



Cagey Comments



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"There seems to be so much more winter than we need this year."

- Kathleen Norris

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Looking Ahead: Scholarship Auction

by Lion Jackie Feusier

Again, the full force of the Coupeville Lions is being directed to its annual soup social and auction. In the five years we have produced this fine event, nearly 100,000.00 dollars has been raised to furnish a variety of scholarships to qualified Coupeville High School graduates.

This year's event will take place on Saturday, February 26th from 5-9pm at the Crocket Barn. Tickets are \$25 per person and includes a choice of hearty soups, fresh crusty bread, and a beautiful green salad. For dessert, the highest bidding table chooses among an array of sinfully delicious, beautifully decorated cakes, pies, and more prepared by Coupeville Lions, Lion spouses, and friends of Lions.

Enjoy a nice selection of wine and beer, and cheese by bayleaf. Mingle
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Calendar of Events

- 2-Board Meeting /Dinner/Meeting
- 7-Commodities Distr.
Cam-Bey 10 am
- 5-Sound Waters Conf.
- 9-Dinner Meeting /Program -Program:
Senior Services, by
Cheryn Weiser
- 16- Board Meeting/
Dinner Meeting Program tbd
- 19- Garage Sale Barn
Sort 9 am
- 23- Dinner/ Meeting
Program: Lion
Teresa Ellis

Looking Back: January 13th Blood Drive

by Lions John Purcell and Paddy Roberts



Forty Lion volunteers contributed to a successful Blood Drive at the Methodist Church this past January 13. Not only were 94 potential donors registered and 87 pints of blood collected, donor waiting time, always a concern with a large blood drive such as ours, was substantially reduced from the previous blood drives!

Major changes were made to this blood drive to achieve this reduction. First, the starting time was set at an hour early; the blood drive was held from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm rather than noon to 6:00 pm. Second, donors were able to reserve an appointment on the psbc.org website, and appointees were given preference in registration and in waiting to give blood.

These changes were installed after a review of previous blood drives and consultation with Puget Sound Blood Center representatives, Gayle

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Coupeville Lions got the New Year started with a busy month and some fun meetings. With regular business, Students of the Quarter, Blood Drive, Barn Sort, BINGO and a rained (hailed) out Highway Pickup, along with lots of work planning and preparing for the Scholarship Auction, the month flew by.



Hwy Pickup rained out, got coffee?

Congratulations and Thank You to Lion Paddy, Lion John and all those who worked to make the Blood Drive a great success! Lion John's efforts at accommodating

donors and reducing wait times seem to have paid dividends. Customer satisfaction leads to continued success. Thanks John.

Welcome aboard to new Lions Ricardo and Vicky Reyes! Be sure to join in wherever you can. That's why we're here and what makes it fun.

The Lions Club officer slate is filling up. We need at least one candidate for each office but more than one are always welcome (we can have an election which is always fun and more willing leaders make a stronger club). If you haven't been asked but think you'd like to throw your hat in the ring, see Lion IPP Joe Walck.



Our really big deal for February is the Scholarship Auction on Saturday the 26th. A lot of work has already been done and the event is a great evening of good food and entertainment. See Lion Carol Parbs for tickets (only \$25). If you have donations/ideas or want to help, get in touch with Lion Ron Wilkenson or any of the committee.

It's time to seriously think about the International Convention in Seattle! We are one of the biggest Lions Clubs in the area (#3 in the whole Multiple District) and we should have at least enough Lions there to use up all of our votes.

We get 10 votes and I think only 4 Coupeville Lions have registered so far! Seattle is close enough to commute and there are a couple of offers for accommodations available (Lion Bob Johnson, Lion John Kohlmann). There is even a good deal offer from MD 19 to keep the registration fee at \$100 if you volunteer to help at the convention. This is a pretty big deal for Lions in our area,, not quite the Olympics but a pretty good deal for a hundred bucks! Lion Bob Johnson is keeping a list of those attending/serving. Please let him know when you sign up.

President's



President 2010-2011
Lion Dennis Bullock

Corner

Remember, we host the final Zone meeting of the year on Saturday February 12th. It will be at Service Alternatives; 206 Main St. at 11:00 am. At the meeting we will vote for next year's Zone Chairman and Zone Lion of the Year. Coupeville's candidate for Lion of the Year is Lion Molly Hughes. Come out and give a cheer for Molly! Sign up at the meeting Feb 2nd or let me know by Feb. 7th for planning lunch (cost will be \$10 for lunch).



Last but far from least, it was my great privilege to present to Lion Roger Sherman his Monarch Milestone Award from Lions International for **50 years of**

community service through the Coupeville Lions Club!

It was a fine moment when 65 Lions and guests at last weeks meeting stood to applaud and honor Roger. Congratulations!

That's it for my corner this month. Thanks all!

LP Dennis

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Jacob Ebey House Cabinets Project Update

by Lion Ron Boyer



Lion Vin Sherman

taking shape and we have started on the book shelf and standup counter.

The turn out for this project has been very good and all those who have

We are about half way through the construction, finishing and installation of the cabinets for the visitor's center for the Jacob Ebey House on Ebey's prairie. There are a total of four units. Two of the cabinets are



Lion Tom Ellis

participated are greatly appreciated. The work is precision type work which is new to many of us. With the guidance of Rob Hetler, leader for the project, we are learning new techniques and just how much goes into making high quality cabinets.



Lion Dale Riddle

The project is currently scheduled to go through February but the end date will be determined by the progress we make in the next 4 weeks. Volunteers of various experience levels are needed and if you wish to help with this once in a life time experience, contact Ron Boyer at rboyer@comcast.net.



Lion Noel Hanson

Ebey Cabinets Progress Report

by Rob Hetler, Furnituremaker

With time to reflect, I still believe we are on schedule to complete the project on time. With the two small desks nearing completion, we have four weekends to complete the visitors' desk and a small bookcase.

The pleasure has been all mine in working with the dedicated crews that come to work at the Reuble Farm. I have been impressed with everyone's ability to take on complicated woodworking takes and to complete them in a craftsman like manner.

Every project is completed, one cut at a time. Keep the volunteers coming.



Rob Hetler,
Furnituremaker

Lions Blood Drive

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Richards and Naomi Demarest, and with Lion Vin Sherman, who has done a great job of notifying and coordinating with the many Island County workers who donate blood.

To accomplish our blood drive, approximately forty Lion volunteers participate. Among other tasks, they advertise via newspapers, radio, internet, posters, and including on the Windermere Realty electric sign on Main Street, they make reminder phone calls to approximately 350 prior donors from a computer list prepared by PSBC, make scrumptious cookies for which we are famous, post directional banners, serve as greeters, registrants, kitchen and canteen workers, drive the collected blood to Eisenberg Airport (2 trips during the day of the drive), and clean up after the drive.

Paddy and John also wish to acknowledge the help of Central Whidbey Lions Paul Whelan and Vice President Gary Giavanoni who joined us as greeter volunteers. It was good to see the purple jackets!

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Commodities Distribution

by Lions Tom and Teresa Ellis

Commodities are distributed the 1st Friday of each month at Cam-Bey Apartments in Coupeville. The Lions divide this opportunity for service with Help House in Oak Harbor who picks up the food at a federal distribution site in Sedro Wooley. Items range from fresh produce such as tomatoes to cheese, eggs, milk, frozen meats, and all manor of canned goods. Once the truck full of food reaches Cam-Bey, a cadre of Lions and other volunteers descend upon it hauling everything into the dining room where it is placed on tables and organized to form an assembly line for loading paper grocery bags. Once the bags are filled, teams deliver to Cam-Bey residents while other Lions greet recipients who come in to pick up their food. Finally some of the bags are delivered to the homes of some of the recipients who cannot make the trip to Cam-Bey. The program is meant to supplement a family's monthly food purchases.

On average, each family receives a grocery bag full of food. In order to qualify for commodities, a family must have an income below poverty level. There are approximately 50-60 families each month that take advantage of this program. About 2/3 of them are Cam-Bey residents. The remainder live in the Coupeville area.



Lions Teresa & Tom

From the Zone

by ZC Lion John Kohlmann

The cost to register to attend the Convention increased to \$130 as of January 1st. But MD19 will continue to honor the original early-bird price of \$100 **IF** you volunteer to help at the Convention. If you have already volunteered to help, then you can go ahead and send in your registration to attend Convention activities and get the discount. If you haven't registered to volunteer, I encourage you to go ahead and do that at www.lionsconvention2011.com/volunteer, even if you can only volunteer for one day. In case you are wondering, you can sign up as a volunteer even if you don't want to register to attend any functions at the Convention.

I would also like to remind you of my personal challenge as announced in our November Newsletter: the Club in our Zone which has the highest percentage of volunteers signed up by March 1st will be awarded a one week stay in a one plus bedroom suite in downtown Seattle (1.5 blocks from the Convention Center). I'm a little surprised that as of this date, out of 439 Lions in our Zone, only 13 Lions have volunteered to serve at the Convention. I encourage you to volunteer for this unique Lions event that our MD19 is hosting.

Our last Zone Meeting for this year will be 11am Saturday, February 12th. Our Club is hosting the meeting, but it will not be at the fellowship hall where we normally meet. The Zone Meeting is being held at the Service Alternatives building (lower level) in Coupeville. Its "official" address is 206 N Main Street in Coupeville. The parking lot and entry to the building are actually located on 1st Street, which is the 2nd left hand turn after you turn onto N Main Street from Hwy 20. We will (hopefully) have an election for our next Zone Chairperson at this meeting and also vote for a Zone Lion of the Year. We will have a presentation on our Lions Northwest Sight and Hearing Foundation, as well as District 19H speakers on membership. I would also like to have an open discussion by attendees about what you think your most successful method is for attracting new members, so please give this some thought prior to the meeting. I need a firm headcount commitment not later than Feb 7th.

Thanks for your support!

Scholarship Auction

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and meet neighbors and friends at the silent auction and have fun out-bidding each other. After dinner have a blast with auctioneer Dale Sherman and his side-kick, Bob Clay. Auctioned this year will be a three day weekend in Victoria BC, a number of local get-aways, catered dinners, spa experiences and much, much more.

Tickets are selling rapidly so there is no time to waste. You can call Carol Pharbs at 678-5141.

Last year many of you got with Patty Page to secure a table. This year it would be so wonderful to see two, or maybe even three, tables filled with the fine people of Coupeville School District.

See you there!

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*The Winner
Lion Cindy*

Crazy Hat Night

Collage by Joe

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Calendar

2-Board Meeting /Dinner/Meeting
4-Commodities Distr. Cam-Bey 10am
5- Adopt-A-Highway 20-meet at 9am at School
8-Woodcutting-9 am at Recycle
9- No Meeting – Ash Wed.
11>13 Spring Conference Abbotsford, BC
16-Board Meeting /Dinner/Meeting
Program-Lori Cavender, Ryan's House
19-Garage Sale Barn Sort 9 am
23-Dinner/Meeting/Program
-Student of the Quarter Pot Luck
30-Board Meeting /Dinner/Meeting
-Program: Lion Bingo-Rec. Hall

"Roar & Growl"

Someone lost a pin at bingo last Wednesday. We found the pin and the backing separately but have them both. The pin is from India. It is a little worse for wear since it was found in the bottom of my shoe when I got home but it is still a collectible. Contact Lion Dave Fish at Wednesdays' meeting.



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