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Coupeville Lions Club

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June Events

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

5- Woodcutting, Recycle Center. 9:30 am (POC Gary Youngs)

5 - Garage Sale Kickoff, 6:30 pm, Coupeville Library.

6 - Board & General Dinner Meeting

8 - Barn Sort, 9:00 am, Boyer Barn (POC Gary Youngs).

13 - Officer Installation, 6:00 pm, Nordic Hall.

14 - Libbey House preservation project, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm (POC Ron Boyer).

16 - Garage Sale move-in and setup begins.

Freeman Boyer Memorial Service, 11:00 am, CUMC.

29 - July 3, LCI International Convention, Las Vegas.

30 - Garage Sale, Coupeville Middle School. Volunteers meet at 8:30 am, sale 9:00 - 4:00.

Please pay your club dues by June 30 to keep your membership.

President's Message

Wow! It's hard to imagine that my term as president is almost over. How time has flown. We have accomplished a lot this year. We have had some lively discussions that resulted in decisions that will make the club stronger. We have thought out of the box a few times, like switching the fifth Wednesday to a more general social night and introducing Bunco, what fun. Finally, I really appreciate our new members that have joined in and quickly become active, contributing to the projects and bringing new ideas to the table.



So, as usual, I want to recognize a few of the members that have contributed to our success:

- Hats off to **Stephanie Teano** for proposing the food drive to support Spin Café, then taking on the responsibility to make it happen.
- Thanks to **Paddy Roberts, Sue Hartin** and crew for another successful blood drive.
- Thanks to **Gary Parker, Gary Youngs, Noel Hanson** and **Jim Trask** (Oak Harbor Lions) that helped me assemble and stain four benches for Camp Horizon. Look for the pictures.
- Thanks to **Deanna Rogers** for stepping in as secretary while Sue was out of town, as well as her ongoing management of the menu and dinner reservations and coordinating and scheduling the kitchen volunteers. In addition, Deanna has taken on additional responsibilities to coordinate a consistent PR program for the club and our events.

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July Events

1 - Garage Sale, Coupeville Middle School. Volunteers meet at 8:30 am, sale starts at 9:00, takedown after sale.

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.

•A related thanks to **Joe Hillers** and **Mel Rogers** for their years of support serving meals for our dinner meetings. Joe and Mel are “retiring” after several years of leading the crew on their nights.

In addition to serving, they spend approximately an hour each week setting up and another hour cleaning up as well as making sure that there are sufficient supplies.

As they retire from this task, I appreciate the new members that have stepped in to fill that void and **Deanna Rogers** for organizing the new teams.



•And, thanks to **Dennis Bullock** and **Bob Allen**, who helped with the cleanup at Camp Horizon.

•Also, thanks to **Bob** and **Sandee Allen** and to **Deborah Morrison** for another White Cane fund raiser. All funds collected will be donated to the Northwest Lions Foundation for eye care.

Thanks to everyone that helped make these projects successful. Although we are approaching the end of our Lions’ year, June is a busy month.

- The big event is the garage sale. Setup will begin the weekend of June 16/17 with the big move beginning on June 18. There are two training sessions scheduled. Additional information on the training and the setup as well as the sale itself is presented elsewhere in this month’s newsletter.
- Don’t forget the Installation and Awards Dinner on June 16. We are holding this at the Nordic Center. Attend if you can.
- And, of course, don’t forget Bunco on May 30 at the Rec Hall.

Remember – a person can’t change the world, but as a Lion you can change the world for one or a few people:

WE SERVE

—Pres. Dave Fish

STUDENTS OF THE QUARTER

Each quarter we ask the faculty of Coupeville High School to select a young lady and a young man who meet the qualities established for Lions Club Student of the Quarter: Academics, Participation, and Service. High school students earning this award are not only noteworthy students, but also beginning a lifelong habit of service. In May we recognized our latest Students of the Quarter, **Lauren Rose** and **Nick Etzell**.



Lauren is president of National Honor Society; has played volleyball, basketball, and softball (including two years as team captain); has volunteered at Big

Brothers /Big Sisters; and is very active in her church, serving as youth leader. She currently is taking AP English and AP Calculus, and has a 3.93 GPA. Lauren moved here the summer before seventh grade from a much bigger school in Arizona. Nick Etzell sat next to her in her very first class, and they've been friends ever since. In the fall, Lauren will attend Arizona State University to study engineering.



Nick, a lifelong resident of Greenbank, has a 3.86 GPA, is an officer in the National Honor Society, played tennis & baseball all 4 years, and basketball

freshman year. He's earned the Lamp of Knowledge, Student Tutor, and PE Student of the Year awards. He volunteers as a Special Olympics basketball coach and as a Big Brother to a Little at Coupeville Elementary. Nick is the third member of his family to be Student of the Quarter but knows people aren't limited by their GPA; his brother Lucas has Down's Syndrome. He plans to study mathematics at Pacific Lutheran University.

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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Membership Moments

By Membership Chair Sandy Johnson



Gold and Purple balloons rose from the matching gold and purple clothed tables anxiously awaiting their guests to arrive. A night of festivities would soon be upon the Coupeville United Methodist Church's Fellowship Hall celebrating an annual tradition and a quarterly recognition.

The middle of May is set aside for our Annual Coupeville Lions Club Open House. We "open the doors" to the public and invite them in to share an evening beginning with a potluck dinner, then listening to high school students give their speeches, which included thanking our club for recognizing their achievement as Student of the Quarter. Each student also touches on their own service to the community, their work ethic and support they receive from family and friends to become successful, contributing members of society.



Guests of Lions and family members for the high school students filled all ten tables prepared for the evening. The potluck buffet table was brimming with meatball-filled crockpots, an assortment of casserole dishes, several cleverly wrapped bags of fried chicken, green salads, jello salads, and rolls. On the dessert table, just to mention a few, were a plate of rhubarb square treats, cherry crunch, a beautiful chocolate cake, a variety of cookies, and even a cheesecake dropped off by a member who couldn't make the event!

After dinner, Happy Bucks was eliminated from this evening but was replaced with Trivia questions. Lions and guests were challenged with questions such as "What year did Helen Keller introduce the Knights of the Blind Crusade?" "What does L.I.O.N.S. stand for?" "What year were women allowed to join Lions?" "What do the colors purple and gold represent to Lions clubs?" To "Name our Major Fundraisers" and "What Service Projects begin with the

letter s?”, anyone who raised their hand with the correct answer was the winner of a \$5.00 gift card to Sunshine Drip Coffee House.

Once the evening wound down, the chocolate kisses were finally discovered in cups on the tables. As mentioned, the two high school students who were presented with Student of the Quarter plaques gave outstanding speeches, which included thanking our club for the many service hours we put into our community. They each touched on a personal note about themselves that was completely selfless, but the one note that stood out the most was from the student who mentioned he wanted to grow up and volunteer his time to his community just like the Lions he sees in his community doing right now. That would be us, the Coupeville Lions.

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Annual Coupeville Lions Club Open House a success, whether you were sitting at one of the tables or cheering us on from somewhere else! Thank you! We all help one another with encouragement to serve our community without personal or financial reward and to perform service to others less fortunate. Because of this philosophy, Lions is the largest service organization in the world.





On Wednesday, May 16, 2018 Joe Hillers served up his last meal as a member of the “dinner squad.” Retiring from his post of serving dinners for the Coupeville Lions Club for 11 years, Joe is passing the torch to a new team of servers.

Thanks to Marsha Phay for capturing Joe’s photo of his last night serving. Fortunately, a photo always has a story . . . here is Joe’s story about serving dinners for the club:

1. What year did you begin serving dinners for Coupeville Lions?

I began serving in 2007.

2. Were the meals always catered? If not, how were the meals prepared when you first began serving?

The United Methodist Women were serving two meals each month when I started serving. The meals that I served were catered by The County Deli, which was the predecessor to the CIAO Restaurant. We would take a cart to the County Deli and pick up the meal to be served.

3. What team members did you work with?

I started working with Lion Warren Ivy but took over all the serving after Lion Warren organized the first Scholarship Auction in 2007.

4. What is your fondest memory of serving dinners?

My favorite memory is all the interaction with Lions members going through the serving line.

5. Did you have any bad experiences serving dinner?

The worst, in my memory, was the Student of the Quarter potluck when we did not have enough food to serve the attendees. Lion Gary Leake saved the day by going to the Red Apple and buying all the prepared food that they had.

6. If you could pass on a little bit of advice for our newest dinner servers, what would that be?

Don’t ever be afraid to ask people to help serve. I was only turned down once that I can remember, when the person I asked had another part in the meeting. Also, keep calm. We will get through the serving and everyone will get some food.



Back in April, Lion Hugh Hedges won the auction bid on a really cool jacket once worn by the late Lion Rod Barnes. My curiosity got the best of me and I wanted to know the story behind this beautiful jacket.

Hugh bought the jacket knowing that Rod wore it while working as a Volunteer Concierge for the Lions International Convention in Seattle in 1996. Accompanying Lion Rod on many Lions Winter National Conventions was Lion Grace King. According to Hugh, Grace and Rod were close buddies for almost 30 years. At one National Convention, Grace remembered St. Louis, MO with immensely welcoming people who loved to cheer extremely loudly when the Lions Parade made their way down Main Street. Lion Rod was a Marine and Navy veteran serving 31 years. When he no longer served in the military, he was dedicated and faithful to Lions, including a stint as District Governor.



Hugh, thank you for sharing your story about this beautiful jacket worn by Lion Rod Barnes, a true American Patriot and faithful Lion.

Service



New benches for Camp Horizon



Firewood cutting at the Recycle Center.

2018 Historic Preservation Projects

The format of this years Ebey's Reserve Field School will be a little different than past years. Three projects on or around historic structures are planned:

1. *Deconstruction of the Libbey House rear addition.* Date: Thursday, June 14 from 10 am to 4 pm. Volunteers will strip off the exterior siding and interior trim of the old Libbey House addition on Main Street for the Preservation Materials Bank (to be stored at Pacific Rim Institute). 5-10 volunteers are needed for the project. Please bring gloves & safety goggles, as well as crowbars and hammers if you have them. A safety talk will be given beforehand, and tools will be provided for any who don't have them.
2. *Repainting disappearing guns at Fort Casey.* Date: Late July. In preparation for the 50-year ceremony celebrating the guns arrival at Fort Casey on August 11th [see article on p. 12, ed.], volunteers are needed to repaint the guns. A more specific workscope will be provided as soon as it is developed.
3. *Site prep work on the Ferry House outbuildings.* Date: probably later this summer. National Park Rangers are preparing to restore the summer kitchen behind the Ferry House, which will probably take place early next year. Volunteers are need to help remove all the materials now piled in the structure, clear the blackberry and other vegetation nearby, and possibly clear blackberries and brush down the old wagon trail.

Any questions should be directed to Lion Ron Boyer at rfboyer@comcast.net.

—Ron Boyer



Happy Birthday, Lion Don!



Garage Sale

Why do we call it a Garage Sale? Because years ago, it started in a garage. Now it has grown to be the Island's largest rummage sale and our club's primary fundraising event. We all get involved in some way or another.

The Garage Sale is a longstanding tradition on the Island and serves multiple purposes. The funds raised are used to support local non-profit activities. The pickup service that we provide makes for a convenient way to dispose of good quality used items that are no longer needed. And of course, at the event items are for sale at reasonable prices.

The Garage Sale is an ALL-Year activity led by a six-person team. **Ginny Munn** receives the calls for donations and then schedules the pick-ups with **Gary Parker's** Pickup Team. Throughout the year, the items get stored and tested at locations managed by **Gary Youngs**. Behind the scenes, **Dave Fish** works on Logistics Planning for the event layout and facilities needed. Also, behind the scenes, **Karen Fletcher** handles all the preparatory planning for the event including who the Leads will be for each area, manpower planning, any contracts that need to be executed and any other arrangements that need to be made. During the two-week event, **Brian Pulk** will be in charge of the event, handling any issues that occur.

All of the work during the year leads up to a two-week long event that includes moving all items to the school, setting up at the school, pricing, the two-day sale, teardown and move back to storage.

Our normal venue, the Coupeville Elementary School, will be under construction this year, which forced a move to the Coupeville Middle School. **Julian Sayers** spent many hours surveying the new location and designing a layout for the event. We will have a smaller venue this year with some new challenges. Thanks to Julian for all his efforts.

For newer members (and for anyone wanting a refresher) Garage Sale 101 will be held on May 31st to introduce everyone to our big event and the well-oiled garage sale teamwork.

Speaking of newer members, we saw a lot of **Dennis Egan** at the barn, testing electronics this year. It's great to see new members jump right in like that. And it's not always members that jump right in; **Jerry Johnson**, **Bill Johnson's** father, is back for a second year of testing power tools and motors.

Another non-Lion will be back this year. After our successful trial balloon plant donations last year, we will proceed on a larger scale this year. Community volunteer and Master Gardener **Gabby Lehman** is back to volunteer and will tackle the lead for our Plant Sale efforts, complete with a Master Gardener booth.

So many folks have spent many hours getting us ready to hold our big event. Thanks to everyone.

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The Leads will meet at the Library on June 5th to discuss any last-minute planning issues. The Leads are those folks responsible for each of the areas or activities. All other members are also welcome to attend this meeting. Since the sale will be at a new location this year, the June 5th meeting will give everyone an opportunity to see where their area is located.

The Leads are responsible for recruiting whatever help they need in their areas. Anyone who has not been assigned a task should check with the Lead in the area they would like to work in or check with Brian.

It's a very big job to get everything moved from the barns to the school and set everything up. We will need all hands on deck! Moving and unpacking will start on June 16th and continue from June 18th to 21st starting at 8:00AM each day.

The next big task is pricing the sale items. That starts after setup is completed and will continue from June 22nd to June 27th. For pricing items, a good rule of thumb is that used items in good condition should be about a third of new retail. New-like items sell for more and poor-quality sell for less.

While pricing is underway, we will accept community donations at the school on June 25 and 26.

There's a big day for volunteers who have logged 16 or more Garage Sale hours during the year: Volunteer Pre-Sale Day on June 28. We will ask that volunteers be reasonable in how much they purchase and certain special items will not be available for sale on that day. If there is a question about any items check with Brian, Karen, or Dave. The reason for this limitation is that people who donate certain special items expect to see them at the sale and Lions don't want to be perceived as skimming the best off the top before the sale to the community.

Be sure to join us at noon on both June 21 and 28 for volunteer pizza lunch at the school.

On Friday, June 29th we will be open for the public to preview the items so that they can try to be first to their favorites on Saturday. The Sale runs Saturday June 30th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Sunday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Sunday is Half-Price Day.

All volunteers working the opening on Saturday should meet at 8:30 AM at the school. During the move and setup there is ample parking at the school. During the sale, on June 30 and July 1, all Lions and volunteers working at the sale are asked to park in the lot to the west of Frontier Building Supply on Terry Road.

On Sunday, the team from Garage of Blessings shows up to take any of the left-over items that they are interested in for their organization. After that, most of what's left goes to the dump.

Sunday afternoon and Monday morning, July 1 and 2, we take down the tables and racks and move them back to storage, followed by cleanup and dump runs. We will need your help those days as well.

We have two post-sale events planned. On July 11 is the Burger Burn, a BBQ at the Coupeville Town Park for all volunteers. On July 18th, we will hold a debrief at the Coupeville Library to discuss what went well and what can be improved.

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During the period from June 16th to July 2nd, volunteers are asked to sign in and sign out on the sheets available at the school or barn and record hours worked.

Our schedule is shown below:

—Brian Pulk

Thursday, May 31, 2018	Garage Sale 101 6:30 PM UM Church
Tuesday, June 5, 2018	Garage Sale Kickoff at Coupeville Library 6:30 PM
Saturday, June 16, 2018	Move and Setup Day 1 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Monday, June 18, 2018	Move and Setup Day 2 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Tuesday, June 19, 2018	Move and Setup Day 3 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Wednesday, June 20, 2018	Move and Setup Day 4 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Thursday, June 21, 2018	Move and Setup Day 5 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
	Volunteer Pizza at Noon
Friday, June 22, 2018	Merchandise Staging and Pricing 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Saturday, June 23, 2018	Merchandise Staging and Pricing 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Monday, June 25, 2018	Donations accepted at school Day 1 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
	Merchandise Staging and Pricing 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Tuesday, June 26, 2018	Donations accepted at school Day 2 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
	Merchandise Staging and Pricing 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Wednesday, June 27, 2018	Merchandise Staging and Pricing 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Thursday, June 28, 2018	Volunteer Pre-Sale Day 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
	Volunteer Pizza at Noon
Friday, June 29, 2018	Sale Public Preview Noon to 6:00 PM
Saturday, June 30, 2018	Sale First Day 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
	All Volunteers Meet at 8:30 AM
Sunday, July 1, 2018	Half-Price and Make-An-Offer Day 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
	Teardown & Cleanup 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Monday, July 2, 2018	Teardown & Cleanup 8:00 AM to Noon
Wednesday, July 11, 2018	Burger Burn 6:00 PM at Coupeville Town Park
Wednesday, July 18, 2018	Debrief at Coupeville Library 6:30 PM

Fort Casey Guns at 50

Fort Casey was built in 1897 as part of a coastal defense system that included Fort Warden at Port Townsend and Fort Flagler on Marrowstone Island. Fort Casey's gun batteries included seven 10" guns with 33-ton barrels. Although they were used regularly for practice, the guns were never fired at an enemy. The guns were high tech for the time, but by the end of World War I they had become obsolete. The military had other uses for the metal, so over the years they were cut up, melted, and repurposed. By the end of World War II there were no guns left at any of the forts in our area, and the properties were surplus.



When Fort Casey became a State Park in 1956, a Washington State Parks historian named Albert Culverwell wanted to bring the guns back. The original guns were gone, but with the help of Navy Lt. Dave Kirchner two similar guns were located at Fort Wint in the Philippines. Culverwell contacted the Navy and found a sympathetic ally in Rear Admiral Arthur F. Spring, who estimated that the guns could be disassembled and brought to Puget Sound for \$3,000. Admiral Spring was killed in a plane crash shortly thereafter, and his replacement revised the cost estimate to about \$35,000. The Navy set a deadline of year-end 1967 for the the funding to be secured or the guns would go elsewhere. The legislature, with support from Governor Dan Evans, agreed to contribute \$10,000 plus an additional \$20,000, and the Coupeville community was asked to donate the rest. The Coupeville Lions Club was able to donate \$1,750.30.

Once the money was raised, plans were initiated to move the guns. Sea-Land Corporation offered to transport the guns for free on the deck of one of their container ships in May, 1968. The ship was struck by a storm and one of the gun barrels broke loose, but caught on a deck railing. Heroic action by the crew secured the gun and the ship made it to San Francisco with the barrel hanging over the rail.

Lions Al and Roger Sherman's Uncle Wilbur, who was instrumental in the fundraising, spoke at the dedication ceremony with Senator Henry Jackson on August 11, 1968.

There will be a 50th Anniversary Celebration at Fort Casey on August 11, 2018. Once again, the Coupeville Lions Club has stepped up to assist the park in its effort to preserve this bit of history. We have donated up to \$1,700 to cover travel expenses for Dave Kirchner and his wife, who now live on the east coast, so that they can attend the celebration. Mr. Kirchner will participate in a panel telling the history of the guns.



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

