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"Be like a flower and turn your face to the sun."
- Kahlil Gibran

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Looking Ahead: Memorial Day Parade

by Lion Roger Sherman

The 2011 Memorial Day Parade, Remembrance Ceremony and Musical Salute to the Armed Services is scheduled for Saturday, May 28, starting at 11:00. This year our club will be chauffeured by Dale Sherman's trolley and Tonka Tractor. We hope that those who are unable to walk the parade route will join us in the trolley. We do not have details yet but it is assumed that we will meet on the north side of Terry Road



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Calendar of Events

May 2011

- 4- Board Meeting /Dinner/Meeting Program: Local Guide Dog Trnr
- 5>6 White Cane-Whidbey Bank
- 6-Commodities Distr. Cam-Bey 10am
- 7-Hearts & Hammers Workday
- 10-Woodcutting-9 am at Recycle
- 11-Dinner/Meeting -Student of the Quarter Pot Luck
- 14-Water Festival possible White Cane
- 18-Board Meeting /Dinner/Meeting
- 19 -BLOOD DRIVE
- 21-New Officer Training
- 21-Garage Sale Barn Sort 9 am
- 25- Board Meeting /Dinner/Meeting Program: Gayle Richards-BLOOD
- 28-Memorial Day Parade

Looking Back: White Cane

by Lion IPP Joe Walck



I couldn't believe it, three days into our White Cane Days and the Coupeville Lions ran out of White Canes. Not to worry, the Central Whidbey Lions and the South Whidbey Lions re-supplied us with another 1000 more! Lions helping Lions, the way it should be.



Our Lion volunteers did an excellent job of collecting donations at our favorite market, Prairie Center-Red Apple. Teams of two Lions greeted shoppers and received donations Friday and Saturday. Our collection was a little less than last year, but up from previous years. Lions at the Coupeville Ferry

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This month the Lion VP's have a chance to put their words in the news so I will just mention one important and fun thing I've had to do this month.



I presented several **Lions Monarch Chevron Awards** (see pg. 6 for a list of names). It is always nice to be recognized and it has been my

pleasure to give out a good number of 10, 15, 20 and 25 year Monarch Chevrons this month. With Lion Spence Purvis's receiving his 70



year Chevron last month, it is a hard act to follow, but I was able to present PDG Joe Weber his 30 year Monarch Chevron at his home in Lacy last week. I know if the whole



club could have been there it would have been just as great an event. Lion Joe was very pleased. Joe reads all this stuff so:

Congratulations Lion Joe Weber!

- LP Dennis

and now for the VP's.....

First Vice Pres.

President's

Well....another Lion's year is coming to an end and we can look forward to another busy and active year. The installation dinner is being planned and it should be a fun and rewarding event. It is going



**President 2010-2011
Lion Dennis Bullock**

Corner

to be held at the Rec Center in Coupeville on June 15 and the order of dress is coat and tie. The dinner is going to be catered by Mr. Laska and it will feature an Italian meal. The preparations are coming along and I will be asking for volunteers as the time approaches.

The past year was filled with many events, projects and "fun" (aka "fund") raising and I know that with the great members that we have, the coming year will be just as successful and fun as last year.

The open house was a great success as we now have four new members. Let's continue to invite guests not only to the meetings but also to any of the many events that we are involved in. That way we can show them what we do and involve them in the services and fun raising that is done for the community. Maybe even bringing them to an event before bringing them to a meeting would be a good idea. The meetings are fun but that is not the only thing that we do. I think that most of the new members joined because they want to participate in the Lion's activities.

The clubs projects, services and fun raising are always a great success due to the hard work by members. When some one needs help with a project, service or fun raising, the sign up sheets is passed around and always get filled. This is because our club is comprised of really great people.

Coming in as President will be a challeng-

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Memorial Day Parade

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across from the school, behind the picket fence, as usual. The parade entries will line up on Terry Road. We should be in place by 10:30. Our parade entry will include the trolley and Tonka tractor, Deanna's Buttercup, Band Organ, I. M. Lion, Lion Jackie's M. G. with Abby (dog) and maybe Lion Prez Dennis's Model T. We may also have the large Lion that Lion Freeman brings. If anyone has ideas on how to decorate the trolley, please contact me. Consider staying for the festivities in Town Park after the parade. Come for free food, a very nice Memorial Day salute to our Armed Services led by our own Lion Mayor Nancy, and followed by a great concert.

Recently approved:

Peace Poster Contest: Coupeville Boys and Girls Club has requested a change to the program to complete the artists work in the Spring rather than Fall and \$150 for prizes. Their plan is to get more participants making posters. We have agreed to the schedule change and fund \$150 in prizes.

USO Seattle: Due to an approximately 10,000 jump in military family numbers being evacuated from Japan and coming through Seattle, the USO is requesting help. We have agreed to provide \$300 from Foundation Undesignated to Seattle USO. They also need volunteers to meet and greet.

Life Membership: Following standard LCI policy, the Club is allowed to bestow Life Membership privileges to 10% of their membership. To be eligible one must have been a member for at least 20 years in good standing and 70 years of age (though age can be "adjusted"). We have room for two as we are over 120 members and now have only 10. We have agreed to award one Life Membership this year. A committee will be formed to recommend a member for this honor.

White Cane

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Dock set a new all-time record, more than doubling last year's donations.

This Thursday and Friday we will be at Whidbey Island Bank. Several "new" Lions are matched with "old-timers"...hitting the SERVE trail right away. We had 8 Lion "yearlings" this year on our volunteer list.

We hope to receive permission to collect at the Penn Cove Water Festival on Saturday, May 14th. We will need volunteers to meet and greet and accept donations from the hundreds of visitors. PLEASE consider volunteering if we get the go ahead.

Our bulk mailing is coming in slow, we used our local "Branch Business" bulk mailing service, and saved considerable on postage. Although we have had only 45 responses from our 450 mailing, the total is impressive at a little over \$1400.00, but still at only half normal. If you have been holding off donating, please consider getting that check in the mail or save a stamp, and just drop it off at our favorite Whidbey Island Bank.

We will need a co-chair for next year's White Cane Drive, and although it may seem like a simple task, it requires more than one person to know what's what...especially when the Chair gets pneumonia 3 weeks before the start. Please consider volunteering to Co-chair important fundraiser. It's never too early, as I'm already planning next year's fundraiser. Call Lion Joe 678-5124

Please see the photo poster of many of our White Cane heroes on page 7.



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President's Corner

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ing task, but I know that with the help of the hard working members of this Lion's club the task will be met. It is the members and their hard work that make the club such a success and I am proud to be a member of Lion's.

- Lion 1st Vice President
and Pres Elect Fred

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Second Vice President

We are well known in the community for the tremendous number of service projects that we do, not only a one time project for a neighbor in need such as building a ramp, but especially for the projects that we do on an annual, or continuing basis. These projects are too numerous to highlight in one column so I am picking 3 to feature in this issue and will highlight other programs in future issues. Thank you to all our Lions for the hard work and dedication that make all these programs a success!!

Coupeville Lions Blood Drive

We sponsor 4 blood drives a year and average almost 100 donors each time. It is one of the largest drives on the island and is well know by the staff at the Blood Center and the donors as a great drive with cheerful volunteers and delicious cookies. We see many of the same donors each drive; people who make sure that they will be able to donate at our drive. We have started a system that allows us to take reservations for some donor slots. This is a help to the people who need to coordinate a time to give with their lunch hour. We still have most of the times available for walk ins.

The next drive is May19, 2011 from 11 to 5. We will be setting up for the drive after the meeting on the 18th. John Purcell and Paddy Roberts are the co-chairs for the blood drives and will be circulating signup sheets

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to help with the drive. There is some set up on the morning of the drive once the Blood Center people arrive as well as clean up after the drive. We also need greeters to make sure donors are met at the door and ushered through the process. We also have volunteers to do registration and work in the canteen. These positions require certification so if you are interested in these and do not have certification please contact John or Paddy. There will also be sheets to sign up to bake cookies and one to agree to call past donors and remind them of the drive. A great way to volunteer for the drive is to be a donor. Just stop by to donate or plan to donate before or after your shift in one of the above volunteer activities.

Swim Lesson Program

The swim lesson program has been going on for over 50 years. It serves many young people from all over the island, including children from about 4 years old and on up. Cindy Van Dyk is the chair person of this program. The program has been held at the Admiral Cove pool for the last few years but the pool is unavailable to us this year as we have not been able to reach a satisfactory agreement between their homeowner association and us. We decided not to continue discussion for this year as they have had some damage to their facility and they are not sure the pool will open in time to meet our needs. We have looked for alternatives and have reached an agreement with the Sierra Homeowners Association to use their pool. This pool is smaller than Admirals Cove but the facilities are nice and we will be able to have a program. The dates are scheduled from June 24th until July 1st but could be subject to some change. Cindy will be looking for our help to set and clean up each day as well as patrol the sidelines to keep spectators away from the pool (mostly sibling and parents) and to be extra eyes on the pool in case someone is in trouble. We do have life guards on duty but it never hurts to keep an eye out.

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Senior Meals

This is a new program for us in conjunction with the Coupeville Methodist Church and Senior Services of Island County. It would open a second location for a Senior's hot lunch program. The one at Cam Bey is full and Senior Services has been looking for a second spot. These lunches serve several purposes for the seniors not only a healthy meal but a chance for meeting friends and having some socialization. We have agreed to help with the program and have 12 people signed up who would be willing to serve meals on a regular basis. We envision serving being similar to the way we serve meals at our meetings. Sue Hartin has volunteered to be the chair person of this program. If you have not already signed up and are interested, contact Sue. We do not have all the details yet. We are waiting to hear more about the program when there is a contract between the church and senior services.

- Lion 3rd Vice President and
2nd Vice President Elect Ron

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Third Vice President and All the VP's

On the subject of Lion's Vice- President's and Committee Chairs...

We have three Vice Presidents to assist or stand in for the President, take on various duties and responsibilities and to learn how we work as a club. The President will coach the 1st Vice-President with "on the job training" and schedule one or more regular Club meetings to be conducted by the V.P during the year. There will be in-coming training for new Vice-Presidents by the former Vice-Presidents and past committee chairs will help train new chairs. The committees report to and through their Vice-President with the Vice-Presidents managing the committees (not to run them). Vice-Presidents will recruit the committee's chair person and help to find needed members

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for the committees. The VP will communicate regularly with his/her committees to check for problems and give feedback. At board meetings and general meetings, the Vice-President will ask the committee chairs give their reports whenever possible, as well as send in articles for the Club's newsletter.

The Chairperson shall be given a list of all new Lions from the Secretary as possible candidates to work on the various committees. The committee Chair will have a Co-Chair, preferably a newer member when ever possible. The Chair shall have scheduled meetings with his team and additionally coordinate regularly with the Vice-President and Co-Chair. The Chairperson will be at all board meetings with the Vice-President when asked to give the report, as well as provide a written copy of the report for the recording Secretary.

The VP's responsibilities include the following committees.

1st Vice President has responsibility for Administration, including Membership, Induction and Orientation, Finance and Budget Chair, Public Relations, Club History, Newsletter, Constitution, Bylaws and Policy, Club Parties, Programs, Club Pins, Meetings and Dinners

2nd Vice President has responsibility for Fundraising, including Garage Sale, Scholarship Auction, Shopping Spree, Salmon BBQ, White Cane, Newspaper collection, Keystone Park maintenance, Recycle program, and Penny Collection. Additionally this VP will be a member of the Finance Committee

3rd Vice President is responsible for Service Programs, including Boy Scout Troop sponsorship, Student of the Quarter, Coupeville High School Scholarships, Learn to Swim, Meals on Wheels, Blood Drive, Eye Glass collection, Hearing Aids requests, Camp Horizon, Sunshine, State and County Road Pickup, Memorial Day Parade, and *Concerts On The Cove*

- Lion 2nd Vice President and
1st Vice President Elect Dave

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June 2011

1-Board Meeting /Dinner/Meeting: Program- Senior Services
4- Commodities Distr. Cam-Bey 10am
5 - Hwy 20 LITTER PICKUP 9 AM
8- No Meeting
15 -Installation Dinner
19??- Pool clean-up TBD
24 to 1 July -Learn-to-Swim
21 to 1 July -Garage Sale Setup
Help as much as you possibly can
Coupeville Elementary School
8 am-4 pm Weekdays/Sat. (closed on Sunday)
22-No Meeting
29-?? Meeting TBD

"Roar & Growl"

Lions **Monarch Chevron** awards: 25 Year Pin to Grace King. 20 Year Pin to Von Summers. 15 Year Pin to Jim Colligan. 10 Year Pin to Ron Boyer, Nancy Conard, Harry Lynam, Carol Parbs, Don Richardson, Dale Riddle and John Roomes.

Camp Horizon cleanup on April 16th went well and lots got done with 11 of our members attending.

Yearly dues notices have been made and will be distributed at membership meeting. All those not picked up will be mailed during 3rd week of May. Members will be required to pay by **June 30th**, or allowed to choose a three month payment plan of 3 equal payments due in May, June, and July .

The Recycle Center doesn't save **paper grocery bags** any more for reuse by the Food Bank or Cam Bey. Lions could help fill the gap by asking for "paper" bags at the grocery store, then bring them to meetings. Plastic bags can also be used at the food bank. This should be an easy way "To Serve".

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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.

How to access

Coupeville Lion on FaceBook.

go to: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php>

If you don't want to join FaceBook , just use Coupeville Lion's email (coupevillelions@juno.com) and the password *Lions1938*. To get to Lions "wall" (homepage), click on Account on right side of page, then click on the words Coupeville Lion

Mark the page as a "favorite" or "bookmark" it, so you can find it again, and not have to sign in. Anyone can add comments. Note Coupeville Lions has over 70 friends already.

See or call Lion IPP Joe Walck for help



Alix Roos, Ebey's Reserve Ranger gave a short introduction on behalf of the Jacob Ebey House volunteer drive. Volunteers are needed on a weekly, bi-monthly or standby status for shifts of 3 hours on Thursday through Sunday during the summer months to chat with visitors at the new landmark visitors center. Orientation for volunteers is May 21st from 10am to 3pm. Lunch and snacks are included. Call 360-678-6084 to sign up.

From the Zone

Deception Pass State Park Clean Up Zone Work Party

What a terrific job done by the Clubs of our Zone at the Deception Pass Park work project Saturday. We had a huge turnout of Lions, spouses, kids and the Scouts from Troops 58, 59 and Adventure Troop 59. Once again the Park Rangers were awestruck by Lions showing how **We Serve!** A special Thank You! to the Central Whidbey Lions Club for feeding the hungry hordes. And also a big Thank You! to Coupeville Lion President Dennis Bullock for being the organizer this year. I suspect he had something to do with the very detailed project list that the Rangers had on Saturday. Please extend my personal "thank you" to all your hardworking Lions and your Scout Troops.

If anyone has any "action photos" from Saturday, please send them to me to put in our Zone Newsletter and the District Bulletin.

LCI Convention, Seattle

As you know, I've been encouraging the Lions of H7 to step up and participate in our International Convention in Seattle. The best way to do that of course is by signing up



as a volunteer to help AND registering to attend the Convention. However some Lions only wanted to help as volunteers without paying to be a registered attendee. That has always been an option and remains one. The conflict which has now surfaced arises from the fact that many of the volunteer positions are within the venues where Convention activities are occurring. In those instances, to serve as a volunteer there you will have to be a paid registrant. I know when I, as well as most of you, signed up as a volunteer there was nothing in the volunteer sign-up that would indicate exactly where you might be serving.

As the Convention Committees are starting to fill in their volunteer slots, they have to deal with this conflict and some of you may be getting notified that you will not be able to be a volunteer in the position you picked because you haven't registered and paid to attend the Convention. The easy answer is to register and take some time to also enjoy the Convention activities. If you do not want to do that, the Convention can still use your help! You will just have to be assigned to a function outside of the main convention venues. To get back on track as a plain-vanilla-volunteer, you only need to email directly Past Council Chair Allan Hunt (allan.hunt@shaw.ca). He is living a new life as volunteer coordinator for the Convention and Allan has told me he will find a position for you. Help make it a great Convention!!

Yours in service, - ZC John

Blindness Reduced Worldwide

A 2010 study by the World Health Organization shows that blindness has been reduced globally by nine percent, or 26 million people, since 2004. Through SightFirst, Lions have had a significant role in this achievement.

Some of the ways WE SERVE...

1. Patient Care Grants for those who cannot afford sight loss treatment, ranging from cataract surgery to magnification equipment and even prosthetic eyes.
2. Project Support Grants given to non-profits in the region who protect and restore sight...anything from computers and software to Braille instruction. Over \$39,000 were awarded in 2010.
3. Lions Health Screening Unit (the BIG TRUCK). This mobile clinic travels over 20,000 miles a year across Washington and Northern Idaho to provide free checkups for sight, glaucoma, diabetes and blood pressure. Over 34,000 were screened in 2010.

District 19 H Sharing Leadership

LCI leadership training presents a cohesive plan to keep the lines of communication open while fostering growth among team members, and preserving a shared Vision inclusive of LCI's Values. So in simple terms, Vision is an end goal that helps paint a picture of where we want to go, while Values help define the means by which we hope to achieve the Vision. Two key ingredients to making a great team leader is **building trust** and fostering **great communications**. The more leaders share information and the more they encourage their team members to speak up without criticism, the greater the bond of trust. Nothing violates trust more than saying one thing and doing another. Leaders have to make sure that their team members have a strong sense of purpose, challenging goals, clear boundaries and operating guidelines.

Rebuilding Lives Following Disasters

Lions have a special dedication to providing relief and rebuilding lives in their communities for as long as it takes. In Japan, Lions are shifting their focus to mid-term relief efforts, including helping find jobs and providing 100 tents to shelter relief workers. In New Zealand, Lions are providing needed services and weekend escapes from the city to give families a needed break. And in Haiti, we are rebuilding homes and the National Nurse's School to help rebuild the health care system. All of these projects would not be possible without the generous support of our international family of Lions but also valuable partnerships with other organizations to further leverage our funds in order to have a greater long-term impact