



Coupeville Lions Club

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PRESIDENT'S



Our Club hosted the Zone Meeting Saturday, Feb 21st. Many thanks to Bob Johnson and his kitchen crew for a great job, and thanks to the large group of Lions who showed up to help and enjoy the meeting. ZC Ralph was selected as the Zone Lion of the Year,

recognizing the exemplary job he has done leading our Zone this year. Ralph will still be involved until the last days of his Chairman's year, as he'll be joining us in June to be the Installing Officer for our Club's 2009-2010 officers. At the Zone Meeting we also voted on a Zone project. We selected a Spring Cleanup at Deception Pass State Park. Coupeville Lions were the nominating Club for that project and will have the lead on coordinating it. It will be a work party, but also a picnic which offers the opportunity for including our families. The Zone work party is scheduled for April 25th, starting at 10am. Please add that to your calendar.

March is going to be a busy month. At our March 4th meeting, Lion Mayor Nancy will tell us all about the planned kitchen renovation at the Rec Hall. The following meeting on 3/11 will be to honor our Students of the Quarter. That also means it will be a Pot Luck dinner meeting. Following our rotation, bring a dish by last name: A -E Main Dish; F - P Dessert and Q - Z Salad. Cooking impaired should bring chip or rolls & butter. March 18th is our Open House for new members. I hope everyone will bring at least one guest. (Lion Ed Walker has invitations you can use to pass on to folks you want to invite.) Let's fill the Fellowship Hall! Finally on March 25th, our program speaker will be Marshall Bronson, who will speak on the upcoming levy vote for the Port of Coupeville.

There are lots of other things going on in March. I'm hoping some of you will be joining me in Abbotsford for the MD19H Spring Conference on 13-15 March. It's close enough that you can just drive up for one day if you want. For the mussel lovers, don't forget that March 7th is the Mussel Fest with lots of yummy chowders to try in our own Coupeville.

Although timing precludes me from writing this after our annual Scholarship Auction, I know I'm correct in saying it will be a huge success due to the efforts of many, many Lions. But providing the driving leadership is Lion Molly Hughes, who keeps trying to give the credit to everyone else. But she's a star! And right up there with her is Bob Johnson like a comet zipping through the skies. What a team and I know it will be fun and exciting.

Serving with pride, Pres John

Calendar For Mar. 2009

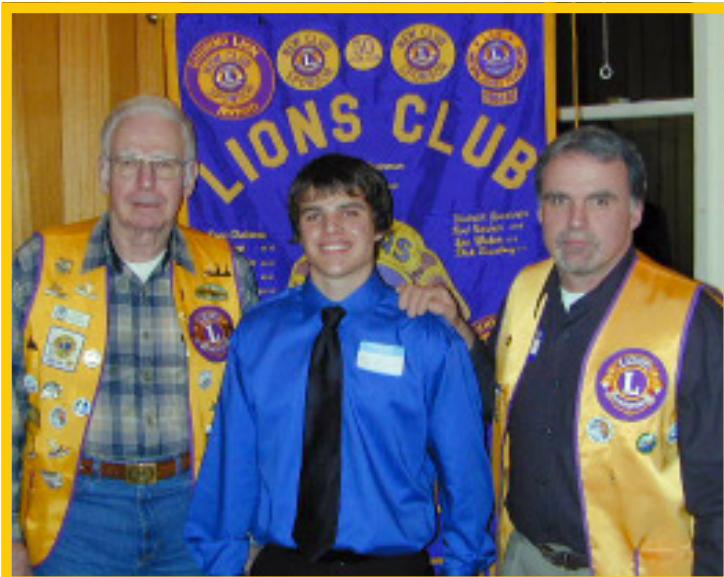
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| Mar. 4 | 5 pm.....Board Meeting
6 pm.....Fellowship
6:30 pm... Dinner/Meeting |
| Mar. 11 | POTLUCK 6 pm.....Fellowship
6:30 pm....Dinner/Meeting
<i>Program: Student of the Quarter</i> |
| Mar. 18 | 5 pm.....Board Meeting
Membership 6 pm.....Fellowship
Open House 6:30 pm....Dinner/Meeting
*Special St. Pat's Theme - wear green! |
| Mar. 25 | 6 pm.....Fellowship
6:30 pm....Dinner/Meeting
<i>Program: Marshall Bronson, Port of Coupeville Levy request.</i> |

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Coupeville Lions Student Of The Quarter

Second Quarter 2008/2009



Hannah Merrell has played soccer for four years; she's played tennis for four years and also enjoys snowboarding. She has been a class officer or a member of the ASB Executive Board for all four years of High School. She currently has a 3.79 GPA and received the Lamp of Knowledge award for a 4.0 in her Freshman year. Her favorite subject is science. She has worked at Kapaws Ice Cream Shop for two years and has been a Coupeville Lions swim instructor or aide for four years! She is a member of the National Honor Society and volunteers as a Learning Partner. She plans to attend a four year college and study something in the science field. She is the daughter of Rod Merrell and Laura Fox.

Tony Sherman ran track one year and played varsity tennis two years but mainly he plays soccer. Lots of soccer. He has played varsity soccer at the high school for three years and has played Club Soccer for four years in Oak Harbor, Mt. Vernon and Bellingham. He has been a member of the ASB Executive Board for two years. Tony has a 3.71 GPA and has received the Lamp of Knowledge award twice. His favorite subject is math. He works on the family farm and has also worked as a dishwasher at the Oystercatcher. His hobbies are playing the guitar and soccer! He is a member of the National Honor Society and has been a Learning Partner for two years. He has volunteered at the Arts and Crafts Festival and has helped the Coupeville Lions with their garage sale for three years. He plans on studying architecture at WSU next year. Tony is the son of Lion Don and Deb Sherman and the Grandson of Lion Roger and Darlene Sherman.

Fourth Annual Scholarship Dinner and Auction We did it!

Thanks to the support of our Lions, local businesses and the community members who consistently support us and Coupeville students. We were sold out and had a full house thanks to Bill and Paddy Roberts who managed the ticket sales down to the last seat. The wine flowed freely and the music by the Whidbey Jazz Society Band was lively. Dinner was great and was served seamlessly by the Honor Society students, supervised by Gloria Mickunas of Whidbey Party Girls! under the orchestration of our very own 'food maestro' Bob Johnson. We all ate scrumptious desserts baked by 20 local bakers who were organized by Leslie Franzen. The barn was decorated beautifully with stars and flowers and elegant black and white linens by Deanna Rogers and Marilyn Sherman Clay. Dale Sherman and our own Bob Clay ran a fun, successful live auction and we could all follow the action with our programs made by Joe Walck. The evening started with check in and ended with lots of money changing hands under the competent direction of Nancy Conard. Everyone of these committee chairs were helped by large crews of volunteers who attended to every detail on Friday during set up, the day of the auction and clean up on Sunday to make our auction a success and most important, fun for everyone who attended. *continued next page...*

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2009 Scholarship Dinner and Auction

Thank you, Lions Marsha Phay,
Deanna Rogers and Joe Walck for
such great photos!

The table settings were perfect.



Ballons make a party!



*It was not easy to snap a photo of
Lion Molly, she was always moving!*

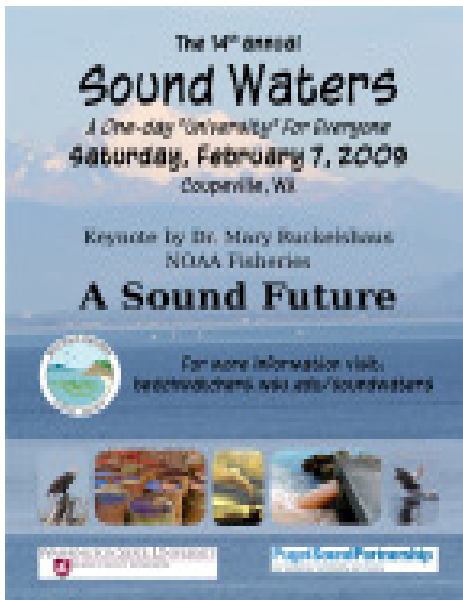


The dessert auction was really enjoyed by all! Every one a winner!



*Wine, Music, and Great Food,
what a way to have an auction!*





LIONS AND SOUND WATERS 2009

Lion John Purcell, Co-Chair of Sound Waters 2009, wishes to express his appreciation to the Coupeville Lions who assisted the community by helping to make the event a success. Sound Waters, held each year on the first Saturday in February, provides a “one day university for all” to educate and entertain the public about Puget Sound’s natural world, and to raise funds for Washington State University Extension’s Beach Watchers programs. Whidbey Island sits among a natural world so rich that people travel thousands of miles just to visit. That’s one reason why each year the WSU/Island County Beach Watchers present Sound Waters, exploring the natural world beneath and on the shores of the Puget Sound.

The Coupeville Lions once again assisted the community by volunteering to help with this 14th annual Sound Waters. Lion John Purcell was Co-Chairman of the event with his wife, Terri. Lion Nancy Conard was involved in two presentations: Sustainable Towns – The Mayors Speak, and Storm and Waste Water: Coupeville’s

Plan. Lion Joe Hillers and Rex Porter of the Marine Resources Commission joined Lion Nancy in the Storm and Waste Water presentation. Lion Joe Hillers demonstrated his talent as a teacher, both educating and entertaining the class concerning Coupeville’s commitment to explore ways to use waste and storm water for irrigation on Ebie’s Prairie. A grant of \$250,000 has been received for this purpose. Lion Mark Preiss joined Coupeville High School students Jordan Lamb and Connor Tasoff in presenting their award winning video of the history of Ebey’s Preserve, in describing Ebey’s Preserve’s past 30 years, and in charting its course for the next 30 years.

Over 570 people attended Sound Waters ’09. Dr. Mary Ruckelshaus, a scientist with NOAA, was the keynote speaker. Initial review of the approximately 450 evaluations received from attendees are overwhelmingly favorable.

Lion John and members of the Sound Waters Planning Committee have expressed their special thanks to the following Lions who assisted with the event:

- Lions David Fish and Joe Hillers – assisted with set up on the Friday afternoon before.
- Lion Joe Walck – assisted with Parking Control from 7:30 – 9:30 AM on Sound Waters Saturday (more would have been there, but we had a scheduled barn sort that morning too.)
- Lion Don Richardson – assisted with restoring classrooms after the event was over.

It was heart warming to see the coordination between the Lions and the Beach Watcher organization!

We serve!

YIS Lion John Purcell

Auction *continued...*

And now...the results. We have cleared over \$20,000, after expenses!!! Last year we made \$22,000 and I don’t think any of us expected to make anywhere close to that this year with the economy being what it is. But never underestimate the Coupeville Lions and the community who supports us! I believe this scholarship money will be appreciated by the students who receive it and their families who support them, more this year than ever.

I want to say a personal thank you to all of you who make working on this auction so much fun. I have worked on a lot of large events for other groups and, without exception, the rule of “10% of the people do 100% of the work” has applied. This has never been the case with the Lions. Every Lion contributes to the cause. Whether it is buying a ticket, contributing an auction item, hauling supplies from the barn, setting up, picking up borrowed equipment from all over town, cheerfully serving our auction guests, bringing your friends, making a dump run or washing tablecloths, the number of Lions who pitch in to make this event a success is truly inspiring. Just to give one example of this Lion spirit, we had three Lions ‘officially’ signed up to return to the barn on Sunday to do the final clean up.

As you can imagine, after the high of the event, it is hard to drag yourself to barn the next day. When I arrived there were 14 Lions there loading tables, cleaning floors, recycling, hauling trash and taking down decorations. We got the job done in one hour! It is my honor to work with you and be a Coupeville Lion!
YIS Molly Hughes

Lions Bulletin Board

Is your favorite Program or Charity having an event,
send me a copy of your poster for our bulletin board.

Make a Difference for the Kids!

Experience the

2009 Time to Grow Auction



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
COUPEVILLE CLUB



Saturday, March 14th 5:30-8:30pm
at the Crockett Barn

Tickets available at Windermere Real Estate/Whidbey Island and the
Boys & Girls Club, 203 N. Main in Coupeville
or call 678-5640 -- Cost \$50

Sit-down Dinner by Serendipity Catering, LLC
Select wine from Prairie Center Red Apple
Auctioneer, Dale Sherman

Want a Challenge? Help Needed

Chairperson for
Coupeville Lions
Coupon Books
2009-2010

A fundraiser that provides
our community with over

\$5,000

for needed projects

**Only with your help can
we keep this fundraiser.**

Call Lion John Kohlman
678-6736

If not you...Who?
please Help...we
have helpers, we
need a Leader.



VETS CAN NOW SALUTE THE FLAG

For years, Veterans have wanted to salute the U.S. flag during the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem instead of just placing their hand over their heart. Now they can.

A Congressional Amendment sponsored by Senator James Inhofe (R-OK) in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 specifically states that "members of the Armed Forces and Veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute."

Veterans can salute the flag during the National Anthem as well as during "the hoisting, lowering and passing of the flag."

"The salute is a form of honor and respect, representing pride in one's military service," said Inhofe. "Veterans and service members continue representing the military services even when not in uniform. The U.S. Code is now consistent for Veterans and all service members in regards to the symbolic gesture of the military salute."

To find out more about Freedom Team Salute, visit www.FreedomTeamSalute.com

Bring a Friend to our Coupeville Lions Open House!
Wednesday, March 18, 2009, 6:00 pm
At Coupeville United Methodist Church

Please invite a friend or neighbor to consider becoming a Coupeville Lion. Our March 18th Open House will showcase what our club accomplishes and what it means to be a Lion. There won't be a hard-sell sales pitch, so you can be comfortable bringing a friend even if they just want to learn more about what we do. Planting a seed now may lead to a decision to join in the future. Of course we'd also love to have prospects who want to join now. New members will help keep our club vibrant and ready to serve!

Here are some details about the Open House:

1. Your guests' dinner will be paid for by the club.
2. We will have our usual fellowship time from 6:00-6:30 so we can meet and visit with our guests. There will also be displays that highlight some our service projects.
3. As this meeting will be one day after St. Patrick's Day, we will have some festive green decorations and our dinner will be corned beef and cabbage.
4. Our program will include several Lions describing our main service projects, and a history of our service to the community. We want people to know that there are lots of ways to serve as a Lion. We'll also have our usual Tail Twister time and a Dinner Draw since these make our meetings fun.
5. Lion Joe Walck made formal invitations you can give to those you invite. If you didn't get any or would like more, please contact Lion Ed Walker.

Please call Lion Ed Walker at 678-6782 if you will be bringing a guest.

Remember we collect glasses, hearing aids and aluminum can pull tabs. - See Lion Rod



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