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Coupeville Lions Club

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July Events

6 -- Commodities Distr. Cam-Bey Apts. 9:30 am (POC Marilyn Pulk).

11 - Burger Burn, 6:00 pm, Coupeville Town Park.

18 - Garage Sale Debrief, 6:30 pm, Coupeville Library.

25- Board and General Dinner Meeting

TBD - Repainting Ft. Casey guns.

President's Message

I find it humbling to be chosen President of the Coupeville Lions Club. This is an organization entering it's 80th year of service to not only the community but to Lions in general. When our family first moved to the island over 50 years ago, I witnessed the Lions Club swim program at the Camp Casey pool. I remember Lions Club activities throughout the island including the annual salmon BBQ, high school scholarships, and the drive to bring the guns back to Fort Casey.



My parents were so proud to be Lions. My Mom was a charter member of the Coupeville Lioness Club and my Dad was pleased to wear his yellow vest at numerous volunteer activities. We need to remember the heritage that has made us not just a service club, but a great service club. It is exciting that we are not resting on our laurels but going forward with so many service opportunities.

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The Coupeville Lions Club meets Wednesday evenings 6:00 pm Fellowship-Networking/6:20 pm Dinner/6:50-8:00 pm meeting & program. We meet at the Coupeville United Methodist Church (North Main and 7th Street). For information call 360-678-4105.

August Events

1-2 - Meal Service, Camp Horizon.

3 -- Commodities Distr. Cam-Bey Apts. 9:30 am (POC Marilyn Pulk).

8 - General Dinner Meeting

10 - Barn Sort Boyer Barn, 9 am (POC Gary Youngs).

10 - Memorial Garden Work Day, 9:00-11:30 am at MD 19 HQ grounds, 4141 W. Maplewood Ave, Bellingham.

11 – Ft. Casey Big Guns 50th Anniversary Celebration, 1:30 - 4:00 pm.

16 - Blood Drive, United Methodist Church

25- Board and General Dinner Meeting

Our heritage members still contribute so much to our club; our new members spur us on with new ideas and challenges. Leadership in this club is not so much “running stuff” as it is getting out of the way of a group of hard working individuals who already know what service is. Our recent garage sale is a wonderful example: Trucks and trailers lined up at the barn early Saturday morning to begin the move; plans carefully drawn up (thank you Julian) placed items correctly; and an army of Lions and future Lions (as I prefer to call our numerous community volunteers) arranged, polished, dusted, folded, and priced products for sale. I felt guilty that I couldn’t spend more time at the sale due to my business obligations.

I look forward to celebrating our club’s 80th anniversary this year. I want to let all club members that I am just a phone call away.

Yours in Lionism,

President Doug Kroon

COUPEVILLE LIONS CLUB OFFICERS:

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

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Scholarships Awarded

On June 5th the Coupeville Lions Club awarded twenty scholarships totaling \$33,000 to Coupeville High School Graduates.



Scholarship recipients (left to right), front: Kaileah Burns, Taichin Rose, Luke Carlson, Hope Lodeli, Payton Aparicio, McKenzie Meyer, Sofia Hassapis, Lauren Rose; back, Sage Renninger, Hunter Smith, Bliss Gordon, Christian King, Cameron Toomey Stout, Lawrence Boado, Eric Wertz, Lauren Bayne, Rachel Kundert, Nick Ezzell, William Nelson, Allison Wenzel.



Incoming President Doug presented awards to Lions Club Students of the Year Hunter Smith and McKenzie Meyer.

Coming Events

We have scheduled our two-day meal service at **Camp Horizon** for August 1 & 2. The meal service encompasses preparing the dining room for the campers, serving the meals, doing the dishes, and cleaning up after the meal. The best part is that we get to meet the campers and see their unique personalities.

We need a team of 6 or 7 people each meal. You can come for one or two meals, for a day, or both days. If you would like to stay the night, there is lodging in the dorms as well as camping options. We have a partial team in place but need to complete the team. There will be a sign-up sheet at the July 11 and 25 meetings, but we would like to know as soon as possible. Please contact Dave Fish to sign up or get your questions answered. david.a.fish@comcast.net or 425-418-9700. Thanks!

Herb Bacon of the South Whidbey Lions Club will turn **100** on August 26th. Herb joined South Whidbey Lions in 1981 and still attends every meeting. Herb will be honored at two events in August:

The first is the South Whidbey Lions Club Annual Picnic & BBQ on Aug. 23rd, to be held at the M-Bar-C Ranch beginning at 11 am. Herb's daughter, Carol Clark (also a South Whidbey Lion), will try to have him there, and the club will have a cake and a plaque for him. Please contact South Whidbey Lions President Kent Renshaw (potlatch@whidbey.com) if you would like to attend.

The official 100th Birthday Party for Herb will be held at the Holmes Harbor Rod & Gun Club at 2 pm on August 25th. A flyer for this event is attached. If you want to attend this party, RSVP directly to Carol Clark by Aug. 13th (480-570-9184 or 2cclark1954@gmail.com).

On September 19, Lion Mayor **Molly Hughes** will make a "State of the Town" address at our regular dinner meeting.

Membership Moments

By Membership Chair Sandy Johnson



The night began with a drum roll, fabulous ethnic food, screaming fans, and a roomful of well-dressed Coupeville Lions and their spouses.

Well, minus the drum roll and screaming fans, all the rest was true. The night in question was the 2017-2018 Installation Dinner, catered by our incoming President, Doug Kroon of The Knead and Feed, hosted at the Nordic Lodge with Master of Ceremonies Past President Dennis Bullock on June 13, 2018.



Lion Doug chose a Swedish affair with all the traditional ethnic foods to honor his Scandinavian heritage. The buffet tables beckoned with open-faced sandwiches, cucumber salad, pickled herring, and pickled beets. Dinner was Swedish meatballs, pork roast, Lingonberry sauce, hasselback potatoes, Swedish cabbage salad, and homemade rolls. Our palates were sweetened with chocolate mousse, citrus mousse, fresh fruit tortes, and cookies for dessert.

In addition, a big thank you to Lion Mayor Molly Hughes for supplying the wine, beer, and sodas to accompany our dinner!

Lion Doug's husband Martin and the staff from The Knead and Feed were so efficient preparing, setting up and clearing away dinner plates throughout the evening. Cheers to the servers!!



Once dinner plates were cleared away and dessert was delivered, the awards portion of the evening began to evolve.

Several of our newest members, Lions Dennis Egan, Stephanie Teano, and Deborah Morrison (absent) received the Running Start President Appreciation Award for jumping right in!



Our tireless secretary, Lion Sue Hartin, was awarded the Melvin Jones Award where Lions Clubs world-wide recognizes outstanding individuals by bestowing on them an award that is named for our



founder, Melvin Jones. This award is the highest form of recognition and embodies humanitarian ideas consistent with the nature and purpose of Lionism. Well deserved, Sue!

Lion of the Year went to Lion Gary Youngs! This guy helps out everywhere, is always smiling, has a great sense of humor and leads by example! Thanks Gary and congratulations!

The evening could not end without recognizing Lions Mel Rogers and Joe Hillers (who left before awards began) for their many, many years of serving dinners during our Wednesday night meetings. Mel left the evening sporting a purple Lions Club International baseball cap! Thanks Mel and Joe for your unwavering dedication to serving dinners for so many years!



The Installation Ceremony wrapped up with thanking the 2017-2018 board members and welcoming a few incoming board members such as Lion Janet Burchfield, who is taking over the 3rd VP position, and Lion Duane Baumann, who is taking over for Lion Carol Decker as Lion Tamer. Thanks Carol for your hard work and dedication and welcome Duane (you've got big shoes to fill!)



The lights began to dim, and the screaming fans were roaring as President Dave Fish turned over the gravel to incoming President Doug Kroon. A ceremonial pin, which has been handed down from Lion President to Lion President, was removed from President Dave's jacket and placed on Doug's lapel. Welcome President Doug and thank you, now Past President Dave Fish for your dedication and leadership to the 2017-2018 Coupeville Lions Club.



So many of our Lions were recognized with awards. Please refer to Lion Secretary Sue Hartin's minutes for a complete list. I did not want to forget anyone as all of us work effortlessly to keep the Coupeville Lions Club strong in our endeavors, strong in our commitment to the community and strong in our commitment to friendship.



Historic Building Status Report

In June, Coupeville Lions assisted Ebey's Reserve by saving old siding on the Libby House on Main Street. This valuable material, which is no longer produced, will be used on other preservation projects in the Reserve. The photo at right shows Lion Warren Ivy removing old square nails from the siding originally installed in the 1880's and Lions Sandy Johnson, Lance Loomis, and Ron Boyer removing the siding from the rear addition. We found both an 1888 Indian Head penny and a high quality chisel in the exterior wall, which lead to some interesting and educational discussions.



From Monday thru Wednesday, July 16 to 18, Coupeville Lions will be assisting Ebey's Reserve and Washington State Parks by painting the two large 10-inch disappearing guns at Fort Casey. This work is in preparation for the 50th anniversary celebration of the installation of the guns that is for August 11. We Lions were instrumental in having the guns transferred from the Philippines and installed in 1968. Details will be provided via email after we are rested up from the garage sale.

Helping the Reserve with the preparations for restoring the outdoor kitchen at the Ferry House is still in the planning stage, and details will be provided later this summer.

If you have any questions, please contact Lion Ron Boyer at rfboyer@comcast.net.

—Ron Boyer

Twinning Projects

On June 6, the members approved our joint Twinning Project with the Mavi Halic Lions Club in Istanbul, Turkey. The project will provide back-to-school backpacks for our local underserved students as well as the Syrian refugees that the Mavi Halic Club supports. We will provide \$50 gift certificates to go with the backpacks that the local students build through the Readiness-to-Learn organization. The Mavi Halic club will be providing pre-assembled backpacks to the refugee children that will include school supplies and a sports outfit.

We committed to help their project by providing \$1,000 plus matching members' donations up to another \$1,000. We encourage you to support this new and unique project. Please consider sending a check to Treasurer Gary Youngs. We are trying to complete the donations by July 31, so we can determine the total and send the committed amount to Turkey in time for their part of the project.

In August, we will need a few volunteers to support the distribution of backpacks and hand out the gift cards. This usually occurs at the Middle School in the old choir room (Garage Sale books, media and art) and is tentatively scheduled for August 21, 22 & 23. We will have signup sheets as soon as we get confirmed dates and times.

—Dave Fish

Garage Sale 2018



Lions Julian Sayers, Rick Walti, and Brian Pulk spent a Saturday afternoon hanging this sign on the Boyer Barn. Julian designed it to be visible from the Boyer home, and we heard that Mary Boyer shed tears when she first saw it. The Boyers have been so very generous to our club and the community by letting us store our Garage Sale equipment and merchandise in their barns.

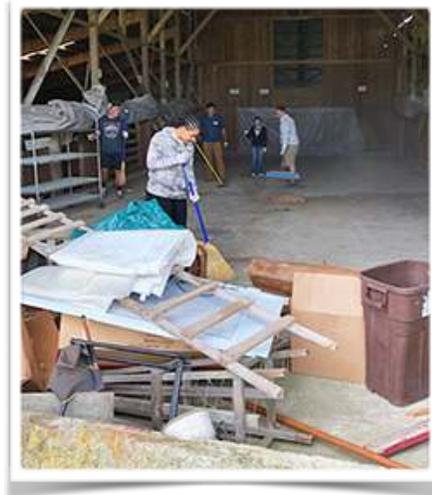


We got a head start on the sale this year by moving the tables and racks to the school on Saturday. Thanks to the great crew that turned out!



This year the High School sports teams helped us with garage sale setup and take-down. At left, members of the volleyball team moved furniture into the Middle School.

We also received assistance from volunteers from the Navy base, who helped to clean out the barns while we were setting up and pricing the merchandise. At the same time, the baseball team helped to put a new floor in the storage shop



Furniture was displayed in the Performing Arts Center.



Two vehicles were donated this year. Here Lion Joe closes a deal on the Isuzu pickup.



The first shoppers were in line before 7:00 am on Saturday.



Ready for the opening horn!



Cleanup was finished by 5:15 on Sunday. Time to celebrate!

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

On Saturday, May 26th the Coupeville Chamber of Commerce again hosted the annual Memorial Weekend Parade. The line up for autos, floats, and walkers started on First Street and wended its way down Wilkes Street. There were over 40 entries this year.

Led by a color guard, Navy Sea Cadets, and the Coupeville High School Marching Band, the parade proceeded along North Main to Front Street, Alexander, and Coveland Streets, ending at the Town Park. Veterans were represented by Korean War Marine Corps veteran Sal Rizzo as Grand Marshal, Oak Harbor Veterans of Foreign Wars, the PBY Naval Air Museum, the American Legion, and the Oak Harbor Marines Corp League. The parade was dedicated to the memory of US Naval Academy graduate Major Megan M. McClung, the first female to be killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Joe Walk photo

Our Coupeville Lions Club had about 20 members out in their vests and smiles. Deanna Rogers drove her Buttercup (with David Barville) while son Trevor did a marvelous job as IR Lion and Sandy Johnson, as his guide, was thrilled to hand candy out to the children.

In memory of Lion Freeman Boyer the giant stuffed Lion that Freeman used to have on his truck was paraded in the back of Lion President Dave Fish's truck followed by the ICHS antique calliope, which Roger Sherman and others watched over to be sure it continued playing. We were joined by a couple of new LEOS with their banner, while their mentor, Chris Renfro & his family were spectators. Jackie Feusier was missed chauffeuring Izzy in her vintage yellow MG.

The streets were lined with people of all ages. The children were happy to gather candy given out by various community groups, and even dogs benefitted from free treats.

Continuing the celebration, the crowd enjoyed the all Whidbey Island Band, the USN Color Guard and Taps, speeches by Mayor Lion Molly Hughes and Capt. Geoff Moore, NAS Whidbey Island Commanding Officer. Everyone was served hot dogs, cooked by the Central Whidbey Lions Club, with sides, drinks & ice cream provided by the Red Apple.

-Vicky Reyes