



Puyallup Lions Club

“Serving since 1954”



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2008	Jerry Tecca
2009	Kent Sharpe
2010	Brian O'Bannon

Lions, The best kept secret.

Lions are the best kept secret in the world. We don't advertise what we do, we rarely send out press releases and when we work on projects we don't even have a sign up to let people know who is doing the community service. This needs to change for us to gain new membership and gain community support.

Lion Pat recently purchased a poster that showed what we accomplished last year. This is a great thing that needs to be put up at all of our projects in the community. In addition we need to develop a contact with the local newspaper. This has been attempted in the past but we need to be more aggressive. Press releases need to be written and submitted to the paper. If we have a well written press release with action pictures it may get published.

Do you have a Lions sticker on your car? Do you wear your Lions pin outside of a club meeting? Do your friends even know that you are a Lion? We provide PR whenever we are out in the community and when we wear our pin, a Lions hat or have a sticker on our car we are promoting Lions. People will ask what Lions are and we can let them know what we do.

If we have a hope of adding new members, people need to know we even exist and provide a service to our community. We truly make a difference in our community even though they have no idea that we exist. As John Lennon once said "Imagine". Imagine that we had twenty new members who each had an idea to make us stronger. Imagine we grew and the community relied on us to be the service club. Imagine meeting new people and new friends. Imagine the possibilities.

Upcoming Events

Meeting Change Federal Way: The Federal Way club will not be meeting during the month of September. If you plan a visitation to visit them please wait until October.

Rainier Blue Grass Party: This event will be held August 25th through the 28th at Wilkowski Park in Rainier. Washington. On Saturday the 27th there will be two shows of Blue Grass music. One will be from 2-5pm and the other from 6-9pm.

NW Lions Leadership Institute: This year's institute will be held February 9th thru the 12th in Gig Harbor. This will be in our own backyard and is a great opportunity to learn about Lions, leadership, running a meeting, public speaking and many more important aspects of becoming a leader. Watch for more information as the institute gets closer.

Information Needed

We are looking to add some further information into our roster for members only. It would help us greatly if we could get cell phone numbers to add to the roster. When we have the Poker run or other activities that we are split apart it would be nice to be able to get ahold of each other. These numbers will only be given to our members and will not be published any were else. Please forward them if you want to be included to warbuff60@comcast.net. I will add the numbers in on those people who send them to me.

We Serve Better Together

Report Information

Do you also do volunteer work for your church? Do you help a youth group, a scouting troop, are you a scorekeeper or a coach for a youth team? Do you volunteer at a soup kitchen or a food bank? If the answer is yes, please let me know what you have done each month and how many hours you have spent doing this. Community service counts even though it may not be an official Lions Club project. Did you plant a tree for work? Have you given programs to other groups, i.e. talked about women's heart attacks, or went on a toy run.

There are two reasons for this. Reason one is to get a better idea of how our members serve our community. Reason two is that if our members are doing other things we might just want to work with other groups and make it a Lions Club project.

New Ideas

Do you belong to other groups of people that have common interests? Why not form an affiliate club or a branch club of these like-minded people. An example would be a bicycle riding club. These people have common interests and do similar things. A branch club or affiliate club could be formed and they would fall under the Lions umbrella and would be able to do the things they like to do as well as serve their community. This is a way to get people who are already together and give them the opportunity to be a Lion. This could be any other group that you belong to. You could even have a community theatre Lions Club. A home brewers lions club or even a veterans club. Is this a possibility? Think about it.

Project Recap

Opening Eyes: Two of our members attended the International Convention and assisted in providing a demonstration of what we do during the Special Olympics. Lions Amy and Teri registered athletes and Dr. Hartman and others gave eye exams to some athletes. These athletes were provided with glasses as a part of the demonstration. Lions from all over the world were able to see just what we accomplish each year as a part of special Olympics.

Spaghetti Dinner: We assisted the Senior Center with a spaghetti dinner as a fundraiser for both groups. Even though we had a little bit of a bumpy start the project went very well. If we do this project again we will need to be a bit more organized and pre-sell tickets. Special thanks to Lion Judø's wife Karen and their granddaughter who helped on the serving line. Additional thanks go out to Joanne Pardue for providing sauce and brownies.



Lions Dave and Jerry in the kitchen cooking.

Officer's Training

If you did not get to officers training this year Lion Bill Ellis can provide training on-line. If you are interested please email Lion Bill at Lionellis@aol.com. He will make arrangements to provide training. Please contact Lion Bill to get this training by August 31st. This is a valuable training opportunity to know what is needed to effectively accomplish your job. In addition I have a CD available that I can burn for you. Please advise.

Words of Melvin Jones

Everyone knows the quote that Helen Keller gave the Lions when she challenged them to be Knights of the Blind, however, our founder Melvin Jones has several quotes about Lions. Melvin Jones, a Chicago businessman founded Lions Clubs on June 17th, 1917. Here are just a few of his quotes.

On Service: "You cannot get very far until you start doing something for someone else."

On Dreams: "Dreams are the food ideas of the day before yesterday that have become the commonplace miracles of today."

On Brotherhood: "The whole purpose of Lionism is to teach people the importance of the brotherhood of man. Unselfishness can be the greatest force for good in any neighborhood, or in any country. True brotherhood exists where people live together, work together and break bread together in mutual trust and respect."

Dues are Due.

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Meeting 2nd and 4th

Wednesdays

Mrs. Turners Puyallup

6:30 pm

Fundraisers:

Rose Sale

Christmas tree Sale

Charity Run

Service Projects:

Sight and Hearing

Eyeglass Recycling

Feeding the Needy

Scholarships

Youth Sports

Easter Egg Hunt

Senior Breakfast

Board of Directors:

KL	Mikel Pardue
1 st VP	Neil Gruchalla
2 nd VP	Pat Jaques
Secretary	John Budzak Jr
Treasurer	Dave Hildebrant
Lion Tamer	Jerry Tecca
Tail Twister	Kent Sharpe
2yr. Board	Amy Ledvina
1yr. Board	Jerry Tecca.
Membership	Terri Soliz
IPP	Brian O'Bannon

Board Meeting Highlights

The Puyallup Lions held their July board meeting on July 15th, 2011.

The Board minutes and treasurers report from June were given.

Old Business:

Reports were given at the regular meeting immediately prior to the board meeting.

Bowling ramps are awaiting contact from the Special Olympics team we were going to buy the ramps for. This is still an outstanding issue from last year.

Need to contact the people that are purchasing the dunk tank to get the final payment so we can sign the tank over to them.. Lion Jerry Tecca will follow up.

New Business:

A committee has been formed to become a 501C-3 organization. Lions Neil, Kent and Dave will be a part of the committee so we can go forward with this. Lion Dave reported that he was opening a second checking account to handle our administrative account only. This needs to be done to make becoming a 501C-3 easier.

Debit cards for the project account were brought up. It was moved and seconded to get two debit cards for the project account and have them under the control of the treasurer. Motion passed.

The budgets for 2011-12 were presented. It was moved and seconded to accept the administrative account as presented. Motion passed. It was moved and seconded to accept the projects account as presented. Motion passed.

Project trailer replacement was brought up. A committee will be formed to look into replacing the current project trailer. In addition it was looked at to get a trailer large enough to store our items from the storage unit that are used on projects and tow it to the different projects we do. If this occurred we would get rid of the inside storage and have outside storage only. KL Mike, Dave and Brian will be on the committee to look into this.

Tree Sale stands need to be rebuilt. Treated lumber was priced out at around \$1400. A new design will be used to make the stands sturdier as well as easier to assemble. A work party will be held in September to build the new stands. The committee will talk to Home Depot to see if we can get the materials for a reduced price.

K.L. Mike would like to look into getting donation jars to place in businesses around the city. This is two fold in that we get some donations for our projects (specifically sight and hearing) and have some visibility within the community.

Need to work on PR so that we can gain new members. Adjourned 7:45

pm

Membership Information Area

August 4th

John Budzak Jr Birthday

August 10th

Regular Meeting/ Board Meeting 6:30 Mrs. Turners

August 13th

Senior Breakfast Senior Center

August 15th

Feed-In Armory 6pm

August 24th

Regular Meeting Mrs. Turners 6:30 pm