



Cagey Comments

Coupeville Lions Club | November 2016, Vol. 8 Issue 5

NOV. EVENTS

- 2- **Board & General Meeting;**
Zone Chair Bruce MacNair
official visit
Photo Contest Images Due
- 4 - **Commodities Distribution**
Cam Bey Apts. 9:30 am
(POC Marilyn Pulk)
- 9- **General Dinner Meeting**
Program: Students of the
Quarter (POC Doug Kroon)
- 10 - **Blood Drive**
- 10-**Ron Wilkinson's service**
3 p.m. Rec Hall
- 12- **Shopping Spree**
Barn Sort 9 am-Boyer Barn
(POC Brian Pulk)
- 16 - **Board & General Meeting**
Dist. Gov. John Moralek,
Official Visit
Environmental Photo Vote
- 23- **No meeting**
- 30- **Bingo at the Rec Hall**

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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*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, I would like to start with mentioning what a great loss our club incurred with the passing of Dave Vaughn and Ron Wilkinson. Both had dedicated their lives to the Lions. Ron has been the primary blood drive register for the Coupeville Blood drives. He not only contributed to our Lions club as President, he served as zone chair for two years in a row and was looking forward to continue to serve as 2nd Vice District Governor and more. Dave also served our club as President and loved working, sorting the many vinyl records, DVD's and cassette tapes for our annual garage sale. They both loved to serve the community and had a dear heart. They will surely be missed by all who know them. Farewell our Lion and friend.

On a lighter note: This past month on Saturday, October 1st, we had our first Mentoring class, given by Ron Smircich 1st Vice District Governor of District C in Olympia, WA. He presented a good seminar to our members and provided some handouts along with a DVD disc on mentoring. I am hopeful that those who attended the seminar had a chance to view the disc and found many new ideas to help you and others to feel wanted, valued and excited to be a Lion, new or seasoned. Let's shared what we gained from Ron's presentation materials with other club members. Perhaps you can duplicate the disc and pass it along for other Lions to review.

As new members join our club (transfer

lions or first time lions) let them know who Lions are. What our club is all about; the many serve activities, events and projects we are currently doing; guide them to the Vice President or Chairperson of the member's interest, help them feel valued and allow them to contribute new ideas even if we as a club tried them before. They may have a different approach and with new technology coming out, our old methods of approach that did not work in the past may work today. Furthermore, talk to them about our other eight Lions Clubs in District -H7; take them on a visitation and learn more about the different activities other clubs are doing, locally and abroad. Invite and encourage them to attend a MD-19 convention. Finally think about attending an International Lions convention/conference. The next International conventions will be in Chicago, Illinois, June 30-July 4, 2017, 100 years celebration, and Las Vegas, Nevada, June 29-July 3, 2018. Think about and plan ahead for a fun and memorable trip.

Some of our members attended the MD19 Annual Convention in Spokane, WA, this past October 20-22, 2016. It was informative, fun and worth the trip. There were seminars to attend, general session meeting where lots of awards and information was passed. There was a Fun Night with the theme of the roaring twenties; many folks came dressed in the time period. All enjoyed games, raffles and prizes along with music and dancing.

Have fun in all we do in the club and the community and thank the Retention Committee for their effect for bring Mentoring training to us all. Remember, we are all Mentors

Lion Ricardo Reyes

Get your new sweatshirts!

Attention all Lions “the new sweatshirts are here, the new sweatshirts are here!” For those of you who missed ordering the newest line of clothing, which is to be worn proudly around and off the island, let me know and I will place an order for you. Bayview Embroidery does a great job, however, the sweatshirts only come in Lions Blue. The Coupeville Lions Club logo is stitched on the left hand side and your name will be stitched on the right hand side. Prices are \$28 (XXL are \$30).

I’m excited to announce three new members will be joining the club with Inductions taking place, possibly in November.

Per Bob Johnson’s suggestion, a free standing metal stand will accompany the newly refurbished Towne Kitchen Shelter. Bob and I collaborated with the idea of Bob placing a display box and I making Coupeville Lions Club Flyers which will be placed inside as a way to reinforce how Coupeville Lions Serve. So long as we love we serve; so long as we are loved by others, I would almost say that we are indispensable; and no one is useless while they have a friend. (Robert Louis Stevenson)

*Lion Sandy Johnson
Membership Chair*

Leos keeping busy this fall

The Coupeville Leos Club has been busy in November. After a visit from Krissy Kirby, the

school district health counselor, the Leos voted to give \$200 from their foundation account to the high school Supply Closet which provides needed health & hygiene items to low income students. Leos helped with the fall cleanup of the Farm to School garden, which is used to provide fresh produce to the elementary school cafeteria. A group of Leos has also been busy designing the pumpkin race car and will likely give the Lions Club a challenge at the town pumpkin races. In support of LCI vision month in October, eyeglasses have also been collected at the school.

Lion John Kohlmann

Photo contest voting Nov. 16

CLICK! You should have your images taken by now and then found the right ones you want to submit for this year’s International Environmental Photography contest. To remind you of the categories, they are: ANIMAL LIFE, LANDSCAPE (URBAN OR NATURAL), PLANT LIFE AND WEATHER PHENOMENON. The photograph must be printed to 8” X 10”. There are to be no people in the photograph. You may submit your best image in each category. I will be collecting the entries at the November 2nd meeting. These will return ready to be voted upon at the November 16th meeting. The “best of show” will be announced at the December 7th meeting. This photograph will be then sent on to District 19 to be judged for best in District. As a side note, John Kohlmann has shared that his Leos are

intending on participating also. They will select their best of show which will then progress to District 19 and compete with their peers. Having worked with high school students before in photography, I know that there will be a difficult task to select the “best of show” - these young people have a keen eye for capturing great images! I wish them and you the very best and look forward to preparing your entries to be presented for you to judge. If you have any questions, please do contact me at slowwaters@gmail.com

Lion Sue Waters

DECEMBER EVENTS

- 2 - **Commodities Distribution**
Cam Bey Apts. 9:30 am
(POC Marilyn Pulk)
- 3 - **Greening of Coupeville**
Do we want to do parade?
- 7 - **Board & General Meeting:**
Superintendent Jim Shank:
State of the Schools
Photo Contest Winner
- 10- **Barn Sort 9 am**
Boyer Barn (POC Brian Pulk)
- 14 - **Christmas Party**

Holiday Party Planning

Vicky Reyes

The 2016 Lions Holiday Party will be from 6 to 8 pm on Wednesday, Dec 14 at the Coupeville Rec Hall. We have quite a few members signed up to help with set up and take down but need more help with planning. We will meet at 5pm on Wed Dec 9th at the Church. Please join us!

CENTENNIAL PROJECT

So far we have removed and replaced rotted wood, cleaned and painted the building inside and out, and coated the floor. With the completion of coating the floor, we are getting ready to move the new stainless steel sinks, prep table, and work counter to the Shelter's rear wall. The portable work cart is ready for loading up with our food preparation equipment and supplies. This cart will be kept in our storage barn, and then moved to the shelter when we put on an event. The Hot Water cart has been tried and works very well and will give us hot water when we need it. It too will be stored in our barn. Once we hook all the plumbing with water supply and sanitary drain lines, the Shelter will be useable. The bench will be used to hold the turkey roasters during the Salmon BBQ can be installed once the boards are painted, but it is not critical to re-opening the Shelter for anyone to use. Shelter users are sure to find other uses for the benches.

The electrical upgrade is on hold, awaiting bids to do the work. The scope of the upgrade has increased due to electrical code issues. Since the Shelter is open to wind and rain, today's public facility electrical code may require the panel and outlets be weather-tight or outdoor rated. Hopefully this last improvement can still be accomplished within budget and by the completion date, before the end of November.

Club members have readily stepped up and volunteered in very good numbers. There is more for us all to do before the project is completed and your help is appreciated.

Lion Bob Johnson

RETENTION REPORT

Our Committee's goal is to reduce the number of members who leave our club. We found that most members leave in their second year of membership. We believe that training our mentors to be more effective would decrease members dropping, and increase member satisfaction and involvement.

We asked Lion Ron Smircich from Olympia to conduct a training session for all those who were interested in learning more about their roles as mentors. A training session was arranged for Saturday, October 1, 2016, and twenty-two Lions attended. Lion Ron's knowledge of mentoring and interest in helping us was very impressive.

A highlight for many of us was when Lion Ron asked us to form groups of three or four and brainstorm ideas and ways we might improve. A spokesperson from each group shared a synopsis of each discussion. Our committee secretary, Lion Marilyn Pulk was able to jot down a summary of each group. Our Retention Committee began discussing these and other ideas under the able leadership of Lion Pat Waters at our last committee meeting.

Here are comments by Lion Zone Chair Bruce MacNair about the Mentor Training Workshop: "A good mentoring program doesn't happen by accident. Without structure and definition, such a plan will be vague, blurry, and mostly ineffective." Lion Bruce was especially pleased with the positive enthusiasm which seemed to be present during the two hour training. He said, "We should be able to forge a program that will not only serve our club to retain more new members, but act as a model for other clubs in our zone, and district."

We are looking at mentor training perhaps quarterly or semi-annually. We are looking for trainers or want-to-be trainers who would be willing teachers. If this is you, let me know. If you want to join our Retention Committee, let me know that, too. We need more members! Our goal is to retain our club members and keep them involved in the great work we do!

*Lion Ken Halvorson,
Retention Director (360) 969-1658*

Peace Poster contest winner

Each year, Lions clubs around the world proudly sponsor the Lions International Peace Poster Contest in local schools and youth groups. This art contest encourages young people, ages 11-13, to think about peace, creatively express what it means to them and to share their own unique visions with the world. For more 29 years, millions of children from nearly 100 countries have participated in the contest.

This year, the theme is "A Cele-

bration of Peace" and the Coupeville Lions Club has again been working with the Coupeville Boys and Girls Club (our 8th year with this group). During our Club's October 26th Membership Meeting, a total of 12 very creative posters were judged. Although the winning poster needs to be sent to MD-19 for 'up the chain' judging by mid-November, the results of the judging by our Club will be announced during the Coupeville Boys and Girls Club's 'Cocoa and



Carols' Annual Fine Art Show and Fundraiser Event on December 14th.
Lions Sandy and Gary Leake