

LYNDEN LIONS CLUB NEWS



Lynden, Washington
November - December 2025
Join Hands In Service



Club Officers

President	- Galen Laird
1st Vice Pres	- Nancy Guttormsen
2nd Vice Pres	- (open)
3rd Vice Pres	- Nancy Boies
Treasurer	- Char Bovenkamp
Secretary	- Na'Kita Zylstra
1 yr Director	- Vicki Van Allen
1 yr Director	- Dick Martin
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



January
Katty Baldwin - 16
Dar George - 21
John Connell - 28

February
Janice DeJong - 7
Lynne Heeringa - 8
Mary Ingles - 13
Jan Newman - 25
Vicki Haggen - 27

Time ticks on and on... and we find ourselves greeting another New Year! Another new beginning! Since we're now into 2026, perhaps you're working on your new resolution or still thinking of one. Maybe you'll make more than one and be able to keep them or maybe not. Since we've learned that the Babylonians first came up with the resolutions to their gods, there have been over 4,000 years of broken ones! Maybe this year we can consider one and keep it. Call it a goal... (maybe then it won't get broken)

That is to invite one person you may know in you list of friends to one of our Lion's meetings to see if it's a good fit for them . They may ask what they were meant to do and tell them Lions don't have that problem. Take them to one of our projects, and show them! Lions doing good for others is a wonderful feeling. Hopefully, you won't forget this goal in 2026!

Happy New Year to all!

Contact Information

W/C warehouse... Dick Martin 360 319-5020

Lynden Family Services... Galen Laird 360 319-6845 & Rich Kayser 360 410-8366
Membership... Jim Obermayer 360-521-4278 Flags... Chuck Boies 360 815-2991



Flag Days

Mon Jan 19 - MLK Day

Mon Feb 16 - President's Day

Coming Up

Thur Jan 8 - Board Meeting**
Special time 11am
@ Fairway Cafe'

Thur Jan 8 - General Meeting
Refreshments - speaker David Garcia
Kids At Risk.

Plus Steve Monroe from VFW

Thur Jan 22 - Dinner Meeting
Menu TBD - speaker Terry Bronkema ZC
Plus Member Ni'Kita shares her trip to
Vietnam

Thur Feb 5 - Board Meeting**

Thur Feb 12 - Dinner Meeting

Menu TBD - DG September Stokes official visit
Please wear uniforms

Thur Feb 2 - General Meeting.

Refreshments-Speaker Laura Brisbane
from Christian Health Care

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

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

Our LL Flag Program an important part of our club!!

It was dark, cold & rainy this past Pearl Harbor Day. But that didn't stop our Lions from placing our flags that day....Lots of dedication and consistency (plus rain gear) was needed and the following folks deserve HUGE Thank Yous for being there.

Art & Gail, Harv and Jerry, Nancy & Chuck and going the extra mile, literally, driving from Alger in early morning was Char & Woody making it to Lynden before 6AM and putting all Flags on the downtown route by 7:15 AM!!! Then traveled back home only to look forward to the one hour drive later that afternoon to pick the flags . **AWESOME JOB FLAG TEAMS!**

Just an example of the importance our flags show everyone our love of country, community and Veterans ... Do we want to loose that??

- *Chuck and Nancy Boies will be stepping down from the Flag project after their 15 years of dedicated service. It had been announced a year ago and since, nothing has happened toward that goal. So more discussion will take place to solve this situation. And so, the question is if this program should be continued or disbanded, if no other members step forward or work with another service club to take it over. This will be on the agenda of the next Board Meeting on Jan 8th @ 11 am at Fairway Cafe' and reported on during the General meeting that evening.

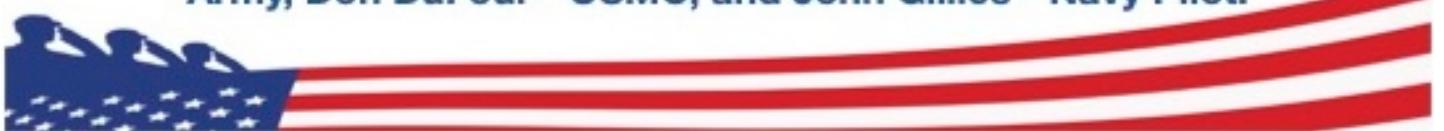
From the 12-04-2025 Board Meeting.

***Our Food Bank annual donation of \$2000 was increased to \$3000. This donation was matched by DeWaard & Bode and became \$6000! YES there is a Santa!**

*Nancy Guttormsen presented Certificate of Appreciation to President Galen for Distinguished achievements and fulfilling the Mission of Lions Club International and personal letter from Lions International President, A P Singh thanking him for having a net gain of 12-19 members.



The evening of November 13, we gathered to take time to honor our Veterans. Veterans we know in our community and around the world, knowing of their sacrifices they've made continually protecting our nation so we can enjoy the freedoms we have today! There were four appointed speakers, beginning with Nick Sawka - Retired US Coast Guard Petty Officer Cl6, Chuck Boies - US Navy, Jim Obermayer served in Vietnam as an Army combat tracker working with scent tracking dogs, and Ron Baxter, who served 3 years in South Korea after the ceasefire near the DMZ as a Marine Observer (otherwise known as a spy). Chuck Boies also introduced several other Veterans (Lion's Members), Ron Dokken - USAF, his friend Barb who retired as a Capt. in the Coast Guard, Gary Metcalf - Army, Don DuFour - USMC, and John Gillies - Navy Pilot.



Christmas Party

This year our Annual Lyons Christmas Party was celebrated with our traditional Turkey dinner from Rustler's Front Street Grill. Always delicious and extras to take home.

Our evening was filled with great food, fellowship and loads of fun, which is always present when there are Lynden Lions present!

The entertainment event for the night was a gift exchange game involving changing gifts/ stealing and passing around the many weird White Elephant presents, lots of laughs and fun was had by all!

There was a prize for the 'weirdest' gift brought. Of the many strange items passed around, the winning one of a man's used toupee' brought by Nancy Boies and chosen by Harvey DeJong.





50th Anniversary

Deadline to order the new Lions gray 50th Anniversary T-shirts will be our January 22nd meeting. One of each size will be available to try on. Please contact Nancy Guttormsen @ 206 999-9668 to order yours !!

ATTENTION !

*All Santas, Elves and helpers ...
Your Appreciation Dinner be on
Thursday, January 15th
Place and time TBA...
Thanking you for all your time,
dedication & talent bringing smiles
to kids of all ages!
Our Club appreciates YOU!*

Due to the inclement weather of the week of Dec. 8th, our 2nd phase of the Great American TP Giveaway still happened thanks to our food bank volunteering to distribute them for us. The 6 bundle packs to each car was aware they came from our Lions Club and was much appreciated!



MEMBER UPDATES...

If you have any news about our missing members that you care to share, please email vickivanallen@msn.com

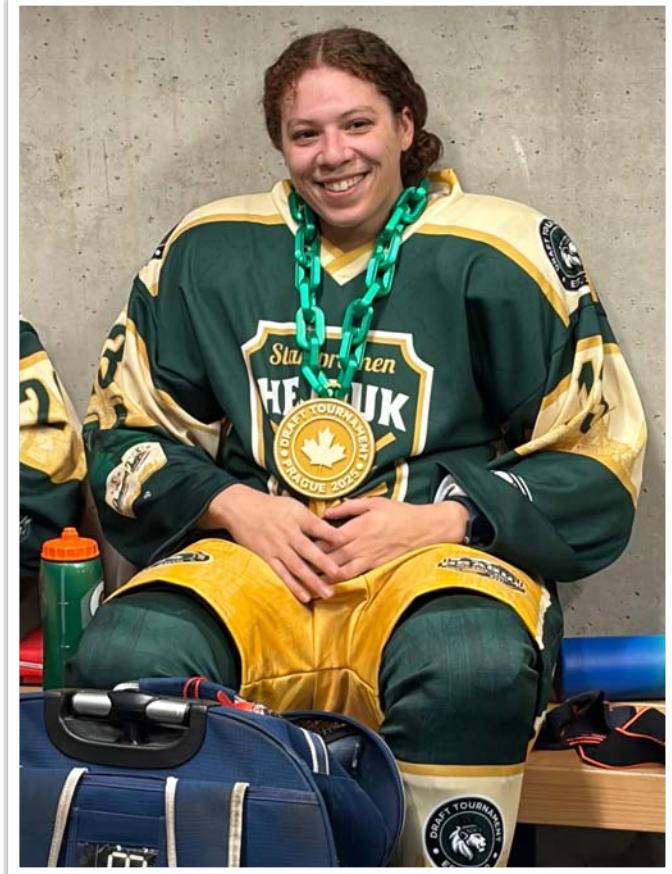
ALL our members and their families are important to us as They're part of our Lion's Pride!



Requests for Thoughts and Prayers

Prayers for Jan Newman, she was taken by ambulance to St. Joe's ER and tested for fluid around her heart. She was diagnosed with congestive heart failure and is back home receiving treatment with medications.

We ask for prayers of thanks for keeping Ni'Kita Zylstra protected and safe while during her travel and time spent playing Ice Hockey in Prague, Czech Republic. She was also blessed by receiving the "Player of the Game" award !!



May the New Year bring new hope to Barb Love as she continues her recovery and hope we'll see her again soon.

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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