



The ROAR FROM the ISLANDS



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HISTORY OF SAN JUAN LIONS CLUB

The San Juan Lion's Club was chartered on December 8th 1962. The Charter President was Sam R. Buck and the Secretary/Treasurer was Rev. John A. Dirks Jr.

Sam Buck and a Lion from the Oak Harbor Lion's Club named Don Boyer were instrumental in the establishment of our club. Organizational meetings were held during the summer and fall of 1962 in preparation for our charter night banquet and extravaganza. Don Boyer kept insisting that hundreds of Lions would come to the Island for the event. While many of us didn't really believe that the masses of Lions that Boyer had predicted, would make the journey to the Island, preparations were none the less made.

Don Boyer was right. The visitors had chartered a ferry for the evening it landed at the slip, which at that time was located just below what is now the Downriggers Restaurant. Hundreds and hundreds of Lions off loaded many in very colorful garb. It was truly an international group and included many Canadians of various nationalities. The common question asked by most of them was; "Where's the bar?" Arrangements had been made for a series of refreshment locations, I believe there were four or five, on the way to the Hall Gymnasium. At the Gym a banquet had been prepared by the school, and was served by the students, to a packed house.

The program was typical of Lion's Clubs and a predicator of the type of Club that San Juan would become. Officers were installed. We were presented with Lions Club paraphernalia, flags, podium, banner, gavel etc. and also a pig, a small real life pig which was presented to our club to replace the pig that had been shot in the pig war. The pig was later auctioned off to add to the treasury of our Club.

Sam Buck was the ideal choice as the Charter President. He was a native islander. He graduated from the local high school. He attended the University of Washington. He served in the Navy. While in college he organized groups to pack into junker cars, drive to Detroit and then deliver new cars to Seattle auto dealers. Following the Navy and a very brief career as a saddle bronk rider, he was in the hearing aid business, the cosmetic business, the dry good business and at the time of his presidency he had found his permanent career in insurance and real estate.

Respectfully Submitted:
July 2nd 2007
Warren Jones

SAN JUAN BIKE and BREW Project



RECENT SAN JUAN LIONS CLUB PHOTO



On the picture to the left **DG Corinne White presents Lion Warren Jones his 55 years a Lion award.** Warren is the author of the San Juan Lions history presented on the left of this page.



San Juan Island Lions Zone Report >>> A very busy club ...

We now have 54 members. **Eyeglasses** - The San Juan Island Lions Club has two drop boxes (Post Office and Friday Harbor Drug Store) for the public to leave used eye glasses and cases. On the average, the San Juan Island Lions Club collects annually approximately 1,800 pairs of eye glasses. As of the beginning of 2017, the San Juan Island Lions Club had collected on an aggregate in excess of 10,000 pairs of eyeglasses which have been sent to the Lions Club collection center where they are screened for prescription, cleaned and/or repaired and then sent to third world countries and other places where they are needed by the poor. **Lions Sight and Hearing** - This important program provides low income individuals and/or their children with eye exams and glasses. We work with two local optometrists and one ophthalmologist who provide their services at discounted prices. We also work with a local audiologist to help with hearing problems, and if possible provide assistance in refurbishing hearing aids. If the beneficiaries qualify financially, according to income parameters, we can send them to Northwest Lions Foundation in Seattle to be fitted for new hearing aids. **Shopping Spree** - Every year, three weeks before Thanksgiving, we sell tickets to a four-minute shopping spree through the aisles of Kings Super Market. There is one winner of the spree and three consolation prizes of a turkey. The proceeds, after deducting for the cost of the groceries and turkeys, go to benefit The San Juan Island Lions Club scholarship fund to be awarded to deserving high school seniors in the spring. Most winners have in the past contributed groceries to the local Food Bank which helps feed needy families. **Blood Drive** - The San Juan Island Lions Club sponsors five blood drives annually at the San Juan Island Senior Center Mullis Center. These are concentrated during warmer months. We average 80-90 blood donors per drive. **PlusOptix** - Many children with vision problems don't even realize they have a sight problem. That's why two members of the San Juan Island Lions Club purchased a PlusOptix vision screener to enable us to partner with the schools and to ensure all kids between the ages of six months and six years receive a vision screening. PlusOptix uses binocular auto refractors for vision screening and auto refraction in children to detect the most prevalent vision disorders to eradicate amblyopia. The PlusOptix vision screener provides an accurate, non-invasive way to detect vision disorders in children. In less than one second, this proven technology can detect the following: hyperopia; myopia, astigmatism; anisometropia; anisocoria; and strabismus. Members of the San Juan Island Lions Club are trained to conduct these screenings. **Lions Health Screening Unit** - The San Juan Island Lions Club Health Screening Unit normally visits San Juan Island in April. Thanks to MarketPlace Supermarket we are in their parking lot in a very visible and reachable location. The screenings are free and include screening for Glaucoma, Hearing, Diabetes, Vision and Blood Pressure San Juan Island. **Lions Club Scholarships and Local Donations** - The San Juan Island Lions Club raises money each year to give to the community in the form of scholarships and donations. During the last 16 years, the San Juan Island Lions Club has donated more than \$250,000 dollars for scholarships and community support. The recipients include: High School Scholarships - approximately \$5,000 in scholarships are awarded annually to local children Friday Harbor Athletic Club Friday Harbor Little League Vision Care Hearing Care San Juan Historical Museum Christmas Gifts for children Health Screening Unit Camp Horizon White Canes donations Convalescent Home BBQ Kids Fair Salvation Army Relay for life Knowledge Bowl Food Bank Special Projects. **Lions Club Beer Garden at the County Fair** - The San Juan Island Lions Club has had the responsibility of running the beer garden at the county fair for the past 20 years. It requires about 50 Lions Club volunteers to run the event for the four days of the fair each year. The Lions Club nets approximately \$8,000 annually. The money is used to fund vision programs and scholarships. **Lions Club Firewood Committee** - The Lions Club Firewood Committee originated as a task force to assist elderly people in the community by removing fallen trees and limbs blocking driveways after a particularly heavy snowfall about ten years ago. After acquiring a supply of wood, we found numerous older people and families who lived closely budgeted and needed wood for winter time heat as well as, in some cases, for cooking. This soon became a community service project for the San Juan Island Lions Club. One of our members donated a wood splitter which we still use, and another civic minded citizen lets us use a small patch of ground on which to store the wood and wood splitter. All labor and transport is provided by volunteer San Juan Lions at no cost to the recipients of the wood. Our Leos are proud to have 20 members who meet on Mondays, have their own budget and bank account, and are under the 501c3 umbrella. **Lions Club Bike-N-Brew** - Commencing in 2017, the San Juan Island Lions Club began sponsoring a bicycle tour called the Friday Harbor Bike-n-Brew offering a choice of three bike routes exploring the picturesque back roads of San Juan Island. After the ride, participants, visitors and community residents can relax and share stories with fellow riders at Brickworks in Friday Harbor and enjoy samples of island-crafted microbrews and delicious food from local food vendors. Tickets for the bike event and brew event are sold separately. All proceeds from the event support projects of the San Juan Island Lions Foundation, such as community sight and hearing programs and scholarships for local high school students. Presented by **San Juan Island President Attilio Galli**

SPRING CONFERENCE is coming >>>

Set aside March 16-18 for our annual District 19 H Spring Conference which will be held at the Gateway Hotel in Richmond, BC. Below are pictures from last year to show you some of the activities that are part of the conference. District Governor Corinne White has been working hard with her organizers to insure that an informative and enjoyable experience will be had by all Lions in attendance. H-7 Zone Chair Orson Christensen is running for 2nd Vice District Governor. Come and support him with your club's vote.

The poster to the right was sent out on February 15, but the information is still pertinent.

The HEAD TABLE with DG John Moralek Presiding



BREAKOUT PRESENTATION



MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR LIONS



2018 19 H - SPRING CONFERENCE—March 16 & 17

Pacific Gateway Hotel, Richmond, BC—3500 Cessna Drive

Info: Lloyd McKimmon - Conference Chair: 604-302-3011

*** 31 DAYS TO GO ***

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Google: District 19 H - Click on: District 19-H e- District Houses

District 19-H Web page will appear: Click on Spring Conference—Register

Fill in PDF editable Registration Form & Save it to your Desktop

After Saving Reg. Form to Desktop:

A: If paying by Credit Card: email completed form to Wendy Canessa:
wendycan@telus.net

B: If Paying by Check: Print form and Please Mail Completed form to:
Lion Wendy Canessa: 19 H Spring Conf. # 24 - 20222 96th Avenue, Langley, B.C. V1M 3C3

MEAL REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Fri. Feb. 23rd, 2018

HOTEL REGISTRATION

CALL: PACIFIC GATEWAY HOTEL: 866-382-3474 - USE CODE: 1803 LION

Note: There is no charge to your card until day of Convention - Register NOW Please

Deadline for Special Conference Rate of \$ 125.00 is: Friday, Feb. 23rd, 2018

Can You or Your Club Help:

1. Conference Photographer: If you can help Call: **DG Ducky: 604-502-8995**
2. Sat. am Coffee Break: Any Donation Amount will help: **Lloyd: 604-302-3011**
3. Donations of Cash / Merchandise for Conference Raffle which help to offset Conference Costs would be Much Appreciated: **Lion Steve: 604-769-3771**

"Secretary Alert":

**TIME TO ELECT
YOUR 2018-2019
OFFICERS**

**... and report them to
MD 19 and LCIF by
April 30. (Must be pri-
or to May 15)**

RAFFLE and PRIZES



H-7 LIONS

Camp Horizon President Don
Webster and PDG Tom Bond

FUN NIGHT DANCING



ZONE H-7 ACTIVITIES



ZONE MEETING #3 COMING ON SATURDAY, March 3

The third H-7 Zone Meeting will be held on March 3 at the CPO Club on Ault Field Road north of Oak Harbor, and be sponsored by the Oak Harbor Lions. It will begin at 11 AM.

Much of our meeting will focus on our Zone Project, and the Advance Local Emergency Response Team Plan (ALERT). PZC Dennis Bullock will lead these presentations. President reports will be given highlighting recent activities engaged in by their clubs. ZCE Bob O'Dell will describe his goals for the 2018-2019 Lions year.

We hope we once again have a good turnout for our zone meeting. It promises to be a very interesting and informative day.

COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

MARCH 3 ... 3rd ZONE MEETING, OAK HARBOR LIONS hosts, OH ELKS CLUB

MARCH 16-18 ...DISTRICT 19 H SPRING CONFERENCE, Gateway Hotel, Richmond, BC

APRIL 21 ... ZONE PROJECT at DECEPTION PASS STATE PARK

MAY 10-13 ... NW LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE at UBC Campus, VANCOUVER, BC

MAY 19... SECRETARY and PRESIDENT'S TRAINING,

MAY 31-JUNE 2 ... DISTRICT and ZONE OFFICERS TRAINING at UBC Campus, VANCOUVER, BC

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ZONE PROJECT

Plans for our H-7 Zone Project have been initiated by PZC Dennis Bullock. We will once again work to repair and clean facilities at Deception Pass State Park. All H-7 clubs are encouraged to participate. A list of needed park projects has been provided by the park ranger. And presented in the right column of this page. This list is available for review by our clubs and if a club wishes to take on a specific task they should inform PZC Dennis of their selection. Some individual Lions may want to take on a specific job.

Deception Pass is one of the most visited parks in the United States and serves as one of the primary positive representations of our beautiful island. Anything we can do to enhance the park will contribute to the favorable impression made by our park. Park visitors will appreciate our service efforts even though they may never know they took place.

The Central Whidbey Lions have once again volunteered to coordinate the food for this project. PZC Dennis Bullock and PZC Bill Cheaqui (bill@bnhome.net) have volunteered to coordinate the jobs and workers. If you have questions contact PZC Dennis (d_bullock@frontier.com) or ZC Orson (doc98239@outlook.com).

ZONE PROJECT PROPOSAL AND INSTRUCTIONS

The Deception Pass Cleanup H-7 ZONE PROJECT instructions set up by PZC Dennis Bullock follow: (It will take place at Deception Pass State Park, SATURDAY APRIL 21, 2018) Tasks that can be completed are:

1. Scrape, sweep and clean around bumper blocks entire West Beach Parking Lot
2. Add three-tab shingles and repair any possible rotten planks on boardwalks along the North Cranberry Lake Trail.
3. Paint interior North Beach Restroom
4. Install new frosted windows Quarry Pond CG Restroom
5. Paint interior in three restrooms at South Bridge Parking Lot
6. Replace interpretive signs along the Dunes Trail at West Beach
7. Brush out view shed at bird watching observation deck and make any repairs needed on the deck
8. Paint interior of Cornet Bay Retreat Center user group office and add new LED lighting
9. Repair/replace loose posts along eastern end of the North Beach Trail
10. Repair North Beach Footbridge that was damaged by a tree fall
11. Repair North Beach Boardwalk, trench alongside it, clean out culverts and brush back 3 feet on both sides.

We may ask for you to provide some building materials if possible. I will let you know as soon as I can. Please share these project proposals with your Lion members and other volunteers that may join us for fun and worthwhile work on "Earth Day 2018". If your Club or a group of Lions wants to "adopt" one of these projects as your own, please let Orson or Dennis know so we can communicate and coordinate details with the Park and others. REMEMBER! • Wear sturdy shoes or boots and gloves. • Prepare for rain and wind (although we'll expect lovely Whidbey weather in April). • Bring some tools if you can and mark them with your name and Club! (we want you to get them back) • Sign in and out. Lions and the Park need a record of volunteers and hours worked. • Work safely and don't over-do. Get a helper, take breaks, stay hydrated, use sunscreen (We wish this time of year! It has happened.), keep track of pets and kids (if you bring 'em, take 'em home when you go). • Lunch provided by Central Whidbey Lions!! Thank you! • Meet at Cranberry Lake Shelter 0900. Lunch at noon, work no later than 1600. Questions? ZC Orson Christensen: 360 678 3072, PZC Dennis Bullock 360 679 2735

MELVIN JONES — a SHORT BIO

MELVIN JONES – FOUNDER OF LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

Melvin Jones was born on January 13, 1879 in Fort Thomas, Arizona, the son of a United States Army captain who commanded a troop of scouts. Later, his father was transferred and the family moved east. As a young man, Melvin Jones made his home in Chicago, Illinois, became associated with an insurance firm and in 1913 formed his own agency.

He soon joined the Business Circle, a businessmen's luncheon group, and was shortly elected secretary. This group was one of many at that time devoted solely to promoting the financial interests of their membership. Because of their limited appeal, they were destined to disappear. Melvin Jones, then a 38-year-old Chicago business leader, had other plans.

"What if these men," he asked, "who are successful because of their drive, intelligence and ambition, were to put their talents to work improving their communities?" Thus, at his invitation, delegates from men's clubs met in Chicago to lay the groundwork for such an organization and on June 7, 1917, Lions Clubs International was born.

Melvin Jones eventually abandoned his insurance agency to devote himself full time to Lions at International Headquarters in Chicago. It was under his dynamic leadership that Lions clubs earned the prestige necessary to attract civic-minded members.

The association's founder was also recognized as a leader by those outside the association. One of his greatest honors was in 1945 when he represented Lions Clubs International as a consultant in San Francisco, California, at the organization of the United Nations.

Melvin Jones, the man whose personal code – "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else" – became a guiding principle for public-spirited people the world over, died June 1, 1961 at 82 years of age.

"Secretary Alert":

TIME TO ELECT YOUR 2018-2019 OFFICERS

... and report them to MD 19 and LCIF by April 30. (Must be prior to May 15)

President and secretary training will be held at the Farmhouse Restaurant on May 19.

Further information on details will be available later.



The NEXT H-7 NEWSLETTER

The San Juan Lions were featured in this newsletter so now each Zone H-7 Lions Club has been emphasized in one month of the newsletter. The next newsletter will be open for information from **all H-7 Lions Clubs**. If you have something you would like to share please pass it on. Without your input we may have a short issue next month. Don't be reluctant to share if you have something.