



Cagey Comments

Coupeville Lions Club

Coupeville, WA

April Events

- 3- Woodcutting**, Recycle Center. 9:30 am (POC Gary Youngs)
- 4 - Board & General Dinner Meeting, Program:** Meredith Penny - Long Range Planner with Island County Planning & Community Development
- 6 - Commodities Distr.** Cam-Bey Apts. 9:30 am (POC Marilyn Pulk)
- 8 - Jackie Feusier Memorial**, Rec. Hall, 2:00 pm. (POC Vicky Reyes)
- 11 - General Dinner Meeting, Program:** Jon Crimmins - Area Mgr. Washington State Parks, Cannons for Casey report.
- 13- Barn Sort**, Boyer Barn, 9 am (POC Gary Youngs)
- 18 - Board & General Dinner Meeting, Program:** Leslie Franzen, Coupeville Library Mgr., library operations bond. Induction of new Members.
- 21 - Zone Project**, Deception Pass State Park, 9:00 am (POC Dennis Bullock)
- 25 - General Dinner Meeting, Program:** Jean Wieman, Executive Director of Help House; and White Cane project report.

President's Message

As we reach the three-quarter point in our Lions' year, we have accomplished a lot but still have some big projects to complete. As we continue to wrap up the Scholarship Auction with a scheduled debrief, the production of thank-you letters and a final accounting of our net profits, the Garage Sale and the White Cane committees are ramping up their planning. We have accomplished several service projects but have more on the schedule.



Service in March:

Coupeville Little League – We approved \$2,000 to help repair damage to the concession stand, including some vandalism & a water leak, and upgrade the electrical. This donation will be considered a second Lions Centennial Legacy project. You are encouraged to attend the Little League games and support the over 100 kids that are signed up to participate.

Brave Little Lions – This project, which we supported in the past, had become inactive. It has been reactivated as a zone project, led by Carolyn O'Dell of the Oak Harbor Lions. In the future, Brave Little Lions, which will include some activities as well as the lion, will be available to police and fire for distribution to kids in distress, as well as at the hospital.

Lions Camp Horizon – Our camp continues to grow and serve more developmentally disabled adults. We support the operational needs of the camp in our regular budget as well as additional contributions for special needs as they come up. This

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- 1 - Woodcutting**, Recycle Center. 9:30 am (POC Gary Youngs)
- 2 - Board & General Dinner Meeting, Program:** Sarah Steen and Lynn Hyde of Historic Whidbey.
- 4 - Commodities Distr.** Cam-Bey Apts. 9:30 am (POC Marilyn Pulk)
- 4 - 5 - White Cane Days**
- 9 - General Dinner Meeting, Program:** Twinning
- 11 - Barn Sort** Boyer Barn, 9 am (POC Gary Youngs)
- 12 - Camp Horizon Spring clean up; White Cane Days at Coupeville Wharf**
- 16 - Board & General Dinner Meeting:** Annual Open House (POC Sandy Johnson) and Students of the Quarter
- 23 - General Dinner Meeting, Program:-** Sean O'Neill, Administrator, Careage of Whidbey, will give a presentation on the care services they offer to the community.
- 24 - Blood Drive**, United Methodist Church
- 26 - Memorial Day Parade**
- 30- Game Night**, Coupeville Rec. Hall
- 31 - Garage Sale 101**, 6:30 pm, location TBD

year, we approved \$1,500 towards the cost of replacing the refrigerator in the kitchen, as the old one from Air Force days finally gave out. Our contribution will cover about half the cost of the new one.

Gifts from the Heart – We had a special request to help unload and move a large food donation to storage. This donation was made possible by the Safeway customer contributions to Northwest Harvest. Fifteen Lions with trucks, vans, trailers, and hand trucks did the job in about three hours.

Mussel Festival – Once again, a team of Lions helped with the Mussel Festival by helping monitor the Beer Garden as well as individual Lions helping in other areas. We received a contribution from the Festival for our help. I believe that the profits from this activity go towards scholarships.

Coupeville Town Cleanup – We also helped with this annual event where residents can bring junk and recyclables to a central location and dispose of it for free. We helped property owners deposit their debris in the correct containers as well as watching for potential Garage Sale contributions.

Thanks to all who helped make these projects successful. Finally, as we look back to March, we lost another of our beloved and faithful Lions, Spence Purvis, who just turned 100. He was a dedicated lion with over 77 years as a member. A couple of notable accomplishments during his years at our club were helping start the garage sale and creating the Foundation.

Upcoming events you should put on your calendars include:

Zone Project – April 21, at Deception Pass SP.

White Cane – See the calendar for dates.

Leadership Institute – May 10-13, 2018 at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC.

Lions Camp Horizon Spring cleanup – May 12.

There is never enough room to mention all of our activities in the community, but suffice it to say:

WE SERVE

—Pres. Dave Fish

STUDENT OF THE QUARTER



Student of the Quarter Lawrence Boado was born in Hawaii. He moved to Coupeville, where he lives with his grandparents, at the age of 4. Lawrence is a member of Leos and the National Honor Society, played in the jazz band, and earned his varsity letter in soccer. He will be attending Pacific Lutheran University, followed by medical school to become an oncologist or orthopedic surgeon.

2018-2019 Officers Named

The slate of officers for next year was approved by the membership on March 21. The new officers are:

- Immediate Past President – Dave Fish
- President – Doug Kroon
- First Vice President – Brian Pulk
- Second Vice President – Rick Walti
- Third Vice President – Janet Burchfield
- Secretary – Sue Hartin
- Treasurer – Gary Youngs
- Membership Director – Sandy Johnson
- Retention Director – Pat Waters
- Lion Tamer – Duane Baumann
- Tail Twister – Rick Norrie
- Second Year Directors – Dennis Bullock & Harold Hertlein
- First Year Directors – Dennis Egan & Rob Johnson

Officers will be installed on June 13 at the Nordic Hall.

Membership Moments

By Membership Chair Sandy Johnson



The first quarter of 2018 has been an exciting one for the Coupeville Lions Club. With the Scholarship Auction under our belts and the Annual Garage Sale just around the corner, we may have a few new “helpers” to introduce all the fun and hard work it takes to put on our largest fundraiser. Our three newest members were recently inducted into the Club by our esteemed Past President, Ricardo Reyes. After a few “I dos” and “I wills”, Lions Club vests were gently fitted on our newest members with their name tags, pins and all! Please welcome the following:



New Member, Bob Nichols (March 2018)

Bob was born in Reedsburg, WI and obtained his higher education at the University of Wisconsin - Master of Science, Electrical Engineering. Bob has been a self-employed gentleman (Bench mate Software) since 1985, which has taken him all over the world, including places like So. California, Minnesota, Utah, Germany, and Bellevue, WA. Bob met his wonderful wife Betty in Southern California. Together they raised three children: Buck, who retired after 33 years in the Army; Penny, who is married and has one daughter; and Mike, the entrepreneur and hi-tech guy! What brought Bob to Coupeville? He said it's his favorite place! When Bob is “free-timing” it he prefers to garden, work with wood, and visit with his family. Being such a busy man, Bob hadn't had much time to enjoy community service work, although he did volunteer with the Coupeville Emergency Team. The Coupeville Lions Club enticed Bob to join because he is now finding the time to be more involved with his community and is able to share the gift of service with his wife Betty! A fun fact about Bob is he worked in his dad's Drug Store (free delivery, swept and washed floors, and stocked shelves). Welcome to Coupeville Lions Club!



New Member, Betty Nichols (March 2018)

Born in New Orleans, Louisiana, Betty made her way to Michigan for her elementary education. From there it was on to Lebanon for grades 7-11. Another move took Betty to Fullerton, California where she obtained her Bachelors Degree in Education and finally her Masters Degree in Counseling in beautiful Orange County, CA.

Betty worked as a third grade teacher in California, and was a substitute teacher in Minnesota, Salt Lake City, Utah and Bellevue, WA. Betty worked in geriatrics mental health for 22 years as a counselor, the last 12 years was at her own business, F.I.T. (Families in Transition). Betty is the mother of three children. Buck lives in Mississippi, Penny in Burien, WA, and Mike lives close to his sister in Magnolia (Seattle). Betty is also the grandmother of seven and great-grandmother of two great-grandsons! Betty has been coming to Coupeville since 1976 as she would put all her out-of-town guests on the ferry and escort them to Coupeville. Finally, in July 2006, Betty and Bob made the big move from Sammamish to Coupeville. Some of Betty's most treasured interests are reading, international affairs, gardening, traveling, and visits from her grandchildren. Betty is involved in a few community groups which each have several sub-groups to keep her busy, and now she is adding Coupeville Lions Club to her roster - thank you! Betty joined Coupeville Lions Club as an activity for her and Bob, who still works full-time, to do together. (Couples are king in our club.) A special little tid-bit about Betty is she lived in Lebanon for five years, then went to Africa after college to build a school. Bob and Betty lived in Germany for one year. Additionally, the Nichols always had foreign students living with them - 20+ years. Welcome to CLC!

COUPEVILLE LIONS CLUB OFFICERS:

*Dave Fish, President; Sue Hartin, Secretary; Gary Youngs, Treasurer;
Doug Kroon, 1st Vice President; Brian Pulk, 2nd Vice President; Rick Walti, 3rd Vice President*

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New Member, Patrick Hussey (March 2018)

Patrick was born in Anacortes, WA in 1950 at the public hospital, which is now the Library. Patrick is a 1968 high school graduate of Coronado HS in Coronado, CA. The University of Notre Dame, Undergrad 1972, was Patrick's choice for higher education before pursuing a Law Degree from the University of Washington School of Law, class of 1976.

After working for 17 years in a law firm in Yakima, Patrick made the move to Everett, where he worked an additional 17 years at the Law Firm of Anderson Hunter. Patrick has been married to his wife, Patty, for 38 years and together they raised two wonderful daughters; Erin works for the Cupertino School District in Cupertino, CA and Brianna works for Stanford University. Fun fact: Wife Patty and both daughters all went to Santa Clara University! The move to Coupeville was simply to downsize from 10 acres in the Goss Lake area of Washington, with the purchase of their new home in August, 2017. Patrick's interests are particularly in historical preservation especially with the State Parks which involve general labor. He also enjoys bird watching! Now that Patrick has an abundance of free time, he has stepped up to help with the newly organized Friends of Whidbey State Parks group. He is currently pursuing the opportunity of becoming a docent at Admiralty Head Light House! (Very exciting!) Patrick mentioned in his "Member Profile for Cagey Comments" homework the reason he decided to join the Coupeville Lions Club was because of our meeting at the first Friends of Whidbey State Parks project at Fort Ebey. (I announced I was using a pitch fork purchased at the CLC Garage Sale.) In addition, he's always been interested in the historical preservation that our club does here on the island. Fun facts about Patrick: 1. He's a huge straight-ahead jazz music fan. 2. He's a 5th generation Washatonian! 3. He's learning all about canning fruit and raspberries and pruning roses at his new home. 4. Patrick's father, now deceased, worked for Naval Aviation at NAS Whidbey from 1948-1956. Welcome to our Club, Patrick!



Leos President Sophia Hassapis and Secretary Christian King were guests at our March 7 meeting in honor of the fifth anniversary of their club. Lion Chris Renfro is the Leos advisor. The club meets Mondays at 11:45 am at Coupeville High School; Lions are welcome to attend.

LEO stands for Leadership, Experience, Opportunity. The first Leo club was chartered in 1957. The program has grown into an international network of more than 6,500 clubs in over 140 countries.



Have You Seen Me?



Lion Joe Hillers raised the Lions flag at the Island County Courthouse on International Lions Day in 2017. This year, the flag could not be located. If you know the whereabouts of the flag or find it, please let President Dave know.



Coupeville Lions Hand Truck Drill Team

Unload 15,000 pounds and what do you get? Smiling Lions! When Lion/Mayor/Foodbank President Molly requested assistance with a truckload of food donated to Gifts From the Heart, fifteen Lions turned out to unload, move, and store the bounty.

Awesome Lions



Members of the Commodities Distribution Team enjoyed a catered lunch from the BBQ Joint at the annual Help House Volunteer Luncheon on March 28. The feast included a tasty assortment of meats, salads, beans, honey corn bread, and home-made cookies, and was followed by a brief celebration of Help House's 40-year anniversary.

Help House Executive Director Jean Wieman presented our club with an awesome plaque. Jean will be our April 25th meeting speaker to detail her organization's island mission.

Feeling like you missed out? For all Lions who would like to join our monthly "pride" of volunteers, who make it a priority to help distribute our Commodities food, we meet at Coupeville's Cam-Bey Apartments on the first Friday of each month around 9:30 AM. Come fuel the feeding network as we look forward to keeping Help House open year-round for another 40 years. - *Marilyn Pulk*



Vern Olson entertained us with songs and spoke about Small Miracles Medical Support Fund. Last year Small Miracles provided over \$24,000 in grants to help residents in the 98239 zip code with medical expenses.

1st VP Doug is happy that Knead & Feed received an Outstanding Business Award from the Chamber of Commerce.



GOT PLANTS? SHARING IS GIVING...



LET'S TALK DIRT...As many Lion gardeners know, spring is the main season for moving plants around. You plant out summer bulbs and annuals, dig up, move and divide perennials, sow annuals and vegetables... and inevitably, at some point, you find you have too many plants to handle. Maybe you miscalculated and sowed too many zucchinis (what gardener hasn't done *that!*), but often it's that your plants have expanded, so you divide them...and there's only so much space available for planting those divisions. Answer: Time to share and add to our Lions Club Garage Sale bottom line.

Our trial balloon last year—a quickly assembled array of perennial divisions and houseplants from the gardens of Marilyn Pulk and Rick and Diana Walti—demonstrated a market yet unexplored in our Garage Sale departments, thinned out our flowerbeds, and as a bonus, made money. Win-win. Garage sale-goers love plants! And our Lions sale date is beyond all of the other local garden club sales held in April/May. Advantage, Lions. This means we have a corner on the market on late-to-the-party gardeners and our plants will appear larger and healthier.

This year we've received the go-ahead to continue the Plant Sale department with hopefully an influx of plants from other Lion gardeners. And we know you're out there. This year's plant sale team includes Master Gardener Gabby Leman (gabbygarden@mac.com), Karen Fletcher (kcfletcher@comcast.net) and Marilyn Pulk (incrdblpuls@outlook.com), who are armed and ready when it comes to organizing and selling your extra lovelies. Also this year, we're excited to welcome Master Gardener Deb Mitchell, who will host a Mini-Master Gardener Plant Clinic to answer all of your hard-to-solve plant questions. Just a word on the preferred types of non-invasive plants that sell well: perennials, annuals, bulbs, natives, vegetables, trees, shrubs, houseplants, ground covers, vines, grasses, hostas, etc. We're requesting labeled plant donations be dropped off on Preview Friday at the Garage Sale. If you're in need of gallon pots for your divisions, good resources include nursery piles or even the recycling center for a minimal donation. Need help for plant identification? If you're unsure of the plant name for your labels, try sending a photo of the mystery plant to Master Gardener Gabby or Marilyn Pulk and they can help with that chore as well. Labels that work well include popsicle sticks, cut-up venetian blinds or those white plastic labels found at garden centers. Number two pencils work well for non-smudging for these surfaces. Get those spades in the ready digging position this spring and remember...sharing is definitely caring. But beware...As often happens at plant sales, gardeners spot a treasure that they must add to their own collection and the sharing begins all over again. Let us know if you have any questions regarding your plant donations. Dig, Plant, Donate, Smile.



Happy planting! Gabby Leman, Karen Fletcher and Marilyn Pulk

ZONE PROJECT

Celebrate Earth Day 2018 with your fellow Zone H-7 Lions at Deception Pass State Park. PZC Dennis Bullock has been hard at work planning for our annual Zone Project. We will once again work to repair and clean park facilities in preparation for the busy summer season. A list of needed projects has been provided by the park ranger, and includes:

1. Scrape, sweep, and clean around bumper blocks at West Beach parking lot.
2. Add three-tab shingles and repair any possible rotten planks on boardwalks along the North Cranberry Lake Trail.
3. Paint interior of the North Beach restroom.
4. Install new frosted windows at the Quarry Pond campground restroom.
5. Paint interior in three restrooms at the South Bridge parking lot.
6. Replace interpretive signs along the Dunes Trail at West Beach.
7. Brush out around the bird watching observation deck and make any repairs needed on the deck.
8. Paint interior of the Cornet Bay Retreat Center user group office and add new LED lighting.
9. Repair/replace loose posts along eastern end of the North Beach Trail.
10. Repair North Beach footbridge that was damaged by a tree fall.
11. Repair North Beach boardwalk, trench alongside it, clean out culverts, and cut back brush.

The Central Whidbey Lions have once again volunteered to coordinate the food for this project.

Deception Pass is the most-visited state park in Washington, attracting visitors from around the world. Anything we Lions can do to enhance the park will contribute to the favorable impression made by our park. Park visitors will appreciate our service efforts even though they may never know they took place.

For more information, please contact PZC Dennis (d_bullock@frontier.com) or ZC Orson (doc98239@outlook.com).

Help Wanted

One or more service-minded persons to assist with meal service. Duties include making coffee, setting up the room, serving food, and cleaning up. Part-time, one shift per three weeks. Easy, fun, meet interesting & friendly Lions. Will train. If interested, contact 1st VP Doug at 951-255-8248 or cedarstduo@aol.com.

White Cane Time Is Here!

Each year the Northwest Lions Foundation hosts the White Cane Days fundraiser with the help of Lions Clubs throughout Washington and Northern Idaho. The goal is to help blind children and adults in the Northwest regain their sight and self reliance. Each year, more than 120 Lions Clubs participate. In 2017, together we raised over \$111,000. Money raised supports the Lions Health Screening Unit, patient care grants, and project support grants across our region.

In this centennial year for Lions International, the Coupeville Lions will be remembering their roots in service to the blind through participation in this annual fundraiser. Supporting the blind was one of the first international projects for Lions Clubs.

Dates and places for this year's White Cane Drive are:

May 4 - Whidbey Bank and Red Apple PC

May 5 - Red Apple PC

May 12 - Coupeville Wharf



Thanks in advance to all who will be volunteering at the collection sites and for the generous monetary support given through the mailing.

The White Cane Committee is chaired by Bob and Sandee Allen. They would like one other person to help with planning this year's drive. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Bob or Sandee.

—Bob & Sandee Allen