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Coupeville Lions Club

Coupeville, WA

## President's Message

November is a month where we honor our veterans and consider all that we are thankful for. For me, it has also been a month to

### December Events

**3 - Woodcutting**, Recycle Center, 9:30 am (POC Gary Youngs).

**4 - Board & General Dinner Meeting.** Program: Paula & Ted Mihok, Mexicali Project 2020; New member induction.

**6 - Commodities Distr.** Cam-Bey Apts. 9:30 am (POC Marilyn Pulk).

**7 - Coupeville Greening Parade.** Line up by 3:45 on Wilkes St. (POC Sandy Johnson).

**10 - Sight & Hearing Screening**, 7:30 am-3:00 pm.

**- Hike at Rhododendron Park.**

Meet at parking lot on SR 20 side, 9:00 am (POC Gary Youngs).

**11 - Christmas Party**, Coupeville Rec. Hall, 6:00 pm.

**14 - Barn Sort**, Boyer Barn, 9:00 am (POC Gary Youngs).

**18 - Board Meeting**, 5:00 pm.

**21 - Highway Cleanup**, 9:00 am. Meet at Coupeville Elementary School by the highway (POC Hugh Hedges).

**25 - No Meeting**

consider how Lions from our Club are so visible in the community. As our Lion Past President Mayor Molly so powerfully honored our veterans on the courthouse steps, I was very pleased to be surrounded by Lions and proud to be wearing my vest.



Then, in that same week, about two dozen of us occupied Prairie Center for the Shopping Spree.

That Shopping Spree turnout was amazing, along with all the hours we Lions spent at Prairie Center, Whidbey Island Bank, and Careage of Whidbey selling raffle tickets. The more we are out in the community, the more people come to know who we are and what we do. Next week, on December 7 we surely will have a great turnout for the Greening of Coupeville Parade. Be sure to join all the holiday fun in the parade and tree-lighting ceremony.

Our Lions' mission is to serve, and in order to do that as effectively as possible people need to be aware of our community contribution. Recipients of our services must first be aware of those services to know that they can request them. Potential financial and merchandise donors will need to be aware of Lions' causes to know that we are worthy of their donations. Finally, potential

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The Coupeville Lions Club meets Wednesday evenings 5:50 pm Fellowship-Networking/6:20 pm Dinner/6:50-8:00 pm meeting & program. We meet at the Coupeville United Methodist Church (North Main and 7th Street). For information call 360-678-4105.

new members will also take notice as we proudly wear our Lions shirts and vests while we serve the community's needs.

There are three broad categories where each of us can serve. Participation in a service project is, of course, obvious. Participation in a fundraising activity supports the funding of service projects and grants to community nonprofits. Our Club has too many service and fundraising activities to list here, but each of these provides opportunities to shine in the public eye. The third category of service is participation in the Club's administration, since it is the Club's organization that facilitates our commitment to service and fundraising projects.

We should not only be thankful in the month of November, but we can be thankful all year long that we are able to serve our community in so many ways. I encourage all of you to participate in our Club's activities as best you can and to proudly display our colors to show the community how we shine. To that end, I hope to see everyone at the December 7 Greening of Coupeville.

Lion Brian

### January Events

#### 1 - No Meeting

**3 - Commodities Distr.** Cam-Bey Apts.  
9:30 am (POC Marilyn Pulk).

**7 - Woodcutting,** Recycle Center, 9:30  
am (POC Gary Youngs).

**8 - Board & General Dinner Meeting.**  
New Member Induction.

**11 - Barn Sort,** Boyer Barn, 9:00 am  
(POC Gary Youngs).

**15 - General Dinner Meeting.**  
Program: Students of the Quarter.

**18 - Highway Cleanup,** 9:00 am. Meet  
at Coupeville Elementary School by the  
highway (POC Hugh Hedges).

**22 - Service Project Seminar, 5:00 pm;  
General Dinner Meeting, 6:00 pm.**

**23 - Blood Drive.**

**25 - Zone Meeting,** DH Buffet, Oak  
Harbor, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.

**29 - Bunco,** Coupeville Rec. Hall, 6:00  
pm.

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## *Coupeville Lions Club Annual Christmas Party*



Wednesday, December 11, 6:00 pm

For reservations contact Lion Deanna no later than  
December 5.

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Troop 4058 Scout Gabe Carlson (*far right*) recently completed his Eagle project, leading Scouts in constructing a bench in Rhododendron Park. The bench is located along the Grandpas' Legacy Trail, which was built in 2011 by Gabe's grandfather Lew Legat and a group of volunteers. Grandpa Lew helped Gabe with assembly of the bench (*below*).



Service dog Tessie visited our Club on Nov. 20 with Diana Kurth, who spoke about Canine Companions for Independence.



# Membership Moments

By Membership Chair Sandra Johnson



## BRING OUT THE BEST IN PEOPLE

“Tis the season” is underway! But this time of the year is not the only time to believe in people and bring the best out of them. Coupeville Lions are inducted with the vow to encourage one another, to serve the community without personal or financial reward, and to perform service to others less fortunate every day.

Bringing out the best in people, including fellow Lions Club members, requires showing them you care. As we work together on service projects or fundraisers, people may do things that you don't like or you find offensive, or they might even have some bad habits. Rather than focusing on their weakness, find something they're doing right and encourage them for that.

I'm not saying you must sweep things “under the rug,” but wait for the right time to deal with negative actions or attitudes. Build a relationship, gain the person's respect and trust, which is accomplished by encouraging and challenging them to rise higher.

As I think about the many things in life for which people are known, I ponder the legacy I would leave. A hundred years from now I want to be known as somebody who brought out the best in people, somebody who left the world a better place. Material accomplishments will be forgotten. The only thing that lasts is the investment we make in other people's lives.

Ask yourself, are the people you work with on service projects or fundraisers better off or worse off because you passed their way? Are you providing confidence for your team members to succeed as the project gets under way? You can be a people builder - don't just give your fellow Lion a job to do and hope they accomplish it, pump something good into their life by giving him/her a compliment rather than complaining.

Lions, choose to bring out the best in the people who work alongside you. Focusing on bringing out the best in others will, in turn, bring out the best in you.

### **COUPEVILLE LIONS CLUB OFFICERS:**

*Brian Pulk, President; Sue Hartin, Secretary; Gary Youngs, Treasurer;  
Rick Walti, 1st Vice President; Janet Burchfield, 2nd Vice President; Sandee Allen, 3rd Vice President*

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## NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

The first of each month is designated for inducting new Lions. In November, Lion Mayor Molly Hughes honorably inducted **Yuliya Yerchenko** as our newest Coupeville Lion, sponsored by Lion Rudy Parhaniemi and mentored by Lion Marilyn Pulk.

New Lion Yuliya was born in Ukraine, where she was educated at Poltava High School and Harkov University. In her professional career Yuliya worked as an engineer in Ukraine and a geriatric nurse in Germany. Yuliya is married and has one son, who lives in Poland with his family and Yuliya's grand-daughter. In 2014, Yuliya's husband brought her to Coupeville to be a permanent resident. Swimming, yoga, hiking, and traveling are just a few of Yuliya's interests with her passion towards community service being the Coupeville Lions Club. Yuliya joined the Coupeville Lions Club because the people were so nice and she likes the service projects our club supports. Some interesting things to know about Yuliya are she has a Labrador named Ness and she likes to travel around the state of Washington.



## MEMBER TALK



Lion Mike Tenore began his Lions Journey just about one year ago. Since that time, Mike has been seen at the Garage Sale set up, Commodities, and various other service projects - he's a true "go getter!" Mike began his Member Talk by saying how inspired he was by previous members who gave their Member Talks. Once an investigator for a public defender in Seattle, Mike is now a successful Managing Broker working for Windermere Real Estate. Mike shared that he once served as a bartender and met his wife while bartending. He's now a Coupeville Lion serving his community with "service." Ask Mike about jumping into a squash truck as a teenager with Marilyn Sherman Clay's son!

## Lions Scholarship Auction Experience

Now that the new Coupeville water plant is on line, Mayor Molly and I hosted the winners of the Scholarship Auction experience: a tour and lunch on Friday, November 15. The tour was led by Joe Grogan, the Town's Utility Superintendent, who oversaw the complete construction process that was carried out courtesy of the Navy. The Town is now set water-processing-wise for the next 30 years.



The lucky winners were John Cienki and Stephanie Roddin, along with their neighbors Ron and Verleen Boyer. Both John and Ron were engineers, so they had a lot of technical questions that Joe, with his vast working knowledge of the plant, was readily able to answer. What were all the valves and color coded pipes for? What is a train? How do all the electrical panels work? What about the various filtering systems, etc., etc.?

We all enjoyed a lunch at Callen's Restaurant, courtesy of Molly and me. It should be noted that Callen's is a sponsor of our Scholarship Auction.

This is just one of three experience auction items in which I have been involved, the others being the Nichol's Brothers Boat Builders and the Bronson's wonderful Asian dinner. Everyone who has attended one of these experiences has been very excited about what they have learned from them. I encourage Lions and their friends to make sure you bid on one as they are informative, enjoyable, and well worth the cost.

*- Lion Rick Walti*

### Learn to Play Ukulele!

Gary & Margie Parker will offer a series of free beginning ukulele lessons starting January 13. Loaner instruments are available. For more information contact Lion Gary ([parkermge@gmail.com](mailto:parkermge@gmail.com)).

## SHOPPING SPREE HIGH-FIVES

What's not to like about shopping? It's definitely retail therapy to the max and provides a certain "high" if the bargains are there. But the annual Coupeville Lions Club Shopping Spree held on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> was a different animal altogether. Our shopping roar of approximately 30 Lions supporting the winner at the Prairie Center Market was heard rippling down to benefit the Gifts From the Heart Food Bank recipients in a big way. Raffle ticket collections for a 3-minute grocery shop at the Prairie Center Market began in earnest at the Whidbey Island Bank, Careage of Whidbey, and the Prairie Center itself on two weekends in late October & early November. Let it be known that there were no goblins present at any of these sites. Instead, donations from the community were very generous, and many spoke about continuous giving to Lions benefit projects, since the Lions Club had helped their families at some point in their lives. The lucky raffle ticket winners, Lions John and Terri Purcell, were chosen at the November 6<sup>th</sup> Lions Club meeting. They, in turn, had generously selected the Gifts From the Heart Food Bank to be the recipients of the shopping event. Food Bank President, Coupeville Mayor, and Past President of Coupeville Lions Club Molly Hughes was very appreciative of the food donations and the net proceeds from raffle ticket sales, especially at this time of year.

Food Bank volunteer and designated runner, Mitch Incarnato, had multiple shopping carts placed strategically at the ends of aisles to facilitate his timed dash through the store. When the whistle sounded ending his run, the results helped replenish food bank shelves with much-needed canned goods and shelf-stable groceries, as well as a



\$50 meat coupon. Mitch was overheard at checkout stating that he was "out of breath" and rightly so...3 minutes is a quick trip down those long aisles. Thanks to all Lion volunteers and community donors who contributed so much to make this happen for such a worthy cause in the season of thankfulness. With 1,700 tickets



sold and direct donations, we received a total of \$2,008 with the shopping cart totals ringing in at \$388 for the Food Bank. The remaining proceeds went to pad the Food Bank coffers. An additional thanks is extended to Prairie Center owner Ken Hofkamp and manager Mike Pearson, as well as Whidbey Island Bank Manager/Lion Marcia Marks and Careage of Whidbey Business Manager/Lion Stephanie

Teano, who graciously allowed the Coupeville Lions Club to accomplish this Shopping Spree benefit at their facilities. With many Lions overwhelming the Saturday event, a special thanks goes to Prairie Center for making room for this event. A big Lions thanks to Shopping Spree Commander Patrick Hussey, mentor Sandy Leake, and all who helped make this annual Coupeville Lions Club Shopping Spree happen for those who may not have the luxury of a full plate of food in this season of sharing the fall bounty. We await next year's retail therapy for another feel-good lift for all givers and receivers. Line up those carts...



*More Shopping Spree photos on next page*

*-Lion Marilyn Pulk*



## Students of the Quarter



Students of the Quarter for the first quarter of the 2019-2020 school year, Maya and Sean Toomey-Stout, were honored at our November 6 meeting. Twins Maya and Sean both have a 3.9 gpa and are active in sports. After graduation, Maya will pursue a degree in nursing, possibly followed by medical school. Sean plans to study engineering.