



Cagey Comments

Coupeville Lions Club | October 2016, Vol. 8 Issue 4

OCTOBER EVENTS

1- Mentor training will be provided at the Coupeville Library on Saturday, October 1, 2016. We have the room reserved from 2:00 - 5:00 PM. The workshop will be from 2:15 to 4:15 pm. Please register at the Library prior to 2:15 pm. Our workshop trainer is Ron Smircich from Olympia. Lion Ron is a 1st Vice District Governor (of District C) who lives in Olympia. Red Cross Smoke Alarm installation throughout Coupeville area

5- Board & General Dinner Meeting

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

8- Barn Sort 9 am-Boyer Barn (POC Brian Pulk), Harvest-Festival Races

12- General Dinner Meeting, Program: Mike Nortier, Executive Director of Island Transit

16- Peace Poster Contest

19- Board & General Dinner Meeting

20-22 MD-19 Lions Convention, Spokane, WA

26- General Dinner Meeting, Program: Peace Poster Contest, (POC Gary and Sandy Leake)

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)*

Update

Garage sale committees formed

The long range planning meeting was held on September 29th and the turnout was great. There was a strong consensus that we continue the garage sale long term and deal with the issues around labor and barn storage. To that end, two committees were formed to address these issues:

Storage – Doug Kroon(Lead); Pat Waters, Bob Johnson, Joe Walsh, Brian Pulk

Labor – Gary Youngs(Lead); Karen Fletcher, Sandy Johnson, Dave Fish, Brian Pulk

Speaking of great turnouts, we have had many showing up at the Barn Sorts.

If you saw the barn at the end of September, you won't believe that this picture was taken on October



3rd. As you can see much was sorted and cleared after several pickups this past month.

Pictured are only a few of the folks who pitched in on the 3rd. Thanks to all! — Lion Brian Pulk

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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Commodities is helping those in need

The first Friday of each month finds a group of compassionate Lions at Coupeville's Cambey Apartments around 9:30 a.m. hoisting boxes of canned goods, rice, pasta, cereals, juices, sometimes eggs and even frozen chicken.

Our club joined forces with Oak Harbor's Help House years ago to provide low-income families in the Coupeville area with a bit more to eat by distributing government and community donation commodities.

It's quite an operation and journey for the surplus goods that go from a Sedro-Woolley warehouse, as well as twice a year contributions from the Naval Commissary under the Feds Feeds Program to the Help House. Once the food arrives at Help House (pictured), the Lions roar into gear.

This Lions volunteer village goes into action early to pick up Help House's surplus goods—generally filling the back of a pickup truck or two so that it can arrive at Cambey by 9:30ish.

In whatever manner the commodities arrive, there are grateful low-income recipients in need both in Cambey Apartments and in the Coupeville community.

The application process for this food is based upon income and family size, but it all comes down to lending a hand up for those who could use extra help stretching their monthly grocery needs.

Coupeville Lions have served a fluctuating population that ranges from about 22 to as many as 45 families. September's Lions volunteers (pictured, minus a few regulars) offload groceries into Cambey's multi-purpose room, remove the goods from the boxes, place them on tables and repackage items into grocery bags for delivery.

Some clients come to Cambey for pickups and visit with us, while others who cannot make the trip to Cambey receive their packages from Lions who make home deliveries.

Hearing a child at a home delivery express simple



joy over the prospect of apple juice, just cements in your heart the reason this volunteer opportunity is so rewarding.

Please consider joining your fellow Lions each month in making days a bit brighter for those struggling with hunger.

The miracle is this—the more we give, the more we have ~ Anonymous

— Lion Marilyn Pulk

NOVEMBER EVENTS

2- Board & General Dinner Meeting: Zone Chair Bruce MacNair official visit Environmental Photo Contest Images Due

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

9- General Dinner Meeting, Program: Students of the Quarter (POC Doug Kroon)

10 - Blood Drive

12- Shopping Spree, Barn Sort 9 am-Boyer Barn (POC Brian Pulk)

16 - Board & General Dinner Meeting/District Governor John Moralek, Official Visit, Environmental Photo Vote

23- No meeting, Thanksgiving tomorrow

30- BINGO at the Rec Hall

Kitchen shelter halfway done

We pushed through on September 27th and due especially to Lions Karen Fletcher and Bill Johnson and all of Lion Deanna's team's hard work, the shelter got painted inside and out, base and trim colors all in one day!

Lion Dennis Bullock's airless sprayer really helped get the paint on the "rustic" surfaces (read that as lumpy) of the shelter. Lion John Rooms did find a few spots the next day to touch and the building is ready for the next phase.

The exterior is done as soon as Lion Dave Fish refinishes the "Kitchen" sign above the entry way. We did get excellent support from Lion Bill Jones and his team from Central Whidbey Lions in milling the new wood to look like old wood used to replace the rotted components in the shelter.

Lion Julian came and looked at the shelter's design for structural stability and ability to withstand "a seismic event." There are a number of modifications we could do to improve the chances of the shelter to withstand a trembler. A follow-on service project for next spring will be recommended to the Board of Directors to address these issues. Lion Mayor Molly is agreeable to a joint project with the town buying the materials and we will do the installation. This will in-

clude sill plate to foundation anchor bolts, added rafter to top plate shear ties, more rafter collars, gable end cable cross bracing and other seismic tie downs as needed. After all the work and expense we have put into the building to date, we want it to last another 80 years.

No word yet on the Electrical update, so we will take a few days off and get ready for the next phase. Lion Doug Kroon has approved the triple compartment and hand wash sink selections, work table, main sink faucet and service cart. This is the cart that will store the food prep and serve gear for Burger Burn and Salmon BBQ and will be kept in the barn and taken to the Shelter when needed.

While we wait for the sinks to arrive and electrical work to start, the next operation will be to apply a coating for the floor to make it food service cleanable, and improve its appearance. Various systems are being evaluated and hopefully can be applied in the next two weeks. After that, we can install the rough in plumbing and sinks.

Thanks to all those who helped get it done, and especially to the leads who share the agony to get us there. At this time we are more than half-way done.

—Lion Bob Johnson

Turn in your photo contest entries by Nov. 2

Alas I'm offering to hold this year's International Environmental Photo contest, later than in past years. My hope is that there is sufficient interest and there will be many photos returned to me on November 2, 2016.

That gives you a month to go through your photo album, or go out and capture our community during this wonderful Indian Summer. One doesn't need to look far for that perfect shot to enter the contest.

This year Lions International took away the 5th challenge theme and kept it simple. Below are the guidelines:

All photos depicting a nature theme (such as plants, animals, weather phenomenon, etc.) are welcome.

- Photos should be original and unaltered.
- Photos should depict the local environment of the community the

Lions or Leo club serves.

- Photos that include people will be disqualified.

- Photos should be printed on high-quality photo paper and measure 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4 cm.)

Should you have any questions please do contact Lion Sue Waters, slowwaters@gmail.com The website has the guidelines for you to print off for future reference.

—Lion Sue Waters