

LYNDEN LIONS CLUB NEWS



Lynden, Washington
July 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 - Barb Love
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



August Birthdays

Marlis Lisiecki - 1
Kristin Uhrig - 8
Linda Street - 20
Bob Weerdhuizen - 22
Joel Haggen - 29

President's Message

As we begin this new Lionistic year, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for the incredible service, dedication and camaraderie that defines our club. Each of you brings something unique to our mission, and together, we've made a meaningful impact in our community.

This year's Lions theme is...

"Together We Can Make Our Mark"

and I believe we can do that as we have in the past and as we look forward to our clubs 50th Anniversary next May and make our mark in the future.

I'm honored to serve alongside you, and I look forward to a Lions year filled with purpose, progress and pride.

President Galen

Contact Information

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Flag Days **Sept 1 - Labor Day**

Coming Up

Aug 2... LTI Picnic

ALL hands on deck

Aug 7 - Board Mtg *

6:30 at church

Aug 12-16 - Fair Parking

Check w/Nancy B for your shift time

Aug 28... Bender Park Pavillion

6:30 "float night" speaker: Greg Sund
(Gordon & Barbara's son)

Sept 4 - Board Meeting *

6:30 at church

Sept 9 - Great TP Giveaway

10am-2pm at Lynden Food Bank

Sept 11 - 'return to Fall' mtg

6:30 at church... program TBA

Sept 20 - 'Out of Darkness Walk'

(Suicide Prevention) Bellingham

Sept 25 - General Meeting

6:30 at church... program TBA

*** Club members are invited to attend
Board Meetings.**

From the Board



~ After a special combined meeting with Fairhaven's Board, their Funds have been combined with our club's. All projects from both clubs will continue.

~ The Budget meeting for Lions year 25-26 was held and Board approved and will now be voted on by membership.

~ Our meal agreement with the church's Hand Bell Choir has concluded and discussions for future meal arrangements will be discussed.

~ The Kiwanis joint project is on hold until 2026.

~ This next year a change in the chairmanship of the flag project and the fair parking project will be needed. Need to start working on this as early as possible.

~ Moving forward the board will be discussing restructuring of the board to a smaller group. This will be a topic for future board meetings within this next fiscal year.

~ Jim Obermayer and Na'Kita Zylstra discussed starting a Leo's Club.



Lynden Lions Day at Camp Horizon

July 16 turned out to be a rewarding day for our Lynden Lions who showed up with smiles on their faces and aprons on, ready to go. Serving the campers their three meals for the day, with their smiles and their thank you's was all worth it.

Those who volunteered for the fun day, included our own Char Bovenkamp, John Gillies, Mary Ingels and Na'Kita Zylstra for breakfast.

Serving lunch was Jim & Sue Obermayer and Art & Vicki Van Allen.

And dinner time was blessed with Gordon Sund, Gary & Bartley Metcalf, and Chuck & Nancy Boies. Kudos to all!



Ferndale Old Settler's Parade

A BIG THANK YOU to all who joined our fellow Lions from Ferndale-Harborview Club in supporting the annual Pioneer Day Celebration by helping with re-assembly of the Lions float and being able to stay and ride along, as we honored, this year's theme, 'Heritage of Heroes', thanking all those first responders out there in our communities.

The sunny day was warm but we all could feel the warmth and gratitude from the crowds who were watching.

Thanks to Rich for his perfect selection of happy, upbeat tunes that had us all 'movin' & 'groovin'!

And can't forget watching the crowds reaction when playing Lee Greenwood's tune,

"Proud To Be An American"
making all of us proud too!



July 24th BBQ and AWARDS

As they say, "a good time was had by all" ...40+ members and guests!

It was a chance for our adjoined clubs to get to know each other a bit better. Nice to see our two clubs together as one great one.

Together we're better!

After yummy BBQ fare, followed by our S'mores and more S'mores, we gathered together for our annual Awards Night.

A total of 11 Awards were received by the following:

Melvin Jones... Rick Adelstein

Life Membership... Gary & Bartely Metcalf

Life Membership... Don Defour

Life Membership... Joel Haggen

Life Membership... Ray Happe

Life Membership... Rick Adelstein

President's Appreciation Awards:

Project Wind Mill... Irwin DeJong

Lion Gordon F. Smith CARE Award...

Jan Newman

President's Special Achievement Awards:

For Train Show and LTI Picnic...

Rich Kayser

For Fair Parking & Flag Program...

Nancy Boies

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!





We need **YOU** to participate in the “**Out of Darkness (Suicide prevention) Walk**” held this year on Sept. 20th (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.

Please contact Rich Kayser 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.
All Hands On Deck... sign up ASAP!

Art Montague is ready to “Shoot ‘em up” at the Pistol Pete competition on Oct 12

We
love
the
Fair



Vicki Hagen will remain as chairman of the Santa Project, but will be needing a co-chair.

Next Social Committee meeting is Tues Aug 11 @ 2pm. Contact Nancy Boies if interested in attending.



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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