

LYNDEN LIONS CLUB NEWS



LYNDEN, WASHINGTON

MAY 2025

Join Hands In Service



CLUB OFFICERS

President	- Galen Laird
1 st Vice Pres.	- Debbie Anderson
2 nd Vice Pres.	- Nancy Guttormsen
3 rd 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	- Sue Obermayer
Lion Tamer	- Ray Happe
Membership	- Jim Obermayer
LCIF Coordinator	- Galen Laird
Past President	- Rich Kayser

NEW CLUB OFFICERS

The list of new club officers for the 2025-2026 years was officially approved by secret vote at the club meeting on 24 April. They will be formally installed at a dinner meeting on 26 June. Congratulations to them all. The list of new officers is as follows:

President - Galen Laird
1st Vice President - Nancy Guttormsen
2nd Vice President - Debbie Anderson
3rd Vice President - Nancy Boies
Secretary - Na'Kita Zylstra
Treasurer - Char Bovenkamp
1 yr Director - Vicki Van Allen
1 yr Director - Barb Love
2 yr Director - Harvey DeJong
2 yr Director - Jan Newman
Transitional Director - Joel Haggen
Tail Twister - Sue Obermayer
Lion Tamer - Ray Happe
Membership - Jim Obermayer
Past President - Rich Kayser
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BIRTHDAYS

MAY

12 - Barbara Sund
13 - Carla Van Beek
15 - Na'Kita Zylstra
19 - John Gillies
29 - Gary Chadwick

JUNE

5 - Ron Dokken
12 - Roger Dowling
15 - Vicki Van Allen
16 - Craig Wagar
17 - Marie Gillies
18 - Nancy Boies
26 - Linda DeJong
28 - Geraldine Wolfe



HAPPY
SPRING



FLAG DAYS

The next flag days are:

- Saturday, 17 May,
Armed Forces Day
- Monday 26 May,
Memorial Day



I am at the age where
my mind believes I
am 29, my humor
suggests I am 12, and
my body possibly
died in the Civil War.

It was only a matter of time. First came the
hybrids then the electric and now vegan...



NEW MEMBERS

The Lynden Lions have been blessed to have added 14 new members to the club in the past few months. Many have joined us from the now disbanded Fairhaven Lions Club but a few are new to Lionism. They all have brought new energy and valuable experience to the Lynden Lions. We are grateful they are now part of our Lions family. The new members are:

Katty Baldwin, Jill Davis, Donald DuFor,
Rachel DuFor, Joel Haggen, Vicki Haggen,
Richy Hugo, Mary Engles, Bartley Metcalf,
Gary Metcalf, Stephanie Metcalf, Choice Meyer,
Kristen Uhrig, Na'Kita Zylstra

WELCOME ABOARD!!

Some of the new members (and their sponsors) who were given their certificates of membership in our club at the meeting on 8 May.



THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

- Lion Ray Happe was hospitalized briefly with breathing problems, is now home, but is scheduled for a medical procedure on 14 May.
- Russ Kuelz also spent time in the hospital recently with leg issues but is now home and getting around quite well. .
- Jill Davis is healing from a fracture in her back.
- Barb Love is also healing at home after a knee fracture and hoping to avoid surgery.
- John Connell is waiting for a hip replacement appointment.

MEMORIALS

- The memorial service for Lion Shirley Baxter was held on 28 March. It was a beautiful service presided over by Shirley and Ron's daughter Ann who is a pastor in Canada. Other family members sang and offered memories of Shirley.

- On 3 May a memorial celebration was held for Nancy Rourke at her home. Her daughter Wendy provided flowers that were planted by guests in Nancy's memory.



- Lions Art and Vicki Van Allen traveled to California last weekend for the memorial service for Art's daughter Jodie who died recently of cancer.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- Lions Rich and Galen will preside over the memorial service at the Lions conference in Chilliwack, B.C. On 17 May.

- The club meeting on 22 May will be scholarship night.

- Our club will be responsible for all meals and cleanup on a day yet to be determined at Camp Horizon.

- Preliminary planning is underway for our club to build a float for participation in parades in Lynden, Ferndale, and Sumas.

- Plans are afoot to distribute free toilet paper to those in need at a location near the food bank in Lynden.

- The club meeting on 24 July will be at Berthusen Park.

- The LTI picnic will be held on 2 August.

- The Lynden Lions will do fair parking 12-16 August.

- The club meeting on 28 August will be at Bender Park.

- Preliminary plans are being made for the 40th Anniversary Lions Club Model Train and Toy show on Saturday 4 October and Sunday 5 October.

MEETINGS

8 May - The guest speaker Tasha Dykstra gave an informative talk on scams and identity theft, particularly those targeting senior citizens. Common scam calls include those threatening you for missing jury duty, fake bank calls about your accounts, phony romance calls, and threatening emails about money you allegedly owe. She recommends checking the legitimacy of questionable email addresses, checking your credit report regularly for suspicious activity, and using two-step verification when banking online.

24 April - Lynden's new Fire Chief Mike Noonan provided a brief history of his years with the fire department in California and how he came to the job in Lynden. A second guest, Lion Joan Fletcher of Arlington, outlined her club's involvement in testing school students in their district for hearing problems.

10 April - Speaker Lion Beth Marsau with the Knights of the Blind described how she interacts with blind and low-vision individuals and assists finding them tools and services to improve their vision.

27 March - Lion Kaddy Baldwin, a new member of our club, spoke about the Easter egg hunt she sponsors along with Guild Mortgage at Bender Field. In 2024 some 600 individuals participated.

**THE MORE YOU WEIGH,
THE HARDER YOU ARE TO
KIDNAP. STAY SAFE.
EAT CAKE!!**

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