



Cagey Comments

Coupeville Lions Club

Coupeville, WA

September 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). Concert at noon.

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).

President's Message

The Lions were well represented at this year's Arts and Crafts Festival, and our support is much appreciated by that event's organizers. Our next big event is the Salmon BBQ. Thanks to Chairpersons Sandee Allen and Rick Walti, as well as all the other Lions who are helping to organize this event. I hope to see all of you there.



Last month I discussed the various responsibilities of the club's Vice Presidents, President, and Immediate Past President. This month I'll attempt to cover the rest of the Board. With **Club Secretary Sue Hartin** and **Club Treasurer Gary Youngs** we get to see only the tip of the iceberg of tasks that they take on behind the scenes.

Of course, we know that Secretary Sue takes excellent meeting minutes, publishes agendas, and handles club correspondence, but she does much more behind the scenes. Sue keeps track of and reports to LCI (Lions Club International) all of our volunteer hours. She keeps track of and reports our membership data and collects our annual dues. She submits various reports

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October Events

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

2- Board & General Dinner Meeting, Program: Nicholas Konopik, Ride the Kraken. New Member induction.

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

9- General Dinner Meeting, Program: .TBD.

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

16 - Board & General Dinner Meeting. Program TBD.

17-20 - MD19 Annual Convention, Wenatchee.

19- Highway Cleanup, 9:30 am. Meet at Coupeville Elementary School by the highway (POC Hugh Hedges).

23- General Dinner Meeting. Program TBD.

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

30 - Bunco Night

to the Zone Chair, District Governor, and LCI. She maintains all club records. Well, that covers some of what Secretary Sue does for us.

Treasurer Gary manages our money, and with our club's annual budget of over \$100K and assets over \$220K this is no small assignment. Every week Gary receives several invoices and donations. Each week he issues several checks for expense reimbursements and covers the bills. Gary prepares quarterly reports, annual reports, and annual budgets. If that does not sound like enough, double it! Our club has two sets of books, Admin for the running of the club and Foundation for fundraising and charitable grants.

Membership Director Sandy Johnson handles the orientation and induction of new members as well as assigning a mentor to each. She oversees recruiting activities such as our annual Open House. Sandy organizes our weekly Member Talks and publishes a summary of each in *Cagey Comments*. Also, in each *Cagey Comments* look for Sandy's "Membership Moments" column and short bios of new members. Sandy has recently acquired our webmaster position and manages the club calendar. Sandy is Co-Chair of the Membership/Retention Committee.

The other Co-Chair of the Membership/Retention Committee is our **Retention Director Marilyn Pulk**. Marilyn's function includes research into why members

leave the Club, how to address any issues affecting membership, and creating strategies that might improve our retention of members. Marilyn and the committee oversee Mentor Training Workshops for prospective mentors, since quality mentoring has been shown to be

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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*

Editor—Gary Parker; Photos by Sandy Johnson & others

an important retention factor. Exit interview questionnaires are conducted and processed to determine where recommended changes or additions to club procedures and programs can be made to encourage retention. Ideas/suggestions are shared with the goal of nurturing and supporting Lions connections. With the goal of “getting members involved and keeping them involved,” Marilyn, Sandy, and the committee look at many factors and suggestions, always searching for ideas that would improve the overall experience of our members both at meetings and with club activities.

Lion Tamer Tim Neal is responsible for the property and paraphernalia of the club, including flags, banners, gong, and gavel. He puts each of these in its proper place before each meeting and returns them to the storage area after each meeting. Tim collects the payments for the weekly meals and circulates with the microphone during meeting discussions. He assures that the church is closed and locked at the end of each meeting.

Tail Twister Hugh Hedges promotes fun, fellowship, and enthusiasm in the meetings through “Happy Bucks,” raffles, imposition of fines on club members, jokes, and any other method he deems appropriate. All monies collected by the Tail Twister go towards payment for the meeting location and other Admin expenses. You may have noticed that Hugh seems to enjoy twisting my tail!

Our club has four **Directors** each serving a staggered two-year term. **Dennis Bullock, Dennis Egan, Duane Baumann, and Deanna Rogers** are tasked with attending Board meetings and providing valuable input to the discussions and decisions that the Board undertakes. Ideally, these four positions will be a mix of experienced Lions and newer Lions. Experienced Lions with knowledge and history are a great asset to the Board. Newer Lions have an opportunity to participate, learn, and decide on future opportunities. Newer Lions also bring new ideas and perspectives.

Lion Brian

AMAZON SMILE

If you make many purchases from Amazon, please consider making donations to the Coupeville Lions Foundation through the Amazon Smile program. The program will donate 0.5% of your purchase of eligible products to the charity of your choice. Our foundation was registered as a charity with the program at the beginning of August. To learn more about the program or to sign up for it, please go to their website, <https://smile.amazon.com>.

- Lion Gary Youngs

Membership Moments

By Membership Chair Sandra Johnson



Dear Lions Club Friends,

Another busy Lions year is underway (we work on a fiscal year for those of you who are checking your calendars and see that it is almost September) with Garage Sale pickups in full swing, preparations for the Annual Salmon BBQ with the Town, the Shopping Spree right around the corner, and motivational meetings regarding the Scholarship Auction. Remember, we all work at different paces, see things from different angles, and analyze the situation just a little differently than others.

I recently read a book called “How to Hug A Porcupine.” It was the most eye-opening book regarding relationship situations I have ever read. It put so many things into perspective and made me realize I need to listen more and talk less. I need to be more sensitive to others’ needs instead of assuming, “They already know that.” I need to know not everyone is having a good day and be more preceptive to their situation.

Too often we underestimate the power of a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring. All of which have the potential to turn a “prickly situation” into a stellar moment.

By listening I am transformed from a potential adversary to an ally, someone to be trusted, and I cease to be part of the problem and become someone who has the information to offer a solution.

Coupeville Lions are known to work well together - we are problem solvers. Whether you are at a Garage Sale pickup, BBQing salmon, selling tickets for the Shopping Spree, or coming up with a plan for the Scholarship Auction, be patient; it’s a virtue. So is understanding. Dealing with a porcupine requires a great deal of both, so resist the temptation to get frustrated. Instead, approach any dilemma with patience and understanding.

We all know people who are difficult to be around - at work, at home, through friends, or just by going about our day. Fortunately, difficult people challenge us, improve us, and make us better human beings by allowing us to find ways to get along with those who are different from us. They help us see things at different angles, work at different paces, and see why analyzing a situation is so important.



MEMBER TALK

On August 7 **Lion Pat Hernandez** presented the Coupeville Lions with a well-prepared life story of herself. She revealed she was a Navy brat born in Chico, CA, but moved to the state of Washington the morning Mount St. Helens decided to blow up! Pat's professional resume is longer than I have room for in this article, so please ask her about her amazing career. A big thanks for Lions John Kohlmann, Joe Walck, and Rob Barnes for influencing Pat to join the Coupeville Lions Club.



Let's Go Take a Hike

Whidbey Island and surrounding areas offer many opportunities for short hikes that take 1 to 1.5 hours to do. Although there are many informal hiking groups to be found on the island, none are based in the Coupeville area. Therefore, let's get one started.



The Central Whidbey Trekkers will have its initial monthly hike on Tuesday, September 17, at 9:00 AM. Our first hike will be the Pratt Loop Trail. The trailhead for this one is on the backside of the Coupeville Cemetery. To get there, just drive past the cemetery and continue on a driveway, which winds back behind the cemetery, to the parking lot.

If you want to learn more about the Trekkers, please send me an email at gyoungs@cablespeed.com.

-Lion Gary Youngs

GARAGE SALE SEASON

The Lions Garage Sale season runs August through June, with a much-welcomed breather in July. Rudy Parhaniemi and John Roomes (left) are marveling over the take from two large



Garage Sale pickups that resulted from two prides of several Lions on the hunt. Rudy and John may have been wondering how all of this was going to get organized, but it was not a problem for the pride of several Lions who turned out for the August barn sort and spent two hours organizing the den. Gary Youngs and Marilyn Pulk (right) stayed late to marvel over being able to see the floor once again. Can you help with Garage Sale pickups? Contact Gary Parker or Ginny Munn for more information or to volunteer.

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Lion Brian Pulk

LION JULIAN COMES THROUGH AGAIN

Julian Sayers, with help from Rick Walti and Hugh Hedges, constructed a new floor and workbench in our new Garage Sale shop at the Boyer Farm. The Boyers need to use our former shop area and in return offered a larger

area for our use as a shop and storage spot.

However, the uneven dirt floor was not usable for the heavy power tools and storage. No problem for Julian ... just build a new floor and while you're at it, a new workbench as well. Last month's *Cagey Comments* illustrated how several Lions spent a day clearing out the shop areas. Then Julian went into action. As payback Julian did say that he plans to negotiate for an extra cup of coffee at the Lions meetings each week. What do you think?



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Lion Brian Pulk

TWINNING COMMITTEE SUPPORTS BACK2SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Back2School program provides supplies to K-12 students that otherwise would not be able to afford them. Some families are homeless while others are low income. Coupeville Lions have supported this program for many years with our annual donation to the Readiness to Learn Foundation, with the funds designated to help the students in the Coupeville School District.

Our Twin club in Istanbul, Mavi Halic Lions Club, provides backpacks to Syrian refugees. We planned to help with the Back2Schol backpack program last year as a twinning project, but it didn't work out because of staffing changes at the school. This year, we were invited to participate by helping with the distribution of backpacks and supplies on August 22 and 23. We were able to help 30-40 students select supplies and other needed items from the "store". Our activities included restocking and organizing supply tables, greeting students and parents, and helping them locate needed items on the school-supplied lists.



Thanks to the Lions that helped with this project – Karen Fletcher, Harold Hertlein, Hugh Hedges, and Dave Fish, as well as the Coupeville Lions Club for its ongoing support of this program.

-Lion Dave Fish

Lions Camp Horizon Summer 2019 Report

Lions Camp Horizon had another great summer of serving our special needs adults. They operated four regular camps, with about 50 campers each session, and two Adventure Camps with thirty plus campers in each of those sessions. From my observation, the campers were happy and having a lot of fun.

Coupeville Lions provided meal service for two days in camp session 3 (July 31 – Aug 1). Meal service activities included setting up the dining hall, helping the cooks prepare meals as needed, serving the campers, washing the dishes, and cleaning the dining hall after the meal. We worked hard serving around 90 meals to campers, counselors, and staff, but we

enjoyed it. Thanks to our crew this year – Bob and Sandee Allen, Pat and Tony Hernandez, Jan and Dick Graham, Brian and Marilyn Pulk and granddaughters Amanda and Paige, Karen Fletcher, Doug Kroon, and yours truly.

In addition to the meal service, I helped with transportation at both Adventure Camps. In the past, we have rented vans to take the campers to off-site activities. This year, we had access to the Parks and Recreation bus. We took the campers to Miniature World where they played miniature golf and drove the go-karts. On the second outing we took them to Birch Bay State Park, where a naturalist showed them the various kinds of clams on the beach and helped them find and identify other critters. They also waded and swam on the rocky, shallow beach, played games, and took a hike through the forest. I really enjoy working directly with the counselors and campers on these adventures.



The Camp facilities are really looking good. They had around 3,000 hours of volunteer service this year provided by Windemere, Americorps, and Lions Clubs. The improvements are too long to list, but a few include paving around the fire pit to provide better wheelchair access, replacing crumbling sidewalks, rebuilding railings on the fire escapes, and general painting and landscaping.

I have posted some camp pictures on our Coupeville Lions Facebook page.

You can also look at the Lions Camp Horizon Facebook page to see the many activities that the campers' enjoy and their many happy faces.

- Lion Dave Fish

**15th Annual
Coupeville Lions Club
SALMON BARBECUE**



**Coupeville Town Park
Sunday, September 8, 2019
11:30-1:00pm**

A Native American Style, Alaskan Waters Caught,
Salmon BBQ with all the fixings - Tickets \$20

FREE Concert at Noon
The Town of Coupeville Annual Free Concert

Tickets available at Coupeville Town Hall or Coupeville Chamber of Commerce. Call 360-678-4105 for "will call" tickets.

Proceeds from the sale of tickets help
fund the Coupeville Lions Club
Foundation programs



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Church Bulletin Bloopers

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Thanx to Lion Bob Johnson