



# Cagey Comments

Coupeville Lions Club

Coupeville, WA

## August Events

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

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

**7- Board & General Dinner**

**Meeting, Program:** Lion Ernie Branigh on Robotics Technology in the community; New Member Induction.

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

**14 - No Meeting.**

**15 - Blood Drive,** CUMC, 11:00 am.

**17- Highway Cleanup,** 9:30 am.

Meet at Coupeville Elementary School by the highway (POC Hugh Hedges).

**21- Board & General Dinner**

**Meeting, Program:** Jonathan Moore, Island County Community Education and Outreach Specialist for Victim Support Services.

**28 - No Meeting.**

## President's Message

I once had a teacher who jokingly said, "I've taught this course so many times you should know it by now." I was reminded of that recently when more than once I was asked, "Who does what in our club?" I could say, "We have been doing this for so long that you should know it by now."



Instead, from time to time I will use this column to relay what we assume everyone knows. This month, I will start with our Vice Presidents and President.

Our club has a well-tested method of cycling leaders through a sequence of responsibilities; I call it the 5-year plan. When Sandee Allen was elected to be this year's 3rd VP, she knew that she was signing up to be the 2nd VP, 1st VP, President, and then Immediate Past President over the next 5 years. We have our responsibilities laid out, so that she will get to experience many aspects of running our club before becoming President in the year 2022.

Our 3rd VP is responsible for Service Projects. Having this responsibility does not mean that Sandee does all of our Service Projects. It means that she ensures that committees are in place and people are assigned to do the projects. We have a long list of regular services we

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## August Events

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

**4- Board & General Dinner**

**Meeting, Program:** Debra Metz, Island Senior Resources.

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

**8 - Salmon Barbecue**, Town Park, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm (POC Sandee Allen & Rick Walti).

**11- General Dinner Meeting,**

**Program:** .Chris Michalopoulos, Coupeville Wharf rehabilitation.

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

**18 - Board & General Dinner**

**Meeting.** Program TBD.

**21- Highway Cleanup**, 9:30 am.

Meet at Coupeville Elementary School by the highway (POC Hugh Hedges).

**25- General Dinner Meeting.**

Program TBD.

**Membership/Retention Meeting**, 5:00 - 6:00, CUMC, open to all members (POC Marilyn Pulk & Sandy Johnson).

provide, including Blood Drive, Commodities Distribution, Medical Equipment Loans, Scholarships, Camp Horizon, Students of the Quarter, Roadside Cleanup, Wood Cutting, and many others. It's a long list that is always daunting for the new 3rd VP, until she figures out that most are on autopilot with established committee leads. We also get requests from the community for special projects like supporting events put on by other non-profits. Sandee will determine if we will provide support and organize those projects if we do.

Janet Burchfield moved onto the next step on the 5-year ladder to become our 2nd VP, responsible for Fundraising. The list is shorter, but the projects are intense: Garage Sale, Scholarship Auction, Salmon BBQ, Shopping Spree, and White Cane. Janet's role is to ensure that things are organized and committees are in place. Janet, like the other VP's, is also quite focused on getting new members involved in our activities.

Rick Walti is in the 3rd year of the cycle and is 1st VP, responsible for Administration. This covers events like the Christmas Party, Installation Dinner, Game nights, Church rental, Catering, Website, Lions Phone, Public Relations, Cagey Comments, Roster Maintenance, and other tasks. Some call him the "Party VP", but there is much more to it than that. The 1st VP is also the one to cover for the President when necessary.

Survivors of that gauntlet then become President. The President gets to write this column and chair the Board and Member Meetings. He or she is responsible for Programs, meeting agendas, Zone Meetings, LCI coordination, and handling any issues that fall outside of the other Board Member responsibilities.

Doug Kroon is our Immediate Past President. His main role is to provide counsel and guidance to the rest of us and help recruit a slate of new Board Members for next year.

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### 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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Next spring, Doug will work with Rick, our incoming President, and other Past Presidents to recruit new Board members.

This journey has been enjoyable for me, and I look forward to the day when I can sit back and join our many other Past Presidents and watch with pride as all the new leaders emerge from within our club. But, before that I am looking forward to serving as your club President.

I've just covered 5 of our 15 board members, and next month I'll discuss the rest of the gang. This link to our new website puts names to faces for this year's Board members: <https://www.coupevillelions.org/contact-us.html>.

After years of dedicated Webmaster service for our club Sue Waters decided in June that it was time to pass the baton. In doing so, we were also required to find a new provider for our website. So, it was time to consider a fresh look that could support two of the three initiatives I discussed last month: updating our image to the community and helping new members become active in the club. The Board appointed a working group of Sandy Johnson, Dave Fish, Tim Neal, and myself to chart a course. Sandy was appointed our new Webmaster with Dave as her backup and tech support. Sandy spent over a month of long days and late nights redesigning our website with the goal of being useful and entertaining for you, as well as informative for the community and appealing to potential new members. The result is truly a fantastic resource, and I hope all members will use it often.

<https://www.coupevillelions.org/>

Lion Brian

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## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Our Garage Sale received a lot of help from members of the Coupeville Festival Association. We can show our appreciation by volunteering at the **Arts & Crafts Festival** on August 9 - 11. Help is needed with vendor unloading on the 9th, tear down on the 11th, and in many other areas through the weekend. Sign up on the Festival website at <http://coupevillefestival.com/volunteer-opportunities/>.

Our next **Blood Drive** is August 15. Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks, including calling past donors, making cookies, greeting donors, and cleaning up after the drive. Please contact Lion Sue Hartin ([sue.hartin@cfbt-us.com](mailto:sue.hartin@cfbt-us.com)) to volunteer.

## "Shop Till You Drop"

That probably was not what a dusty, dirty group of Lions thought on Saturday, July 13, out at the Boyer barn shop complex.

Fred Bronson led our group with the removal and cleaning of probably 75 years' accumulation of farm bits and pieces from the shop complex. There was a fine layer of "special" agriculture soil on just about everything that kept the old farm running. We found smudge pots, welding equipment, blacksmith tools, drawers filled with nuts & bolts, lots of parts for farm implements, hand tools, and gunny sacks. Fred made two trips to the dump with his big trailer and two trips to the metal recycling facility.

Since the Boyers have been and continue to be so accommodating to the Lions in letting us use these buildings, we gladly returned the favor and gave them a newly cleaned shop for their future use, which they really appreciated.

All the while, Julian was working on our new shop/storage area and already has a place for everything and everything in its place.



Credit for this effort goes too: Fred Bronson, Julian Sayers, Brian Pulk, Sandy and Bill Johnson, Bill Roberts, Hugh Hedges, Warren Ivy, Tim Neal, and myself. We still need help in laying the floor and moving items into the bay. Once complete, Joe Hillers and Jerry Johnson will have a great place to recondition ride-on lawn mowers for the next big garage sale.

A big "Thank You" to all for the effort, especially coming right after the garage sale.

We Serve!

- Lion Rick Walti

# Membership Moments

By Membership Chair Sandra Johnson



## SPARK PLUGS

The more I get to know members of the Coupeville Lions Club, the more I see what ignites the flame within them. With the abundance of opportunities our club provides, from service projects to fundraisers to Board Member positions, it only takes a spark plug to ignite confidence, ambition, and perseverance to fill a vacancy. We can all be spark plugs - a person who gives energy to an activity involving others.

It takes a special someone to get up every week, be on the ready, no script involved, and entertain us on Wednesday nights during Tail Twister Time! Spark plug city to who ever is in that job!

And what about the Secretary or Treasurer positions? Those folks are dedicated individuals, and our club is all the better because of their abilities.

There are once-a-year, once-a-month and once-a-week positions available, so if you don't see yourself in the long-term role, begin small. Your experience should be a successful one, not a daunting one where you get the feeling, "I'm way over my head."

If you don't necessarily see yourself in one of these positions, but you see sparks in someone else, encourage that person to get involved in a service project, suggest they be a lead during the Garage Sale or fill a vacancy you know they will be perfect for. The definition of a spark plug (informal) is a person who leads, inspires, or animates a group.

Just because you don't see yourself organizing the annual Shopping Spree doesn't mean you can't help out selling tickets during a two-hour shift. Who knows, you might enjoy the benefits this fundraiser brings to the club, and next year you might be the spark plug who helps double the funds raised!

Without the spark-plug mentality, many of our service projects or fundraisers could lose their glow. Members who have faithfully headed up, organized, or delegated during one of our projects or fundraisers might be losing their momentum and need someone who gives life or energy to the event. Be the spark plug to bring new light, new meaning, new energy to a project just by volunteering for a two hour shift or offering to help set up tables.

Too many times I have heard, "Oh, I didn't know what you guys do at Commodities," to, "Setting up at the Scholarship Auction (or Christmas Party, Installation Dinner, Burger Burn, Salmon BBQ, Garage Sale) was so fun, I'm volunteering for these next year!"

I challenge everyone who has thought about volunteering for one of our 23 service projects, or hesitated to help at one of our five fundraisers, to get out there and do it! What is it going to hurt? If you know being the President is not what you aspire to do, don't say yes to becoming one of the Vice Presidents. Take the first step of being a lead in something, such as the Chair for the Shopping Spree, Scarecrow Contest, or kitchen team. Be the spark plug - be the person who gives energy to an activity involving others.

## MEMBER TALKS

The 2019-2020 Coupeville Lions Club year began with a Member Talk by our esteemed Secretary, **Sue Hartin**. Did you know Sue has a ton of siblings!? Did you know Sue is not only a grandma but a great-grandma!? Did you also know that Sue met her husband Ed Hartin because of a broken garage door situation!!?? If you want to know more about Miss Sue, you're going to get an ear full because her story is grand! Thanks Sue for starting off the year with your heart-warming story.



Lions and Garage Sale volunteers did not let the rain prevent them from celebrating another successful sale with burgers and a variety of side dishes. Lion Vin Sherman came closest to guessing the gate total of \$38,827.29.

