 15 -Installation Dinner
- 21>July 1 -Garage Sale Setup Help as much as you possibly can an ALL PAWS EFFORT! Coupeville Elementary School, 8 am-4 pm Weekdays/Sat.
- 22-No Meeting
- 29-No Meeting
- 24>1July -Learn-to-Swim
- July 2/3-Garage Sale
- Next Blood Drive is 18Aug.

## **Looking Back: Memorial Day Parade**

*by Lion Roger Sherman*



*photo by Lion Al Sherman*

Our participation in the Memorial Day parade this year was fabulous. Nearly 30 Lions walked the walk and others participated with different groups. Our entry consisted of Lions carrying our banner, numerous walkers, Lion Dave's Segway, Lion Dennis's Model T, Dale Sherman's Tonka tractor and Trolley, Lion Deanna's Buttercup, Lion Jackie's MG with Abbey the lion and the Island County Historical Society Wurlitzer Band Organ. Lion Tom volunteered to be I. M. Lion. He did a fabulous job, well sort of. There were several sailors who were surprised by his hugs,

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Thank you Coupeville Lions for a great year. Our club is a busy one, no Lion can be a part of everything but together we provide a tremendous amount of service to our community and beyond.



*Student of the Quarter David Lile*

The highlight of my year as your president has been the great turnout at meetings every week. It has been a great pleasure having so many members participate.

I know that the most important part of the meetings is often the interaction, planning and sharing that goes on outside the regular meeting. I really encourage all our members to come to meetings as often as they can. We are in this to serve and most opportunities, requests and ideas are brought out at the meetings.

The list of Lions who have given time and effort in service this year is a long one. A look at the Cagey Comments or our monthly reports shows how much is being done. Club Officers, committee Chairs, and the many who just always show up with willing hands to get the job done Thank You! We may not be the perfect, we could probably do some things better and probably will in the future but I am certainly proud to say I am a Coupeville Lion!



*Student of the Quarter Kyra Ilyankoff with family*

Please come if you can to our final meeting of the Lion year on June 15th. Our club offi-

cers for 2011-2012 will be installed in office by Zone Chairman Elect Doug Tyler and I will have the opportunity to recognize some of our hardest working Lions of the past year. Lion President Elect Fred has planned the event at the

# President's



**President 2010-2011  
Lion Dennis Bullock**

# Corner

Coupeville Rec. Hall and it should be a great party. For our newer Lions this is a particularly good opportunity to meet non-Lion spouses and get to know other Lions in a little different setting (we'll be dressed up). Contact Lion (PE) Fred to sign up if you haven't already.



*Newest Member Lion Doug Bishop, inducted by Lion Bob Clay*

Finally, I'm happy to turn the job over. The year went incredibly fast... they all seem to, but I will enjoy sitting back in the crowd and watching

the show. Best of luck in your year Lion President Fred!

LP Dennis

PS: Please read my article on the upcoming Garage Sale on pg. 3.



*History Day presentation by Henni - LP Dennis Barnes, granddaughter of Lion Rod Barnes*

*photo on this page by Lion Marsha Phay*

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## Memorial Day Parade

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photo by Lion Al Sherman

mostly women sailors. The kids were happy, but the dogs were not. Maybe our I. M. Lion should start giving out dog treats. Thanks Lion Tom you did a fabulous job. One of our goals this year was to have more participation from our club members who are unable to walk the parade route, thus the trolley but we had only four participants. We will need to re-group on that part of our parade participation. Thanks everyone, a job well done. Coming up the first Saturday in December, the Christmas parade. Start getting in shape.



Coupeville Lions in 1985 Parade

### In Memoriam

Betty Purvis, wife of our Lion Spence Purvis, died on Thursday, June 2, 2011. Your prayers and cards are encouraged for Lion Spencer. The service for Betty will be on June 12 at 2:00pm at the Coupeville Methodist Church. I spent all morning talking with him and it will mean a lot to Spence and his family if you and others from our club can attend the service. - Rev. Lion Jin Ming



## GARAGE SALE !

by LP Dennis Bullock

Calling all Coupeville Lions, and friends of Lions. Our annual Garage Sale is up next on our "things to do list". This is our biggest fund raiser, a service to the community and our biggest social event all rolled into one. It can't happen without a lot of hard work and participation by all available Lions, and a lot of non-Lion volunteer helpers. Last year about 30% of the work force was from non-Lion spouses, friends, neighbors and others just willing to help with this community event. Don't hesitate to ask friends and neighbors if they would like to help.



For new Lions and old, please remember to read notes and instructions, sign in when working and collaborate with others. This is a team effort. There is a need for a wide variety of talent and interests, good ideas and of course just plain work. The barns are full of good used items that must be moved, sorted, cleaned, displayed, priced and then sold at fair prices to eager customers.

Dates are: Tuesday June 21st Noon til 3pm: moving tables and equipment and initial set up (heavy lifting). Wednesday June 22nd through Thursday June 30th 8am-4pm (except Sunday) work in and around Coupeville elementary School Multi-Purpose room.

Information, check-in, coffee, donuts and cold drinks and etc. will be in the MPR kitchen.

Wear working clothes (no vests), gloves, hats and sunscreen. Choose where you want to work, ask where you are needed, join with your sponsor, or just sample the available tasks.

Remember! Be safe, have fun, be flexible and consult with others. This may be the most rewarding event you'll experience all summer!!

See you at the sale.

-LP Dennis



# Cagey Comments— June 2011

## Historic Building Preservation

- by Lion Ron Boyer

### Crockett Blockhouse



*Lion George Haglund distressing timbers while Consultant Harrison Goodall and Lion Ron Boyer "supervise"*

May was a busy month for this project in support of Island County, owner of the Crockett blockhouse. With the help of 15 dedicated and strong Lions plus one somewhat compromised saw-mill operator, we completed preparation of timbers that will eventually replace 9 deteriorated logs in the Crockett blockhouse. Besides transporting them several times, we removed nails, screws and all metal from the 90 year old timbers from the Port of Everett, pressure washed them, sawed them to size and distressed them to look like the original logs. They are now in temporary storage with the county.

The next stage will be the actual replacement of the logs sometime later this year or early next year.

A special thank you to Bob Johnson who provided the extraordinary saw mill to cut the tim-

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bers, to Fred Bronson who provided the perfect trailer to transport them and to Dr. Harrison Goodall of Conservation Services of Langley, WA for his professional guidance and use of his tools.

### Fourth Annual Ebey's Reserve Preservation School

Each year this "school" becomes more encompassing and complete. For three years, the Coupeville Lions have provided essentially all the labor for a preservation project selected by a committee led by Ebey's Reserve. This year, building preservation will take place at two locations simultaneously. Coupeville Lions will be providing the same amount of effort as in the past but we will be about half the total labor force required. In addition, the school will include a number of classes for the general public which Lions may also wish to take advantage of.

This years preservation project includes two sites- the Ferry House on Ebey's prairie and the Kineth Water Tower located on highway 20 where Salmagundi Farms in currently located. At the Ferry House, a porch will be erected to match the original construction and the chimney and fireplace will be restored. Preservation efforts at the Kineth water tower will be focused on stabilizing the structure and making the building weather and bird proof.

As in past years, the school will run for four weeks, between July 18 and August 11. Work shifts are 4 hours each, 8 am to Noon and 1 pm to 5 pm Monday through Thursday. All types of skills are needed, from the novice to the experienced.

For those who wish to get first pick of locations and work shifts, contact Ron Boyer at [rfboyer@comcast.net](mailto:rfboyer@comcast.net) or 678-1902.

More details will be provided in the July newsletter.



*Lion Don Richardson distressing timbers*

*photos by Lion Dave Fish*

# Cagey Comments— June 2011

## Relay For Life

- from Lion Nancy Conard

American Cancer Foundation Relay for Life. is a fun-filled overnight event designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for research and programs of your American Cancer Society. It was held on June 3rd at 6:00pm to June 4th at 2:00pm at the North Whidbey Middle School track.



Lion Nancy Conard made up *Luminaria* bags in the following categories for past and present members and friends of Coupeville Lions:

- "In Celebration of" - for those who have survived cancer
- "For the Fight of" - for those who are currently fighting cancer
- "In Memory of" - for those who have lost their battle with cancer

Coupeville Lions provided \$300 out of foundation undesignated fund to Relay for Life.

## Learn to Swim Program

- by Lions Cindy Van Dyk and Ron Wilkinson

Our Learn to Swim program will be conducted at the Sierra Pool this year. There is only room for 80 students at this small pool and all slots have been taken. Lion Pool Watcher Volunteers are again needed. An e-mail is coming to you soon with additional information and instruction on how to sign up for June 24 - July 1.



## History Day

- by Lion Wilbur Perdue



On Saturday, May 7, 2011 Coupeville History Day once again distinguished itself as a top History Day program at the Washington State History Day contest, held this year at Bellevue College.

Seven students worked diligently over the past few months since their regional contest at Western Washington University to improve their presentations. The students interviewed individuals across the nation, and abroad as they constructed documentaries, performances, and websites.

Competing this year in the senior division of presentations included KT Wynn, Heni Barnes, Amanda d'Almeida, Nathan Lamb (d'Almeida and Lamb were a group entry), and Laura Harkins. Their topics included The Kennewick Man, The Gadsden Purchase, The Boldt Decision, and Recovery of the California Condor. Every senior entry made it in to the final round of judging at the state contest and d'Almeida and Lamb placed second in their category insuring a spot to compete at the national contest held in College Park, Maryland.



Wynn, who came in third for her dramatic performance was awarded the prestigious Washington State Historical Society award for the best entry to incorporate historical sources from Washington State. Barnes, who came in fourth place for her individual documentary was awarded a cash award from the group E Clampus Vitus for the best entry incorporating the history of the American West.

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## History Day

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Lamb and d'Almeida, who came in second for their dramatic performance, were awarded the Washington State Archivist's Award for the best use of archives in Washington State will receive an experiential award of a behind the scenes tour of the state archives and lunch. Harkins, who came in fourth place for her website received the animal welfare award for her website which includes a prize and a donation made on her behalf to an animal charity of her choice.

Coupeville History Day would like to thank the generous supporters of History Day for making this program possible: Coupeville Lions Club, Historic Coupeville Arts and Crafts Festival, PBY Memorial Foundation, Nordic Sons, Sons of Norway, Alpha Delta Kappa, Friends of the Coupeville Library, Whidbey Island Bank, Coupeville School District, and the generous community.

- Lion Wilbur Purdue, History Day Advisor.

## Camp Horizon News

- by Lion Dave Fish



The camping season is upon us and Camp Horizon is looking great. Thanks to efforts from Coupeville Lions along with many others from Northwest Washington and Canada on the weekend of April 16 the grounds and buildings continue to improve and present inviting "curb appeal" for our campers and facility renters.

The first camp starts July 10. There are four regular camps, as in past years, plus a new Adventure Camp for higher-functioning individuals. Camp signups are in progress, with many new campers this year. Three of the four sessions are nearing full capacity.

One of the great opportunities to serve during the summer months is providing meal ser-

vice during the camp sessions. Coupeville Lions will serve the campers on July 21 and 22, Thursday and Friday.

Since our next scheduled regular meeting is scheduled July 27, Dave Fish will have a signup sheet during the garage sale set up with follow up

via email if needed. We need 6-8 people to set up, serve, wash dishes, and cleanup after each meal.

If you cannot participate on July 21 or 22, or if we have more than enough volunteers, there are still meal options still available. We hope to have the meal schedule posted on the Camp Horizon Web site in the next few days – [lionscamohorizon.org](http://lionscamohorizon.org) in the EVENTS calendar under the HOME tab. If you can serve one of the available days contact Rachel Hammes at [campdirector@lionscamphorizon.org](mailto:campdirector@lionscamphorizon.org)

If you have questions about available dates you can also contact Dave Fish or Karen Fletcher at 360.7181.

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## ATTENTION ALL LIONS: INSTALLATION DINNER on JUNE 15, 2011

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This is the installation dinner for the new officers and any and all Lions are encouraged to come. It is a social gathering with dinner and it should be a fun evening. LOCATION: Coupeville Rec. Hall, Social Hour at 6:00, Dinner at 7:00pm. Menu is Vegetable Lasagna, Chicken Cacciatore, Salad,, Bread, Dessert, Soft Drinks and Coffee, and/or BYOB (Bring you own bottle).

DRESS: JACKET AND SLACKS

Cost: \$25 per person

If you did not sign up at the meeting and are planning on attending please e-mail me at [ebfb@Whidbey.net](mailto:ebfb@Whidbey.net). Mail payments to Fred Bronson. 1853 N Bluff Rd, Coupeville, WA. 98239.



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## "Roar & Growl"

**Post Garage Sale Celebration Picnic & Burger-Burn** on July 13th at 6:00pm in the Town Park will feature sirloin burgers, cole slaw, potato salad, burger fixings, and a big cookie. "Guess the Gate" winner will be announced along with the early Garage Sale total. Cost is \$5 for Lions, non-Lions' garage sale helpers are no-charge.

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An updated "**photo roster**" is now on our website: <http://www.coupevillelions.org>

It is 16 pages long, so you may not want to print it. If your photo is missing, please have Lion Marsha or Lion Joe take a photo of you at the next meeting OR you can send one of yourself to this email. Please check the other info next to your photo for correctness/completeness. If you'd like it "noted" where you work (good for networking) please let me know too. - *Lion Joe Walck*

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Many thanks to all the Lions who donated their time for the **Blood Drive** last Thursday. It was a very successful day. We registered 94 donors and collected 85 pints of blood. Our volunteer count was right around 50 with eight of those Lions working double or triple time (ex: working as a greeter and also making phone calls). And thanks to all the Lions who donated their blood. This is what it is all about! It was wonderful to see so many of you there. A truly great day. - *Lion Paddy Roberts*

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We cannot tell you how much the **Penn Cove Festival Committee** appreciates the willingness of the Lions to come out and help us set this tent up. Without the tent it would be very difficult to organize the children's activities.

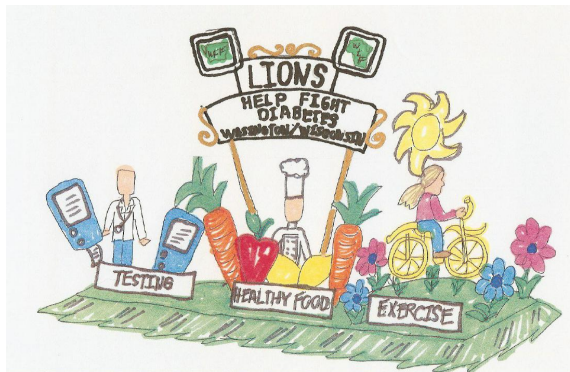
I would like to send out thank you notes to everyone that helped out. I should have been a bit faster on my feet and asked for everyone's name the day we set up.

Thank you to all of your dedicated folks. - Marty, PCWF Children's art tent

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The **Diabetes Awareness Float** will be one of only two or three floats in the Lions International parade and it will be terrific. This float will be a

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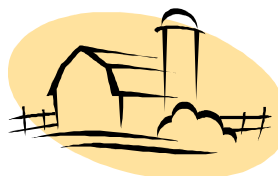


great way to tell the world that Lions support research to control and possibly eradicate this medical condition and support educating the public about healthy life styles that help us to avoid Type II Diabetes. Coupeville Lions donated \$100 towards the building of the float.

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**Delegates to International Convention**, Rod Barnes, Grace King, John Kohlmann, Bob Johnson, Dennis Bullock asked for directions for voting. Most proposals were approved, however a motion was passed instructing a "no" vote on increasing membership dues paid to LCIF in 2012 by \$2.00.

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The National Park Service and the Trust Board of Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve are pleased to announce the **Farm I and Farm II Exchange Project at Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve**. Interested parties and potential exchange partners are invited to attend a public meeting on Thursday, June 16th from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the Reuble Barn at 593 Fort Casey Road, to hear about an opportunity to exchange conservation easements for farm land within Ebey's Reserve.

We strongly encourage all interested farmers and potential partners to attend this public workshop and to learn more about the exchange process. Information Packets on the exchange process, Requests for Proposals and Application Forms will be available at the June 16th workshop. We look forward to seeing you at the workshop. Please forward this invitation to other folks that might be interested in participating.

- Thank you. *Lion Mark Preiss*

# Cagey Comments - May 2011

## July 2011

June 24 to 1 July -Learn-to-Swim  
July 2 and 3-Garage Sale—ALL HANDS EFFORT!  
1-Commodities Distr. Cam-Bey 10am-4 to 8 -INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, Seattle  
13-No Meeting, but we will do Lions Summer B-B-Q at the Town Park  
20 - No meeting  
27-Board Meeting/Dinner/Meeting-Program-\_\_\_\_td\_\_\_\_\_

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*Coupeville Lion President—Elect Fred Bronson presenting award to Henni Barnes for her History Day Presentation, Lion Wilbur Perdue, CHS History Day advisor to the left.*

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TO: Coupeville Lion

## Addendum: Information of Interest from On-Line Sources



Don't miss joining more than 12,000 of your fellow Lions as we gather in Seattle for the **94th International Convention**. This week long celebration will help you enhance your membership and make valuable connections.

Although advance registration is now closed, you can register on-site in Seattle for no additional charge. Rooms are still available and you can reserve one now to receive the best rates by going to the Seattle Convention Hotel Website . Reservations at LCI Official hotels will be available until June 16.

- LCI Convention Committee

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The 2011 Host Committee is in the process of contacting all **Lions who have volunteered** to help with the upcoming convention. The primary means of contact is via E-Mail with the telephone as a secondary contact. The committee is running into a very significant road block communicating via either means. A large number of volunteers have their email account set up in such a way as that emails from the Host Committee go into a junk mail file, a spam file or are just deleted. We are running into the same situation with telephone calls in quite a number of cases.

If you or anyone you know have volunteered for the 2011 Convention and have not heard back from anyone at this time, please check the above mentioned files in your E-Mail program. If there is nothing there please send an email to PCC Allan Hunt at [allan.hunt@shaw.ca](mailto:allan.hunt@shaw.ca) . He will get back to you fairly quickly.

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Lions Clubs International is planning the celebration of the 100 th anniversary of our association in 2017. Your feedback is important in helping us determine what will be of most interest to your club and your community. Share your thoughts in this simple survey and help make this a world-wide celebration.

Ed Note: For our members who do not regularly read the messages send out by e-mail to the Club, the following information may be of importance and / or interest.

*The following has been edited for space considerations and is intended to be as accurate as possible. Any questions on content can be addressed by referral to the original documents and messages as referenced.*

### **Lions Providing Disaster Relief for Tornado Victims in U.S.**

A recent tornado outbreak in the U.S. killed at least 280 people, left thousands homeless and caused millions of dollars in damage. As always, our members are bringing aid to the people affected by this disaster. LCIF is mobilizing US\$250,000 to fund Lions' relief efforts in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. LCIF also awarded US\$160,000 in emergency grants to affected districts. Local Lions will use these funds to provide immediate relief supplies, including food and water.

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Dear Lion,

The last few months have **seen great destruction across our globe**. But, like me, I am sure you are proud of how we Lions and our global Foundation have been quick to respond. Now, in the case of the Southern United States disasters, we are giving a hand and giving hope to those in greatest need. The Foundation has already provided US\$160,000 in emergency grants for immediate relief across eight states since mid-April. We are mobilizing an additional US\$250,000 for continued relief efforts.

The destruction and death tolls continue to rise from the deadly tornados and storms throughout the U.S. during the month of April. I continue to be shocked and saddened by this news. It is the largest tornado outbreak in the history of the U.S., with at least 178 tornados killing more than 300 people. Thousands of people across several states have been left homeless.

Lions have also been greatly impacted. But they are committed to meeting the urgent needs in their communities. In hard-hit Birmingham, Alabama, Lions have set up a

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warehouse staging area to collect and distribute donated goods, including emergency supplies such as water and food. Twenty-seven Lions clubs in District 12- O, Tennessee are providing 200 families with prepared food boxes, needed medical supplies and eyeglasses.

"Lions from around the world have called me to hear how the local Lions are doing," said Lions International Director Yamandu Acosta, of Alabama. He has received calls from Australia, Spain and Peru, as well as others.

Lions, you know well that Lions Clubs greatest asset is our volunteers-you and 1.35 million Lions around the world. Wherever there is a need, there is a Lions club nearby, ready to respond with their hearts and hands. Your generosity in the case of disasters allows us to be the first to offer help.

Lions, I ask for your help in making the hope for a brighter tomorrow a reality for the people in these devastated areas. The most effective and immediate way to help is through a designated donation to LCIF B for Southern United States relief.

I have seen some of the recent destruction first-hand in New Zealand, and next month Margit and I will be in Japan and Haiti to visit with Lions and view our relief efforts there. Lions, we can take great pride in our long history of providing relief for as long as it takes.

I hope I can count on you to once again give your full support to give help and hope in the Southern United States.

**Also...**

I've promised you since the beginning of the year that we would work hard this year to **improve our international platform of communication**. We must better share with our Lions and the world why our global Foundation is truly like no other. And today, I am very excited to announce that LCIF has just launched a [brand new Web site](http://www.lcif.org/EN/index.php). <http://www.lcif.org/EN/index.php> The English version is now available, and all languages will launch by our convention in July.

This new site gives you more tools and resources

to promote the good work we Lions are doing. On the homepage, the [Recent Grants](#) area highlights some of recently awarded funds for grant projects.

The [Changing Lives](#) area links to stories of individuals, partners and donors who have all been impacted by the work of Lions, made possible by LCIF. These stories inspire us to do even more. And you can even share how LCIF has helped in your life or community by [Sharing a Story](#).

Our [News](#) section includes the latest information from the Foundation, including my monthly messages. In [About Us](#), you can learn more about our history, partners and leaders.

An entire section of our new site is devoted to you, our Lions members. Our [Lions Center](#) provides information on [grants](#), [ways to donate](#) and how to get involved in our many programs. The [materials section](#) includes ready-to-use publications, forms, videos and powerpoints that you can share with your club, district or community.

And within the Lions Center there is a section specifically for [our coordinators](#), our well-trained ambassadors of the Foundation. Coordinators will

be able to find a calendar of important dates, club visit information, forms and materials, recent news and reports.

Please visit our new site at [www.lcif.org](http://www.lcif.org). I know you'll agree that these improvements will help all of us to better communicate the impact and work of the Foundation.

With my cordial regards,

- Eberhard J. Wirfs, Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

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**Just a reminder.....**

Early Bird Registration Deadline for the USA/Canada **Lions Leadership Forum** is just around the corner. Register now for the 35th Annual Forum to be held September 22-24, 2011 in Anchorage Alaska. Registration fee goes up after June 15th. B Airfare is still low from most areas in North America. Go to <http://usacanadalionsforum.org> for all the information on the forum and to register online or print out the registration form.

