

# LYNDEN LIONS CLUB NEWS



*Lynden, Washington*  
*August 2025*  
*Join Hands In Service*



## Club Officers

**President** - Galen Laird  
**1st Vice Pres** - Nancy Guttormsen  
**2nd Vice Pres** -  
**3rd Vice Pres** - Nancy Boies  
**Treasurer** - Char Bovenkamp  
**Secretary** - Na'Kita Zylstra  
**1 yr Director** - Vicki Van Allen  
**1 yr Director** -  
**2 yr Director** - Jan Newman  
**2 yr Director** - Harvey DeJong  
**Transition Director** - Joel Haggen  
**Tail Twister** - Sue Obermayer  
**Membership** - Jim Obermayer  
**LCIF Coordinator** - Joel Haggen  
**Past President** - Rich Kayser



## September Birthdays

**Art Van Allen - 1**  
**Gail Montegue - 10**  
**Jake Heerspink - 12**  
**Stephanie Metcalf - 14**  
**Russ Kuelz - 17**  
**Rachel DuFour - 19**

## **President's Message**

Let me start with a sincere thank you for your outstanding service and support with our summer projects. Your dedication, compassion and tireless efforts at the LTI Picnic, Fair Parking, Camp Horizon Service Day and Flag Days are the lifeblood of everything we do. This year let's remember our motto "We Serve" with renewed energy as we never know how deeply the gift of your time touches someone's life.

President Galen



## Contact Information

**W/C warehouse... Dick Martin 360 319-5020**  
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**Membership... Jim Obermayer 360-521-4278 Flags... Chuck Boies 360 815-2991**



## **Flag Days**

**Monday, September 1**  
**Labor Day**

**Thursday, September 11**  
**Patriots Day**

## **Coming Up**

**Thurs Sept 4 - Board Meeting\*\***

**Fri-Sun Sept 5-7 - Balloons On A Stick**

Greekfest... details on page 4

**volunteers needed**

**Mon, Tues & Fri - Sept 8, 9 & 12**

**Great TP Giveaway**

Lynden Food Bank... details on page 5

**volunteers needed**

**Thurs Sept 11 - 'return to Fall' Gen Mtg**

Coffee & Goodies - Quarterly Club Info

**Sat Sept 20 - 'Out of Darkness Walk'**

(Suicide Prevention) Bellingham

**volunteers needed**

**Thurs Sept 25 - General Meeting**

Pizza Night \$5/pp - speaker David Vander Yacht,  
Lynden Public Superintendent

**Oct - Board Meeting\*\***

**date/time TBD**

**Sat & Sun Oct 4 & 5 Train & Toy Show**

**Jansen Bldg - Fair Grounds**

details on page 4

**volunteers needed**

**Thurs Oct 9 - General Meeting**

Coffee & Goodies ...program TBD

**Thurs Oct 23 - General Meeting**

Soup Supper ...program TBD

**Meetings begin at 6:30 pm at UMC unless  
otherwise noted.**

**\*\*Club members are welcome to attend  
Board Meetings.**

## **From the Board**



~Our train display that was displayed at the Heritage Museum has a permanent home at the fair grounds in the 'hobby' display building. It will soon be joined by another train display that will be donated by the Whistle Stop Show.

~The Dictionary Project has been overlooked, due to Maureen leaving. Nancy Guttormsen and Linda Street will co-chair the project and get us back on track.

~Barb Love has stepped down from her position on the board. There are now two vacancies but, there is no action to fill the vacancies at this time.

~Jim Obermayer reported on his survey and thoughts about membership. He also researched information about forming a LEO CLUB. Suggestion was made to invite a LEO club to one of our meetings in the future to learn 'how it's done'.





**LTI picnic** came and went this past Aug 2, as always our Club served over 750 folks (employees and their families) with the delicious picnic fare that included salmon, roast beef, and a variety of salads and sides.

Checking back, it was discovered we've been showing up to help serve LTI's picnics since 1987. This year there were 36 of us enjoying the camaraderie with the employees, each other & having a great time as always and looking forward to next year!



## Fair Parking...

This year our club provided parking again at the Fairway Center during Aug 12-16. According to Chuck & Nancy our schedule of 2½ hr shifts were able to be covered by club members, along with the generous help of Harborview's Lions and our LHS Band Members, even on a Friday of pouring rain (so much so the money had to be dried out, not to mention those that served that day)!

**We Serve...wet or dry!**





**Ice Cream Social...** After enjoying our ice cream, we sat back and gave a close listen to our speaker, Dr. Greg Sund and his experiences working and teaching in Kenya where his base hospital is located in Kijabe and also his place of residence along with his wife, Stephanie and three children. His skills as an Anesthesiologist Medical Educator sends him traveling to many other rural village hospitals in Africa. Working through the African Mission and Healthcare group that is subsidized by such non-profit groups as Samaritan's Purse and the many others, along with private donations, all the while he teaches the young African medical students and nurses his skills. It makes



sense for these young native

healthcare professionals, who already speak the language and understands the culture of the patients they will be treating... helping the patients feel more comfortable and understand what's happening.

Dr Sund is doing his part in closing the gigantic gap in African healthcare, where there are only 3% healthcare workers and only 5% of the people have access to safe surgery. He is truly a blessing to all he has taught, treated and help improve medical facilities in the small villages.

**Greekfest...** next weekend we get to join our Fairhaven members with their 'Balloon On A Stick' project. The festival begins on Thursday and the Lions Club's participation begins Friday, September 5, at 11:00 am. Each shift is 3 hours and it requires just 2 persons. It shuts down Friday and Saturday around 9pm or so; on Sunday it closes around 7pm - 8pm. The festival is behind the St Sophia's Church (510 E. Sunset Dr, B'ham) in the large yard.

Parking along Sunset Drive is very limited. Do not park on that street between the 'no parking' signs!

Parking is available at the Hope in Christ Church at 710 E. Sunset Drive just 2 short blocks from St. Sophia's. The Hope in Christ Church is near the SW corner of E. Sunset Drive & James St. **Contact Gary Metcalf for details and/or to volunteer (360-715-1565).**

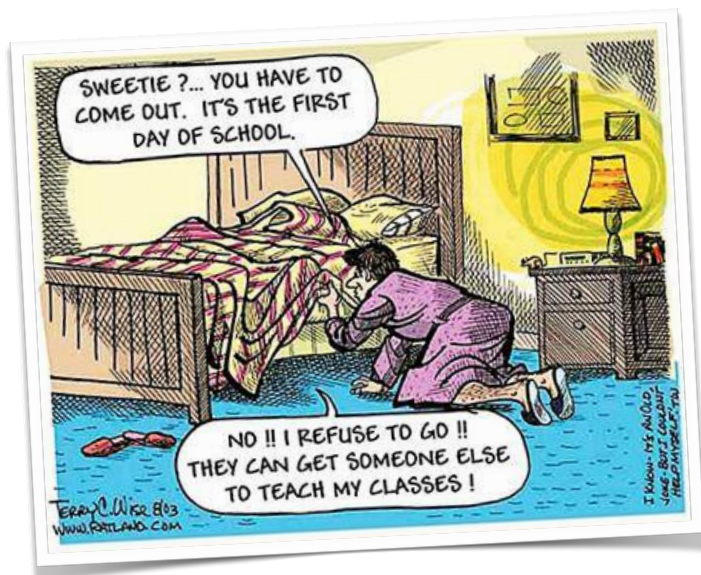




got yard sign?

Lion Art Montague is ready to "Shoot 'em up" at the Pistol Pete competition on

Vicki Haggen will remain as chairman of the **Santa Project**, Nancy G has agreed to be co-chair.



The Great TP Give-A-Way is **Sept 8** (Monday 9:15a-12:15p), **Sept 9** (Tuesday 2:45p-6:15p) and **Sept 12** (Friday 9:15a-12:15p) at the Lynden FoodBank. **2-3 volunteers are needed each day. Contact Galen to volunteer ASAP.**

Remember to contact Rich Kayser (360-410-8366) to volunteer for the **Train & Toy Show Oct.3-4**

Help is also needed the evenings of Oct 1 (set-up), **Oct 2** (move-in & pizza dinner), and **Oct 4** (clean-up.)

It is our **40th year** so we need you all to make it a special one. Signup sheets available in September meetings

**All Hands On Deck... sign up ASAP!**

We need **YOU** to participate in the "**Out of Darkness (Suicide prevention) Walk**" held this year on **Sept. 20** (Sat) in Bellingham. This is a Zone project that we need to support with volunteers, not just financially. There are many tasks for those who choose not to walk during this event.

**Need someone to head up our volunteers.**

**Family Services Back to School Day** was another success this year thanks to our members who helped. Kudos to Jan, Gary & Bartely and Vicki H.

## MEMBER UPDATES...

If you have any news about our missing members that you care to share, please email [vickivanallen@msn.com](mailto:vickivanallen@msn.com)

ALL our members and their families are important to us as  
They're part of our Lion's Pride!



### Requests for Thoughts and Prayers

So good to see Carol & Jerry  
back again for our Ice Cream  
Social Thurs night!  
Continued progress being made!

Our Secretary, Na'kita will be  
leaving soon for her Vietnam  
Trip for a few weeks.  
Our thoughts and prayers go  
with her for safe travels and  
much enjoyment...

*Please keep Linda De Jong in  
your thoughts as she recovers  
from her recent knee  
replacement surgery. Praying  
for an uneventful recovery and  
much patience.*

Carla Van Beek is recovering  
from her knee surgery... she  
needs our positive thoughts  
to take it easy for a while  
and to listen to her Doc!  
Prayers for patience in a full  
recovery...

Much love and positivity  
needed for our long  
time member Barb  
Love. We all send our  
Best Wishes and  
praying you'll return to  
us soon. You're truly  
missed!



We ask if you have news about any of our members who might be ill or hospitalized  
please notify our **MS. SUNSHINE** Carla Van Beek @ 360 441-0865

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