



Cagey Comments



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"Sweet April showers Do spring May flowers."

- Thomas Tusser, *A Hundred Good Points of Husbandry*, 1557

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Looking Ahead: Preservation and Construction

by Lion Ron Boyer

Jacob Ebey House Cabinets

Thanks to 24 great volunteers, almost all Coupeville Lions, we completed the construction, finishing, and installation of the cabinets for the Jacob Ebey Visitors Center on March 19th. About 750 hours were spent on this project over the last 10 week-ends. Those volunteers who were able to attend the final viewing on Saturday, March 19th, signed their names for posterity on the underside of a cutting board designed into one of the cabinets. The Reserve and the community are very grateful for the support, work and training put in by the Coupeville Lions. Thank you Coupeville



photo by Ralph Edwards

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Calendar of Events

April 2011

- 1-Commodities Distr. Cam-Bey 10am
- 6-Board Meeting /Dinner/Meeting - White Cane Envelopes, Officer Elections
- 9- Deception Pass Clean-up
- 12-Woodcutting-9 am at Recycle
- 13-Dinner/Meeting /Program- Membership OPEN HOUSE---
- 16- Camp Horizon Cleanup
- 16-Garage Sale Barn Sort at 9 am
- 20-Board Meeting/Dinner/Meeting
- 27-Dinner/Meeting Program: Teresa Ellis-Take a Hike
- 29 & 30 - White Cane-Red Apple
- 30 to 1 - White Cane at Ferry Landing

Looking Back: Lions Day

by Lion's Dave Fish and John Kohlmann



The Lions of Whidbey Island were able to celebrate the Annual Lions Day with the United Nations by raising the LCI flag at the Island County Courthouse on March 18th. The Island County Commissioners adopted a resolution recognizing the contributions made island-wide by the five Lions Clubs on Whidbey Island and proclaiming March 18th as Lions Club Day. In their resolution, the Island County Board of Commissioners urged the residents of Island County to support the efforts of the Lions Clubs; and authorized the Lions Clubs International flag to be flown at the courthouse on March 18, 2011, as evidence of the appreciate and recognition of the efforts of our Island Lions Clubs and members.

Likewise, the Town of Coupeville adopted a similar resolution for the two Coupeville Clubs and declared March 18th Lions Club Day in the Town. A

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Coupeville Lions!

I'm sure proud to be a member of this great club! With so many things going on I sometimes feel left out, knowing that I can't be part of everything. I get my toe in the door on a number of projects but I know that a lot more goes on all the time.

Just scanning all the emails that go by shows a tremendous amount of time and service by Coupeville Lions. Our club walked



away with the most awards at the District 19H Spring Conference; First Place Bulletin, First Place Tri-fold Brochure, Runner up

Scrapbook and Runner up Lion of the Year! New beautiful cabinets were completed and installed in the Jacob Ebey House, with many hours of Lion work and lots of leadership by Lion Ron Boyer, wood got cut for the needy, meals got delivered, commodities were distributed, highway litter picked up, Garage Sale donations picked up, sorted, boxed, and put away, and many more hours of planning, helping and Lions just being involved in the community. And Lion Molly brought in the Third Quarter Students of the



Quarter who told us about their hard work and dreams. And as always the pot-luck dinner was overwhelmingly delicious! Whew!!



Putting together the last BINGO extravaganza without Lion Nancy was a lesson on how much she and Lion Gordon MacMillan have



done for the previous BINGO meetings. Thanks to all who helped put it together and take it down after. The Rec Hall is a fun place to meet but a lot of extra work!

Meetings have been a lot of fun for me with a great turnout of Lions and guests all

year. The more the merrier is certainly true. A lot of Lion work goes into our meetings to make them fun and enjoyable: Lion Grace is always at the church early doing the table settings, Mel and Joe and Don are getting the kitchen ready, making coffee, serving the food and cleaning up after the meeting, Tom and Barb plan the programs, get speakers, Sec. Jim is the clearing house for all the communications, and of course TT Karen gives us all a good laugh. Many more hands pitch in every week to keep the burden light. Thanks.

Congratulations Spence Purvis on 70 years plus as a Lion! Thanks to all who helped make the presentation to Lion Spence, I know he enjoyed the meeting! He even helped me read his LCI citation!



Spring is here and the Garage Sale barn is getting full. That is a good thing, but it is time to think about putting off donating big items until they can be brought directly to the school in June. If friends ask about donating big items, ask if they can wait until June 24-28, that is when we can accept things at the school.

We have a great slate of officers willing and ready to serve next year. They will be voted in on April 6th. Come to the meeting and get your vote counted.

- Lion Dennis

President's



**President 2010-2011
Lion Dennis Bullock**

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Lion Spence Purvis

by Lions Jim Phay, Dennis Bullock, others

The rarely awarded 70 Year Membership Monarch Award Chevron was presented to Coupeville Lion Spencer Purvis with daughter, Patti and grandchildren, Mynda and Mark attending at the meeting on March 30th, 2011



R. Spencer Purvis was born on February 13, 1918. He joined Seattle Central Lions Club in 1941, then became a Coupeville Lions Club on June 6, 1978. He held most if not all of the offices in Seattle and Coupeville Clubs in the 40's to the 80's, and became a Life Member in November, 1986. In his many years of active participation, he sponsored 14 new members. In his "spare" time, he was in the Army during WW II serving in France, Germany, and England. Professionally, he received his CPA certificate in 1948 and practiced from 1948-1960 in partnership at Purvis & Parker. The partnership merged with Arthur Young in 1960 and was Past President of CPA Society and Chairman of State Board of Accountancy, then he retired in 1978. In addition to the Coupeville Lions, he served on the board of Whidbey General Hospital Foundation, plus Senior Services of Island County, Island County Planning Commission, Coupeville Town Council, and Coupeville Methodist Church. Spence was married 55 years to Hope Purvis and they had two children, Patricia and Jeff, then four grandchildren. He has been married 16 years to Betty Purvis and they are currently residing at Maple Ridge in Freeland.



While President Dennis read the proclamation from Lion International, Lion Spence was surrounded by eleven Part Presidents of Coupeville Lions Club to recognize and honor his unique accomplishment. LCI told Lion Dennis less than 20 Lions annually reach the 70 year membership mark out of all 1.35 million members in 206 countries and geographic areas world wide.

Way to go Spence!

Annual Lions Day Celebrated

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special "Thank You!" to Lion Mayor Nancy Conard for helping to arrange this event for the celebration of the 66-year partnership between Lions Clubs International and the United Nations.

The Annual Lions Day is an opportunity to recognize the contributions made Island-wide by Lions Clubs, including highway and county road cleanups, support for county parks, vision and hearing screening, providing glasses and hearing aids to needy individuals, support Boy Scout Troops and other youth activities, conduct blood drives, provide college scholarships and support the food banks, in addition to supporting Lions Clubs International humanitarian activities.

White Cane

- by Lion Past Pres Joe Walck

What does White Cane Days mean to me....

Before this year, it just meant it was time to give a couple of hours of my time to solicit donations. It was a time to smile, stick a white cane on fellow Coupevillian's, and somehow collect a wonderful amount of money for the program (\$4,000!). Later in the year I would volunteer for the Sight and Hearing Van screening. You know, we can't have one without the other. White Cane Days will solicit donations at 3 locations. We will only stand/sit 2 hour shifts: Red Apple, Apr. 29 & 30; Ferry Landing, April 30 & May 1; Whidbey Island Bank, May 5 & 6. On Wednesday, the 6th will do our annual letter-stuffing at the meeting. We have letters to go out to almost 500 friends of Lions. Please signup or call me for a shift.

There will also be additional envelopes for those wishing to hand carry a request to friends and neighbors.

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Preservation and Construction

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Lions; especially to Lions John Roomes & Don Richardson who worked 9 shifts, Tom & Teresa Ellis who worked 7 shifts and to Ralph Edwards who took photos all 28 days of the project.



Rob Hetler was our instructor, foreman, cheerleader, and all around good-guy that worked before construction started by defining the "customers" needs, sorting, sawing, drying, and hauling the wood, drafting the construction drawings, and making that most mysteries of oracles, the Story Board. Doubtful the project would have happened without Rob. He is still working weekends with Michael Churchill on his senior project; the cabinets for the docent's break room. They will be made in the same style and materials we used for the office.

Crockett Blockhouse

We are now entering into the second phase of preservation of the Crockett Blockhouse located on Fort Casey Road. **Phase one, Stabilization**, took place last year. The entire building was sprayed for insects, roof holes were covered and excavation of the soil around the building was completed for proper drainage.



Phase two, Timber/Log Preparation, is taking place this year. Through a lot of effort and a bit of luck, we were able to obtain 10 well seasoned replacement timbers at no cost to the county. The timbers are coming from a 90 year old Port of Everett factory building that was being disposed of. Our timbers, along with timbers for 5



other local projects, were transported from Everett to Coupeville by PRO-Build on March 28th.

Over the next couple of months, we *continued next column*

will clean the logs of metal, dirt, etc. and then cut them to size and "roughen" them to match the rest of the building. The cleaning will be at the county maintenance facility next to the dog park on Patmore Road. Cutting the timbers and "roughening" them will take place later. More information and requests for help will be provided at upcoming Lions meetings.

Phase three, Timber/Log Replacement, will probably take place next year. See The Whidbey Examiner for more information at: <http://www.whidbeyexaminer.com/main.asp?Search=1&ArticleID=5629&SectionID=1&SubSectionID=1&S=1> and Thank You for the use of the photos in this article.

4th Annual Ebey's Reserve Preservation Project

It's official -- this year's **Ebey's Reserve Preservation Field School**, slated for July 18-August 12th -- will feature two historic icons -- the Ferry House front porch reconstruction and stabilization of the Kineth water tower. At the Kineth water tower, located at Salmagundi Farms on Highway 20, the work scope will focus on the following elements; Repairing/ Replacing siding on the south wall top to bottom, Reconstruction of porch, Select window restoration, and Plug and Seal the exterior. More information on this project will be provided in future issues of the newsletter and at our meetings.



A great Lion Sleeps Tonight

Coupeville Lion Bruce Fairbanks Williams, 80, died peacefully of natural causes on Monday, March 14, 2011, surrounded by loved ones. An adored father, grandfather and great-grandfather, he was a loyal friend, a lifelong servant to his country and to his community. A full military funeral will be held for him at Arlington National Cemetery at the end of June.

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Camp Horizon Spring Cleanup

by Lion Dave Fish

Come help us make Lions Camp Horizon ready for the 2011 camping season on Saturday and or Sunday, April 16 & 17. Some of the projects we will be taking on this year include: Putting up Friends sign, painting, landscaping, dry walling, installing grab bars, general cleaning, and checking that the water faucets, toilets, light bulbs and emergency lights are working. Bring gloves/safety gear, your favorite tools and trusty machine like power washer, edger, weed eater, etc. Coffee and Muffins will be provided in the morning. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers both days, please RSVP by April 12th. Dorms & RV area will be available for anyone who wants to stay over night. Also you can join us Saturday night for a Salmon BBQ for \$10 a person, tickets are limited, RSVP by April 12th. RSVP directly to kathyberg@comcast.net or 360-371-0171.



years of high school. He has been a member of the ASB Executive Board for three years. He has received an academic excellence award in social studies, his favorite subject, and has a 3.46 GPA. He has contributed many hours of community service with NHS, but has also been basketball camp coach and a Lions swim instructor all four years of high school. He also works as a life guard during the summer. Tyler has signed to run track for the University of Washington where he will attend college next year. Tyler is the son of Randy and Laurie King.

BINGO Night



Lion 1st VP Fred awaits the verdict from BINGO judge Lion Vicki if he has the first winner of the night. He did and won \$5.00. Lion Bob looks on and later tried to buy the card; no deal and Lion Fred won again that night on the same card.

Students of the 3rd Quarter

- by Lion Dave Fish

During their March 23 meeting, the Coupeville Lions honored seniors Tyler King and Courtney Arnold as students of the quarter from Coupeville High.

For all four years of high school, Courtney has been a cheerleader, played basketball, and involved in student government. She was the student body VP her junior year and is the student body President this year. Her favorite classes are English and Math. She has received the Lamp of Knowledge award every year and has a 3.9 GPA. She volunteers with NHS, coaches the Jr. Cheer program and Jr. Basketball, and has been a leader in her church's Vacation Bible School all through high school. Courtney plans to attend a Christian University in the fall and study education or psychology. She is the daughter of Garrett and Sylvia Arnold.

Tyler King runs cross county for the OHHS team, plays basketball and runs track, He has participated in these three sports for all four

Zone work party April 9th

It sounds like there will be plenty of work to do according to Ranger Jason Stapert. Lion Kathy Marley has 100 signed up for lunch - hope they all plan to show up for work too! Lion Pres Dennis will bring the donuts at 9:00 am to fuel the morning effort. Please take note of the need for tools and gloves. Probably some pitch forks or garden forks would be of use too. We are sure the weather will be perfect, but be prepared just in case. Deception Pass can have it's very own brand of wind and rain.

See you all on !

- Lion Dennis

Membership Night

Mark your calendars for April 13! Membership Drive Open House is set for that evening. It's your chance to introduce that person you think would make a great lion, to the Coupeville Lion's Club. A program has been planned that will encourage that person to join with our club in making the bold declaration, "WE SERVE!"

As you know your prospective member will receive a free dinner and an especially warm welcome. Invitations have been printed and are available from Lion Jackie Feusier. First Lion to turn in a completed new membership application will get to blow the horn at the start of this summers Garage Sale!!

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4- Board Meeting /Dinner/Meeting: Program: Local Guide Dog Trainer
5>6 White Cane-Whidbey Bank
6-Commodities Distr. Cam-Bay 10am
7-Hearts & Hammers
10-Woodcutting-9 am at Recycle
11-Dinner/Meeting -Student of the Quarter Pot Luck
14-Water Festival, White Cane??
18-Board Meeting /Dinner/Meeting
19—BLOOD DRIVE
21-New Officer Training - Pres/VPs/Sec
25- Board Meeting /Dinner/Meeting: -Program: Gayle Richards-BLOOD
28-Memorial Day Parade

"Roar & Growl"

Editors Note: I am honored by the District 19H Award for the Bulletin, our Cagey Comments. My THANK YOUS go to the article writers, Lion Pres Dennis for his page, and photographers Lion Marsha, Lion Ralph, and photo fixer Lion PP Joe—you all make each and every edition possible

-Lion Bob

There will be a finance committee meeting on next year's budget 15 Apr 1pm at Town Hall. Input, questions or ideas should go to Lion Treasurer Nancy Conard, Lion John Kohlmann, Lion Dave Fish, Lion Dennis Bullock or Lion Ron Boyer as soon as you can.

Congratulations!! to Oak Harbor Lion Tom Bond who is now officially our District Governor Elect for 2011-2012.

Photos were taken by Lions Marsha Phay unless otherwise noted

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TO: Coupeville Lion

Addendum: Information of Interest from On-Line Sources



Ed Note: For our members who do not regularly read the messages send out by e-mail to the Club, the following information may be of importance and / or interest.

The following has been edited for space considerations and is intended to be as accurate as possible. Any questions on content can be addressed by referral to the original documents and messages as referenced.

LCI Convention Volunteering: You can register via our 2011 website at <http://www.lionsconvention2011.com/volunteer.php> and indicate what you are interested in and outline any restrictions you have. We will take all of that into consideration when fitting you in as a volunteer. We will even try to have you with a member of your own club if that works for you. – Allan Hunt

The Issues between the Northwest Lions Foundation and MD19 Council of Governors: “In a message dated “March 8, 2011 the trustees of the Northwest Lions Foundation would appreciate it if you would share this with your members at your next meeting. As you may be aware, the MD19 Council of Governors met on February 12, 2011 and chose to withdraw its endorsement of the Northwest Lions Foundation as a Lions organization. The Council has notified Lions Clubs International of its decision. LCI has not responded as yet. We believe the Northwest Lions Foundation meets the highest standards of Lionism... and the SightLife Board of Trustees has given full authority over Lions programs to the Northwest Lions Foundation Board, which is 100% Lions.... Most people do not realize this support from SightLife makes the Northwest Lions Foundation one of the largest Lions Foundations in this country....We believe there is a strong possibility that Lions Clubs International will provide SightLife and the Northwest Lions Foundation an exemption to their trademark policy to use the Lions logo.... The funds raised during White Cane Days are a primary funding source for Lions programs such as the Health Screening Unit, Lions Patient Care Grants, and the Lions Hearing Aid Bank..... In conclusion, *We Serve*. Over the last two years alone, the Northwest Lions Foundation has given more than \$160,000 to Lions-related organizations, such as Low Vision Clinics and LERC. In addition, the Foundation has worked with Lions Clubs throughout MD19 to screen 65,000 children and provide sight and hearing care to more than 1,000 indigent patients.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Lion Sandy Jeghers at the Foundation office in Seattle, (206-838-4603, sandy@nlfoundation.org).”
Sincerely, PID Roger R. Richert, Chairman Board of Trustees, Northwest Lions Foundation

ed note: “Until these deliberations are complete, the Northwest Lions Foundation is encouraging all our clubs to participate in this year’s White Cane Days event.... all monies collected and sent to NLF will go directly to help fund our projects. That includes Patient Care, the Hearing Aid Bank, and the expenses of operating the Health Screening van. No funds will go to SightLife and the corneal tissue operation. The “Eye Bank” is self-sufficient” - per correspondence sent us from PID Roger R. Richert, above and Art Ruben, 19B District Governor.

Coupeville Lions will do White Cane fund raising and send in the money as “business as usual”.

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LCIF – New Zealand Quake: “On February 22, a magnitude 6.3 earthquake devastated Christchurch, New Zealand. Local Lions responded immediately to this crisis by securing and distributing large supplies of bottled water throughout Christchurch and the surrounding suburbs. ...In addition to providing potable water, District Governor Clearwater and her Cabinet have also released US \$40,000 to help provide food to the Civil Defense Welfare Centers that have been established to serve the displaced. LCIF is in close communication with the Lions of District 202 E and has approved an initial emergency grant of US \$10,000. These funds will be primarily used to continue providing the people of Christchurch with clean drinking water. A dedicated, “New Zealand Earth-

quake – 2011” fund has been established for donors who wish to support relief efforts.”

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LCIF—Japan Quake: “Lions, we respond immediately, alongside our fellow Lions of Japan. Within hours of the disaster, Lions Clubs International Foundation committed over US\$1.25 million, or 100 million Japanese Yen, for immediate relief for Japan. This includes a major catastrophe grant, six emergency grants and designated donations from Lions worldwide. We gave also established a designated fund for Lions to directly support this disaster. But, I appeal to you - we need to do more. You know firsthand that in the case of disasters, we Lions are committed for as long as it takes. "We Serve" does not stop at a community or country border but extends to every corner where there is need. Our hands are building bridges for a better tomorrow.

Lions, I ask for your help in making the hope for a brighter tomorrow for those who so urgently need from us. The most immediate way to give hope is through a designated donation to LCIF.

LCIF has received donations or commitments exceeding US\$6 million, including US\$3 million that the Lions of Japan are working to raise themselves during their own crisis. With the expected death toll now exceeding 18,000 and rising, the devastation is clearly greater than anyone could have imagined. And more than 400,000 people are still in shelters, in the cold, often going without a hot meal for days on end. Now that the roads have re-opened, Lions from all over Japan are sending relief aid from every corner of the country -- 30 tons of rice is being sent from Sapporo, US\$50,000 worth of baby formula from Hokkaido, and women's health products from the southern area of Shikoku - all through the Lions network in Japan. Within a day of the disaster, many courageous clubs distributed 20 tons of food, water and emergency supplies, despite great risks and challenges to themselves. Even our Lions blue-colored Lions relief tents are being delivered to give shelter for Lions volunteers and other relief workers in the hardest-hit areas.....As you may know, we have 31 Lions clubs in Sendai - the largest city affected by the quake - and nearly a club in every town up and down the coastline. Whether it's clothes and food today, or shelter next week, or a wheel chair the week after, Lions will be there to give dignity to those who have suffered such unimaginable pain and suffering.

While many of you have [already generously donated](#), for which I am very thankful, please encourage your fellow Lions, Leos and friends to also [donate](#). Please know that every donation will be put to careful use, and 100 percent will go to the cause. Also, donations received between March 11 and June 30, 2011 will be eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowships.”

- Eberhard J. Wirfs, Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation

Matching funds for Japan Relief contributions: The Coupeville Lions BOD recommendation that Lions contributions to Japan Relief be matched up to \$1,000 from Foundation Undesignated budget. Contributions from members will be accepted at any time; Checks are to be made out to “Coupeville Lions Note: Japan Relief”.

Here are a couple of web sites that you might want to check for more information about how Lions are making a difference in Japan.

They are <http://blog.lionsclubs.org/> and Lions all over Japan are providing immediate disaster relief, while our Foundation (LCIF) is mobilizing funds to support immediate and long-term relief. So far, [more than US\\$6 million has been mobilized](#), which includes disaster grants from LCIF as well as millions in contributions and commitments from Lions worldwide. Lions in Japan themselves are working to raise \$3 million. <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/our-work/disaster-relief/japan-quake-relief.php> .

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Here's the link to the new 19H website!
<http://www.e-district.org/sites/19h/index.php>