

# LYNDEN LIONS CLUB NEWS



LYNDEN, WASHINGTON

JUNE, 2024



Join Hands In Service

## CLUB OFFICERS

President	- Galen Laird
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Pres.	- Debbie Anderson
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres.	- Nancy Guttormsen
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice Pres.	- Chuck Boies
Treasurer	- Nancy Boies
Secretary	- Janice Newman
1yr Dir.	- Lynne Heeringa
1yr Dir.	- Harvey DeJong
2yr Dir.	- Vicki Van Allen
2yr Dir.	- Barb Love
Tail Twister	- Maureen Okane
Lion Tamer	- Ray Happe
Membership	- Roger Dowling
LCIF Coordinator	- Galen Laird
Past President	- Rich Kayser

## NEW OFFICERS INSTALLATION

On 27 June Lynden Lions Club members gathered at Rich Kayser's home for the formal installation of 2024-2025 club officers. It was an evening of formality, fun, fellowship, and an excellent dinner provided by our own Lynne Heeringa. The new slate of officers is listed on the left. Zone Chairman Joel Haggen presided over the installation. Annual awards to well-deserving club members also were announced.



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 - Barb Love
- 8 - Art Montague
- 10 - Char Bovenkamp
- 22 - Rich Kayser

Interim Editor  
Gordon Sund



Vicki & Art Van Allen  
Melvin Jones Fellowship



Nancy Boies  
Lion of the Year



Galen Laird,  
Presidents Appreciation



Barb Love,  
Care Award



## FLAG DAYS

The next flag day is:  
 - Monday, 2 Sept.,  
 Labor Day

Carol Pattison is now at home where she is receiving therapy to speed her recovery from recent surgery. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with her and her husband Jerry.

**A special thanks to Nancy Guttormsen for being a dedicated caller over the past year. Linda DeJong will now be calling those on Nancy's list.**

## BOARD MEETING TIDBITS 6 JUNE

- Lion Jim Obermayer plans to attend Chamber of Commerce meetings to keep it aware of Lions Club activities and seek new club members.

- An initial meeting with LTI is planned on 10 July to discuss this year's picnic set for Sat. 3 August.

- Fair Parking 2 hour shift sign ups are underway. 8 to 12 August.

- Lion Maureen Okane is ordering 547 dictionaries for our annual distribution to local students.

-The Board agreed to sponsor the Pistol Pete Parkinson's Foundation.



On 22 June there was an official celebration to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Camp Horizon. The sizeable crowd included a number of attendees at the camp, their families and caregivers, Lions Club members from several different clubs, and a number of Lions club officials, including Dan Webster, the President of the Camp Horizon Foundation. The gathering enjoyed a tasty lunch, tours of various facilities, a photo gallery, and a very entertaining soft rock concert by a group of campers and local musicians.. It was a great success that clearly illustrated the community value of this wonderful Lions Club endeavor.



Dan Webster acknowledging the pivotal role Rich Kayser played in Camp Horizon history.



The renowned Camp Horizon band.



The Lynden Lions Club fielded a very handsome float for the annual Farmers Day parade on Sat. 1 June. Thanks to team leader Nancy Boies and all who helped build it and who rode on it that day. It also was in the Sumas parade on 29 June.

# THEN AND NOW

1978

2024

Long Hair	Longing for Hair
8 Tracks	Cataracts
Streaking	Leaking
Acid Rock	Acid Reflux
Staying Alive (The Song)	Staying Alive (The Goal)
Hoping for a BMW	Hoping for a BM
Going to a new hip joint	Getting a new hip joint
Rolling Stones	Kidney Stones
Bell Bottoms	Big Bottoms
Disco	Costco
Rock n' Roll All Night	Sleep through the night

## ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

The news these days regularly focuses on the pros and cons of Artificial Intelligence. So, as a little experiment, I posed a question to the AI program on my iPad. “What qualities make a good member of the Lions Club?” Within seconds, I received this exact reply. Impressive!:

“Being a good Lions Club member involves several key qualities. Here are some main ones.

1. **Service Orientation:** Lions are committed to solving worldwide health and social problems. They actively participate in community service projects and contribute to making a positive impact on people’s lives.

2. **Fellowship and Kinship:** Lions cherish the fellowship within their own club and feel a close connection with Lions across the world. Building friendships and connections is essential.

3. **Leadership skills:** Lions often organize projects that address real needs in their communities. Being a good member means having opportunities to lead and put leadership skills to work for the club.

4. **Kindness and Open-Heartedness:** Lions serve with a smile and an open heart. They build new friendships, laugh, and bond while making a difference.

5. **Community Knowledge:** Lions gain knowledge about their local communities, its needs, and how they can contribute effectively .

Remember, being a Lions isn’t just about giving—it’s also about receiving the joy of service **and being part of a global family that creates positive change together!”**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello fellow Lions and welcome to a new year. 2023-2024 was amazing thanks to all of you and all the work you did. This year's theme for Lions International is "Make Your Mark" and that is one of my goals. I want to make our mark more obvious in Lynden and get the good news out there that we are here and ready to serve. By using Past International President Brian Sheehan's theme "Together We Can" and this year's theme together for 2024-2025 my theme will be "Together We Can Make Our Mark".

I look forward to working with you all...  
Lion President Galen Laird



## COMING EVENTS

- 25 July - Annual Picnic to be held at shotgun club off of Badger at 6:30. El Ranchito's taco truck will provide dinner. Wear Mexican attire if you have some.
- 3 August - LTI Picnic. Your help is needed. Rich Kayser, Chairperson.
- 8-12 August - Fair Parking. Two hour shifts. We need many volunteers. Nancy & Chuck Boies Chairpersons
- 22 August - Ice cream social and scavenger hunt at 5:30 at tractor pavilion off Berthusen. Dress like a farmer.
- 5-6 October - Annual Train & Toy Show at Fairgrounds. Chairpersons, Rich Kayser, Gordon Sund, Galen Laird