



# Yelm Lions Club Bulletin



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*"The best way  
to find yourself  
is to lose  
yourself in the  
service of  
others."*

**Mahatma  
Gandhi**



Club Leadership Team:

- Pedro Garcia — President
- JW Foster — Vice President
- Dave Pratt — Secretary
- Christy Garcia — Treasurer
- Megan Hansen — Branch President
- Todd Stancil — Branch Secretary

## *Note from the Yelm Lions Club President*

Congratulations on a great Prairie Days in June. Yes. Prairie Days was a major success. The new events like the Children's Carnival Kids Zone & Interactive Activities were very well received by the community. A big "Thank You" to all coordinators and volunteers who made this possible.

Don't forget the club planning session on August 20 at the Lions Cabin. See the calendar of activities in this newsletter for that and other great events to be involved in this and next month.

**Pedro**

## **Calendar of Events — Make Your Plans!**

### **Club Branch Fast Pitch Softball Tournament**

**August 13 and/or 14. Watch for specific times.**

Come volunteer and support the Midday Club Branch's first girls softball fast pitch tournament. I will be held at Yelm's Longmire park. Contact Megan Hansen to volunteer, at news2@yelmonline.com. Or call her at 458-2622, extension 1616.

### **Club Planning Session**

**August 20, 10 am to 1 pm**

This is perhaps the most important meeting of the year. We make our plans for the year, about how we'll prioritize our charitable giving; develop new projects; update existing projects; etc. There will be special emphasis on

the 5-year community center project. Food will be provided. It will be held at the Lions Cabin in Yelm.

The event will be facilitated by Past Zone Chairperson Bill Zidel, who is always fun and keeps things lively. Bill is a master cheesecake baker and will bring a surprise dessert of his own making.

### **Club Branch Meeting.**

**August 25. Noon to 1 pm.**

Plan to meet at Mr. Doug's Restaurant for great information and a good lunch.

### **Adopt-a-Highway Road Cleanup (Changed Date!)**

**August 27, 9 am to 11 am**

Meet at the Yelm Lions Cabin to sign in and draw equipment. This is an easy and fun project, so plan to

attend. Call Dave Pratt (400-1746) for additional information.

### **Rainier Bluegrass Festival**

**August 27, 2-5pm & 6-9pm**

Run by the Rainier Lions at Wilkowski Park in Rainier (off Hwy 507). This is a great, fun and free event for the family.

### **Yelm Lions Evening Meeting**

**Sep 12, 6pm to 7 pm**

**Note the date change** for our first evening meeting of the year. An excellent sight program is planned, along with great food and friendship.

### **Community Meal Project**

Thursdays, 5 pm to 7 pm at the Lions Cabin. Volunteer!

## Yelm Lions Club

## *Yelm Lions Club Annual Planning Meeting*

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The simple pleasures!

If there is a meeting that is important to our club, including the members that meet in the evenings, mornings or with the Midday Branch, it is the Club Planning Meeting. This is the meeting where the club's priorities are set, where new projects are discussed, and where issues can be brought up in a safe, stimulating and fun environment.

Last year, the charitable funds account for our club was nearly exhausted by the community's needs for assistance. This was seen particularly in the sight area, where we received an unprecedented number of requests for eye therapy for kids, as well as for eyeglasses.

Already this year, we have five requests for eye therapy lined up. Even with matching grants from the Northwest Lions Foundation for Sight & Hearing, the demand promises to break the bank. This doesn't count hearing aid requests, and the numerous other causes we donate to.

We need your help. Come to the planning meeting on August 20 at 10 am at the Lions Cabin. The meeting will be facilitated by Bill Zidel, a great friend of the club whose old-town, Brooklyn demeanor is always fun and keeps things moving.

Food will be provided by the club, so come spend a few hours with good friends and help the club's leadership forge our path for the coming year.

### **We're On the Web:**

<http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/yelmwa/>

### ***Lions Clubs International Records Fourth Straight Year of Membership Increase***

Lions Clubs International has experienced its fourth straight year of membership increase. While many volunteer organizations continue to see a decline in members, 2010-11 marks the first time in nearly 20 years that the world's largest service club organization has recorded four straight years of membership increase.

"We chartered more than 1,600 new clubs, bringing our total number of clubs to more than 46,000," said Wing-Kun Tam, the 2011-12 president of Lions Clubs International. "In the last four years, we have increased our membership by more than 50,000. With more members, Lions can provide more service to their communities and to those in need around the world."

According to Tam, "Lions membership has grown as Lions have employed new ways of connecting with the people in their communities. Our fastest growing demographic group is women." In addition to recruiting more women, Lions clubs have been successful in reaching out to younger members and organizing clubs that encourage parents and children and other family members to volunteer together. Family clubs fit more easily into today's busy lifestyles and allow family members to volunteer together.

"We are increasing our efforts in social networking in order to reach younger men and women who want to volunteer to make a difference in their communities and to help others locally, nationally and internationally," Tam said. Lions have also organized many specialty clubs such as cyber clubs that meet online and get together only to do service projects, as well as other clubs that serve specific interests and needs of groups within communities.

***Dues are Due! Statements  
have been mailed to every  
member. Please do your  
part to keep our club  
healthy and pay your dues  
now!***