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Coupeville Lions Club | May 2017, Vol. 8 Issue 10

MAY EVENTS

2 - Woodcutting

9:30 am at the recycle center
(POC Gary Youngs)

3 - Board & General Meeting

5 - Commodities Distribution
9:30 am at Cam Bey Apts.
(POC Marilyn Pulk)

10 - General Dinner Meeting,

Program: Guest Speaker Roberta Piercy of Coupeville-Piercy, 57, was one of 24 paddlers nationwide who were handpicked to represent the USA in the women's 50-plus division that will compete in the International Dragon Boat Federation World Championships in China.

12- Barn Sort Boyer Barn, 9 am (POC Brian Pulk) note: from this month forward Barn Sort will be the second Friday of every month.

13 - Memorial Garden Work

Days: 9-11:30 at MD 19 HQ grounds 4141 W Maplewood Ave, Bellingham.

17 - Board & General Dinner

Meeting Annual Open House (POC Sandy Johnson) and Student of the quarter A-F Entrée / G-O Dessert / P-Z Salad

19 - White Cane Day at Whidbey Bank & PC Red Apple

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24 - General Dinner Meeting,

Program: Guest speakers, Marc and Mitch Aparicio from Penn Cove Tap Room and Brewery. Brothers will walk us through bringing a new business to Coupeville and their development of their signature brew "Madrona Way IPA."

25 - Blood Drive, United Methodist Church

27- Memorial Day Parade

31- Centennial Project Dedication: Town Park (POC Bob Johnson) NOTE: see article for details.

The Coupeville Lions Club meets Wednesday Evenings

6 p.m. Fellowship-Networking/6:30 p.m. Dinner/7 p.m.-1 hour meeting & program.
We meet at the Coupeville United Methodist Church (North Main and 7th Street)

President's Message



Ricardo Reyes

Hello fellow Lions. Spring is here and the following months to come will bring many hours of fun and exciting opportunities to serve. There is an ongoing work in preparation of our annual garage sale. The garage pick up crew are working

around the clock picking up wonderful and mysterious merchandise. They have picked up slightly used but sturdy tables, many chairs to replace our overly used and broken ones, and tables for display of the goods. Earlier this year the members voted on purchasing metal racks to replace some of our tables and to present a better display of merchandise. There has been and continues to be assembly crews putting the rack together in preparation for the July 1st -2nd Garage Sale.

Karen Fletcher, the club's Lead person for the GS, is asking for assistance to fill the following positions: 1- Security (not sure what the qualifications are other than walking around and look intimidating, Just kidding) 2- Arts/Crafts/Wooden items, 3- Stuffed Animals, 4- DVD's/Vinyl & CDs, and 5- the Super "One Dollar" bargain center. You will be "the go to person" and oversee the display and pricing of the items in those Departments. I encourage you to take the challenge and do not worry - there will be plenty of other Lions to help you as well. Lets make this year

Garage Sale another success!

The White Cane program is well on its way. Sandee and Bob Allen gave a wonderful presentation and surprise/ challenge to our members by presenting an informative quiz (fill in the blank with answers). Not sure how the rest of our members did at tables in answering the questions, but I know at my table we did great (we got at least one or three questions correctly answered).

May 17th is our Student of the Quarter, Potluck Dinner and our Membership Open House event. Sandy Johnson, Membership Director, has done a wonderful job promoting the event by making postcard fliers for us to pass out to our guests. Please invite your friends, neighbors, people you know to this Open House. You do not need to encourage them to become a "Lion" just bring them along to meet and greet other Lions, and to enjoy the camaraderie and evening out listening to our "Student of the Quarter" awardees.

May 31st, at 5pm in the Coupeville Town Park, we will hold a dedication of our town's renovated Kitchen Shelter to our community and to the memory of our past club member, PCC Lion Rod Barnes. Lion Rod Barnes served in many position in the Lions organization for many years. His service and knowledge have already been missed by so many of us. We have dedicated our Centennial Project work on the shelter in his name. This is one event I hope to see many of our members to attend. To RSVP for the Open House, call Sandy Johnson at 916-600-0513.

President Ricardo Reyes

COUPEVILLE LIONS CLUB OFFICERS:

Ricardo Reyes, President; Sue Hartin, Secretary; Jackie Feusier, Treasurer; Dave Fish, 1st Vice President; Doug Kroon, 2nd Vice President; Brian Pulk, 3rd Vice President

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Lions walk in last year's Memorial Day Parade.

Lions to walk in annual Memorial Day Parade

On Saturday, May 27th, 2017 the Coupeville Chamber of Commerce will again host the Annual Memorial Weekend Parade. The route has been changed due to safety concerns regarding crossing Highway 20. The route will start from 1st Street and Wilkes Street will also be used for lining up. From there the Parade will proceed along North Main to Front Street, Alexander and Coveland Streets ending at the Town Park. Further instructions will be given to all groups during the first week of May.

Coupeville is only one of a few towns in Washington that carry on the tradition of a parade followed by Coupeville's Annual Town Picnic

and Remembrance Ceremony. Free Hot Dogs and Drink while supplies last. Sit and enjoy the Annual Memorial Day Concert "Musical Salute To The Armed Services". Come and enjoy a summer afternoon of music in the park.

Our Coupeville Lions Club has about 20 members signed up to be out in Vests and Smiles.

Please join us to walk, ride and/or segue along the route to help celebrate Memorial Day and entertain the viewers, Vicky Reyes will share with the Lions the final instructions regarding meeting location and line up position when that information is sent out by the Chamber.

— Lion Lynda Eccles

The early birds

At O-Dark-30 six insomniac Lions gathered to erect the pole tent for the South Whidbey Garden Club's annual plant sale. Our club makes the tent available to non-profits for a nominal donation and will set it up for an additional donation. This team blew the dust off the alarm

clocks and set the tent up in 55 minutes. Just in time for the garden club to bring on the plants and for Ken to bring on the pastries. *Left to right: Don Richardson, Ken Halvorson, Gary Youngs, Brian Pulk, Sue Hartin & Paul Bigelow. Not shown are the afternoon teardown reinforcements (aka the late sleepers): Dave Fish, Noel Hanson and Gary Parker.*



Lions thanked at Help House luncheon



"I've never eaten with Lions before" was the opening table talk humor overheard at the recent Help House Volunteer Luncheon held on March 28th at the Oak Harbor United Methodist Church hall. Nothing to fear, however. We're a

small, but hard-working "pride" of Commodities volunteers who were well represented at this appreciation banquet. Our Coupeville feasting Lions (minus a few faithful monthly volunteers) were welcomed and thanked for all of their efforts throughout the year and enjoyed their tasty "kill" from Oak Harbor's The BBQ Joint. Lions members who were lauded included Teresa and Tom Ellis, Marilyn Engel, Jackie Feusier and Joe Walck, Gary Parker, Marilyn and Brian Pulk and Mel and Deanna Rogers. A raising of the Lion tail salute goes out to all Lions who work hard each month to get these food donations out onto Coupeville's needy tables.

North Whidbey Help House welcomed all of their community volunteers—individuals, those from churches, organizations, and retirement communities—who have helped keep their food bank doors open throughout the years to those in need. In fact, it was revealed that Help House is the only food bank that operates year-round because they are not solely dependent upon government donations. Volunteer opportunities abound, aside from our monthly Coupeville distribution efforts, and include food and monetary donations or simply volunteering during the holidays to hand out coffee and cookies at the site. For every dollar donated, 87 cents goes directly to Help House food items—that's why volunteers are so important in this food chain. This July marks the 40th anniversary of Help House operations and Executive Director Jean Wieman (pictured) is looking to include any memories or stories down through the years that can be used to celebrate in style this summer. Surely, there are some Lion "tales" that need to be told. Jean can be reached at 360-675-0681, northwhidbeyhelp@yahoo.com or Facebook's North Whidbey Help House. Let's continue to roar in support of Help House and Commodities. Thanks to all for your year-round assistance.

— Lion Marilyn Pulk

Shelter dedication scheduled with bbq celebration for 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 31

We will wrap up our nearly one year long Shelter Renovation project with a dedication on Wednesday night with the unveiling of an updated version of the original welcoming sign that hung for years on the shelter's back wall. I recall that Lion John Kohlmann suggested we work on the Shelter as our Lions Centennial Heritage Service Project.

Lion-Mayor Molly Hughes enthusiastically embraced the project as a joint effort between our club and the Town. The Town had planned and budgeted for a new roof plus paint for the entire building, and our club took on the work and cost to do a renovation and upgrade of the Shelter Kitchen. Our club has worked on the building before. We believe the founders of our club built the Shelter and adjacent toilet building shortly after the club was established in 1937, making the building almost 80 years old.

Planning began in May and with the help of Kelly Riepma, Coupeville Public Works Superintendent, a plan for the renovation was agreed to between the club and the Town. The summer was spent getting the details defined, new equipment selected, and costs estimated. A budget of \$15,000 was approved by the membership.

The new standing seam metal roof that replaced worn out cedar shakes was finished in August. Our work started in September after the last reserved event for the Shelter was over. The old brick fireplace was removed and the holes it left in the floor and wall were plugged. Sinks and counters were demolished, the interior was pressure washed to clean up years of accumulated dirt and to help discover what wood in the structure was rotted. With the skilled help of members of the Central Whidbey Lions, the damaged wood was removed and replaced with matching full dimensioned timber like the original. Next came painting inside and out with a color scheme that matched the Town's other municipal buildings.

The electrical wiring that we installed 10 years ago in a service project proved inadequate, and an entire new electrical system was installed. The wiring features dedicated circuits expected to handle most any demand made by coffee pots and other appliances. All wiring is now up to commercial building exterior weatherized standards. The work was done by a local licensed contractor and took up nearly half of the budget.

To assure food can be prepared and served to Health Department like sanitary standards, we decided to go with an industrial exterior grade polymeric sealer, color chips, and clear top coat finish that will make the floor easy to keep clean. A large triple compartment sink, plus a separate hand wash station was installed with continuous counters all built into the back wall. These sinks, counters, and adjacent sills are all made of stainless steel. New sills were installed in the most wall openings to make serving easier.

For example, when we do our post-garage sale celebration dinner (aka the "Burger Burn") and the annual fall Salmon BBQ, we will pass the food out over the sills. For the first time the sinks will have hot water on tap, supplied by a rolling propane fired hot

water cart. Set up and serving will be simplified by having the needed service equipment stored in a rolling cart. Both the carts will be stored in the barn ready to go to the Shelter when needed. We may rent the equipment out to other organizations, depending on demand.

Twenty five members of our club plus several from Central Whidbey Lions worked on the renovation over the long 6 months it required to get the renovation completed. The original estimate of 1000 labor hours was not far off; (nearly 900 to be supplied by Sue Hartin) hours have been recorded, and the final cost came in slightly under budget.

A special thanks goes to Lions John Roomes, Julian Sayers, Fred Bronson, Dave Fish, Sandy and Bob Johnson, Karen Fletcher, Ron Boyer, Joe Hillers, Bill and Patty Roberts, Jackie Feusier, Marsha and Jim Phay, Deanna and Mel Rogers, Gary Parker, Ricardo Reyes, Brian Pulk, Doug Kroon, Dennis Bullock, Warren Ivy, Don Richardson, Ginny Munn, Rudy Parhaniemi and Ken Halvorsen for their dedicated work to get the job done. We must also thank the Town of Coupeville; Molly Hughes, Kelly Riepma, members of the Public Works crew, and finally local contractor Pat Andrews of C-K Electrical for their part of the project.

The dedication will begin at 5pm or as Rod would say 17:00 hours, with Lion Mayor Molly presiding. We will begin with presenting the flags, pledge of allegiance, patriotic songs, and an invocation. Special guests will be introduced, then Lion Molly will give us the history of the renovation and how Lion Rod was so influential and important to not just our club but to Lionism. The Town removed the old sign that hung in the Shelter, had it reworked to reflect the renovation, and included a memorial to Lion Rod.

Lion President Ricardo, assisted by Leo President Grey Ridge will unveil the new sign, symbolically handing the Shelter back to the next generation and the community. The sign will be put back in place by the Town's Public Works crew.

Lion Molly will give a short review of Lion Rod's life, to be followed with open mike remembrances from any and all who wish to add their recollections of him and his impact on their life. Once all have had a chance to add their remembrances, a moment of silence will follow.

Taps will be played and Lion Molly will close the dedication with an invitation to join in for dinner.

Dinner will be sirloin burger with cheese if requested, along with all the usual burger fixing. The club will do a potluck to bring in salads and desserts.

The cost will be \$5, except for the honored guests and Leos. After dinner, a time to socialize, tell stories, and remind ourselves that the Shelter is expected to last at least another 80 years to serve our community. We can be proud of our heritage and the services we provide the Coupeville area. And we can keep the memory of Lion Rod in our minds inspiring us to say "We Serve"

— Lion Bob Johnson

Coming Up

JUNE EVENTS

2 - Commodities Distribution
9:30 am at Cam Bey Apts.
(POC Marilyn Pulk)

6- Woodcutting
9:30 am at the recycle center
(POC Gary Youngs)

7 -Officer Installation Dinner

**8 - 10:30 am-11:30am,
2017 Garage Sale 101** (for
new members and other vol-
unteers helping) Ryan's House
meeting room, Hwy 20 across
from Main Street Collision

9 - Barn Sort Boyer Barn
9 am (POC Brian Pulk)

14 - Retreat with new board

**15 - 2017 Garage Sale Kick-
off Leads meeting, 6pm-7pm,**
Coupeville Library meeting
room

**7 - Memorial Garden Work
Days: 9-11:30** at MD 19 HQ
grounds 4141 W Maplewood
Ave, Bellingham.

19 - Garage Sale Setup
(Barn to School)

30 - Garage Sale Preview
- International Convention,
Fukuoka, Japan

**TBD- Fort Casey "Learn to
Swim" partnership-10 weeks**

WATER FESTIVAL ON THE HORIZON

This year is the 26th Anniversary of the revival of the Coupeville Water Festival. The first Coupeville Festival with Native American Canoe Races took place in 1930, organized by a Coupeville businessman to draw more tourists to scenic Whidbey Island. Only three 11-man canoes raced then, but in later years up to 22 tribes attended the festivals with most participating in the canoe races. Parades, sack races, pie eating contests, and tribal dancing were added to the festivities. Island residents baked loaves of bread as gifts for the Indian families who traveled to and camped on the Island for the festivals.

Keep in mind that before white contact, it is believed that the Northwest Native American population in Puget Sound was between 10,000 and 20,000, and that there was most likely at least one boat for every ten people. That would be 1,000-2,000 canoes out on the Sound on a regular basis. Fleets of boats would gather for fish runs, at portage sites, in safe harbor during storms, and for defense during warfare. It is not surprising that the gathering of boats led to competitive racing.

World War II brought an end to the Canoe Races. There were several attempts to revive them in the 1970s and 1980s, but it was not until the Washington State Uni-

versity/Island County Beach Watchers volunteers put on the first Penn Cove Water Festival in 1992 that the canoe races were once again an annual event in Coupeville. Beach Watchers produced the Festival for 12 years, with an emphasis on education about the environment and water quality.

Since 1993, each Water Festival has been indelibly associated with an image from the fertile mind of Coupeville artist Roger Purdue, working in the North Coast native art tradition of his Tsimshian heritage. Roger passed away in 2014, but before that he had donated 15 additional drawings to the Penn Cove Water Festival, so that we could continue to use his art. Board Member and graphic designer, Jackie Feusier, has worked with Roger's widow, Sara, each year since, to choose a design and work on color schemes to continue his legacy with the Water Festival and honor his work.

The contributions of so many individuals and organizations to the Penn Cove Water Festival, both financially and as volunteers, is deeply appreciated, especially all you Lions! If you would like to help in any way in "Continuing the Tradition", contact the PCWF Volunteer Coordinator, Ricardo Reyes, or President, Vicky Reyes, at 682-55257.

SIGN UP FOR WHITE CANE DAYS

What: Raising money to give sight, hope, and a second chance. For the 49th year in a row, Lions Club members will campaign across Washington and Northern Idaho for their annual WHITE CANE DAYS (WVD) fund-raising event. The Lions, in partnership with the Northwest Lions Foundation (NLF), protect and restore sight for kids and adults in the Pacific Northwest.

When: On May 19, 20, and 21, 2017, the Coupeville Lions Club will join Lions Clubs across Washington and Northern Idaho in the White Cane Days campaign. From 9:00 am to 6:00 pm on these days, club members will ask for contributions to support the sight programs of the Northwest Lion Foundation.

Where: The Coupeville Lions Club's locations will be at Whidbey Island Bank, Prairie Center Red Apple and the Coupeville Wharf in Coupeville.

Why: Taking up Helen Keller's challenge to become "knights of the blind," Li-

ons in the Pacific Northwest assist children and adults in their communities with sight restoration and preservation. All contributions to WCD benefit the sight programs of NLF. The Foundation gives the gift of sight through the following programs:

Lions Patient Care Grants NLF provides grants to Lions Clubs to assist people in their own communities who need treatment for sight loss but cannot afford it.

Lions Health Screening UNIT (LHSU) This program provides free health screenings for vision, hearing, glaucoma, diabetes, and high blood pressure. About 30% of the people screened find they have health problems of which they were previously unaware. Last year, the LHSU screened more than 32,000 children and adults.

Lions Project Support Grants Special grants are available to Lions Clubs and other community organizations to help support vision and hearing-related programs in their local areas.