

LYNDEN LIONS CLUB NEWS



*Lynden, Washington
September 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 - Dick Martin
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2 yr Director - Harvey DeJong
Transition Director - Joel Haggen
Tail Twister - Sue Obermayer
Membership - Jim Obermayer
LCIF Coordinator - Joel Haggen
Past President - Rich Kayser



October Birthdays

*Gordon Sund - 1
Ron Baxter - 12
Nancy Guttormsen - 13
Dick Martin - 24
Jim Obermayer - 28*

President's Message

Fellow Lions, as we wrap up the first quarter of our Lions fiscal year I want to thank you for your dedication, compassion and tireless service. We've already made a meaningful impact in our Lynden community and with the many needs that we support each year. Your commitment to the Lions motto. "We Serve" continues to shine brightly.

Each one of you plays a vital role in our success, and it's your energy, ideas, and teamwork that drives the Lynden Lions Club forward. Whether you've led a project, lent a hand behind the scenes, or simply showed up with a smile and willingness to serve -Thank-you!

Let's keep our hearts in service and our eyes on our mission...

President Galen

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Flag Days

Monday, October 13

Columbus Day

Tuesday, November 11

Veterans Day

Sunday, December 7

Pearl Harbor Day

Coming Up

Sat & Sun Oct 4 & 5 Train & Toy Show

Jansen Bldg - Fair Grounds

Thurs Oct 9 - Board Meeting**

brief meeting 5:30

Thurs Oct 9 - General Meeting

'Autumn Surprise' ...Cindy Alsum From

Gillies Funeral Home "End of

LifePlanning"

Sun Oct 12 - Pistol Pete

Skagit Shooting Range

Thurs Oct 23 - General Meeting

Soup Supper ...program TBD

Volunteer Sign ups

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**Thur Nov 6 - Board Meeting\*\***

**Thurs Nov 13 - Veteran Celebration**

*Coffee & desserts... Veteran Speakers*

**Volunteer Sign Ups**

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Thur Dec 4 - Board Meeting**

Thurs Dec 11 - ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY 6:00pm...provided by our club

Rustlers Front Street Grill - lower level

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

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

Thoughts on Being a Lion...

The work of Lions clubs everywhere requires a continuation of effort by many of it's members. Every person in the club offers unique talents and together, when combined, can work toward a common goal successfully.

You've heard it before, 'the work of many hands, doing little things, brings great results'. Your Lynden Lions takes on an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of our community and the world.

Our jobs now, to keep our good works going, are to find more service minded folks and encourage them to give back to the community, not just financially, but with 'boots on the ground' that gives the greatest feeling when making a positive impact on someone else's life!

A win/win for others and ourselves.

Think of your Lions work like a giant puzzle and until the last piece is found, the picture is never complete...



YOUR UNIQUE PIECE TO THE PUZZLE IS A VITAL PART OF OUR COMMUNITY SERVICE!!

General Meeting of Sept. 25 ...

After our meeting was called to order, we enjoyed a Pizza dinner first, then began our regular format of business, including a unanimous vote by the members to donate \$2,500 toward our last month's speaker, Dr. Greg Sund for his personal expenses to continue with his Medical Missionary teachings in Kijabe, Kenya for many years, along side his wife and three children (two now in college).

Our main speaker for the evening, David Vander Yacht, the Superintendent of Lynden School District for the past 2 years, working his way up from being a student to teacher, to Vice & Principal then to Assistant Superintendent, plus being a resident also. So he knows the community's



needs and wants very well.

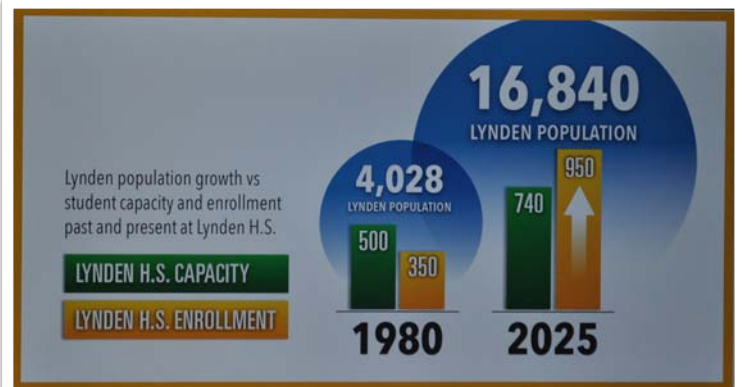
There have been changes for the better concerning the Bond which will be voted on this Nov 4th. Along with a committee of citizens with business, project management and financial experience, our School Board came up with a much more affordable plan for the community now & for the future as Lynden keeps increasing in population.

Some of the key changes from the 2024 Bond will include a reduction of the project by \$28.5 million from \$157.5 million to \$129 million focusing ONLY on Lynden HS project! This targets reductions to lower the cost for citizens while still meeting the students needs.

For more first hand information, Superintendent Vander Yacht invites you to join him for his weekly tours and Q&A sessions at Lynden HS on the the following Saturdays, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, and Nov. 1.

Sessions will begin at 9am in the High School's main office.

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Our MD19 Executive Director, Peter Anderson visited to remind us of the Pistol Pete Invitational that our member, Art Montague will be representing our Club, with his skills as a marksman, to be held on Sunday, Oct. 12th in Burlington, WA. Art will be presenting a \$500 donation from our Club to the sponsor of Pistol Pete, the Micheal J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

Zone chairman, Terry Bronkema reminded us that September Stokes, our District O Governor will be visiting on February 13, 2026 meeting.

He also invited us to Everson Lions Club's annual Auction and dinner on Sat, Oct 4th, 5:30 pm at the Fire House.



Our part of the Greek Festival Sept 5-7 was to provide free Balloons-On-A-Stick for the kiddos. This was one of the long time annual projects that was brought to us by our transferred members from Fairhaven Lions, and was enjoyed by all who participated. Fun to see smiling faces of all the little ones. Chairman Gary Metcalf reported donations were over \$600 for the 3 day event. If you didn't get a chance to signup, we'll be including the Balloon-On-A-Stick at the Train & Toy Show this weekend!



The first Great-TP-Giveaway conducted on Sept 8, 9 & 12 at the Lynden Food Bank was a success with over 549 appreciative folks served.

A second Giveaway is being planned, possibly for sometime in November.



• Our annual Dictionary Project was
 • successfully revived thanks to
 • Nancy Guttormsen and Linda
 • Street! September 17 was dubbed
 • “Third Grader day” in the Lynden
 • as the excited students in all
 • schools within the District received
 • their very own dictionary. Finding
 • out by thumbing through, this book
 • is more than just about words, but
 • also included facts about our solar
 • system, histories and maps of
 • other countries, the US
 • constitution, biographies of all our
 • Presidents, Weights and Measures
 • tables and much more... and the
 • longest word in the English language (page 373). More smiles and “thank you” as
 • always... Nancy reported there were 470 of these dictionaries distributed this year.



The Out of Darkness Walk on Saturday September 20th was a great success according to Joel Hagen. Our Club's donation of \$500 was much appreciated.





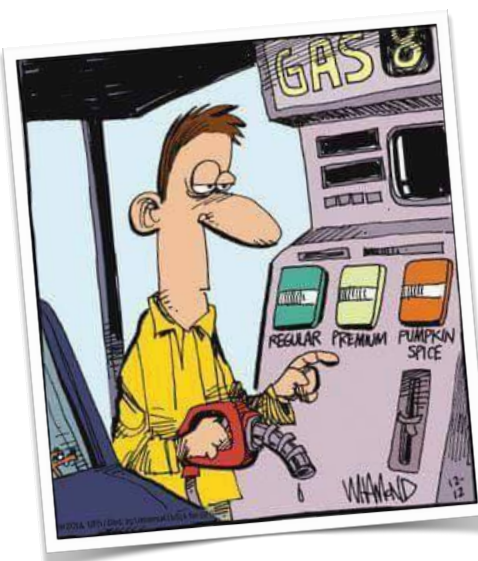
Lion Lynne Heeringa (who is also part of Lynden's Music Festival) reminded us that the 5 day event will begin this coming Tues Oct. 7 thru Sat the 11th. Always fun and music from many different places and genres is sure

to please everyone. Please be sure to check their FB page for the scheduled venues of every day events and types of tunes to enjoy (many are free) and have fun! After all, Music soothes the savaged beast!



Coming soon... our Annual Christmas Celebration on Dec 11 at Rustler's begins with the no-host social at 6pm followed by a traditional turkey dinner, followed by the 'Weirdest White Elephant' Gift Exchange (with a prize for the oddest gift).

All compliments of our Lynden Lions Club. Watch for formal invitation in early Dec.



MEMBER UPDATES...

If you have any news about our missing members that you care to share, please email 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

Life Member Jake Heerspink passed away the morning of September 27th. Keep his wife Kathy and their family in your thoughts and prayers as they mourn the loss of Jake. He was an amazing Lions member, serving as President and Flag Project Chairman for many years plus a dedicated volunteer at Lynden Fire Department for 25 years, as well as the Lynden Chamber of Commerce office, Lynden Community Center, Lynden Police Department, and held various roles within his church.



Jake's Memorial Service will be Monday, October 6 at 11:00 am at Victory Christian Fellowship (formerly Faith Reformed Church).

Cherish the memories of Jake.



Please keep Lion Ron Baxter and his daughter Christine in your prayers as they just learned Christine was diagnosed with a serious cancer. The news is very shocking, and we pray that God's love and peace surrounds Ron and his family.

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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