

# 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 HarborDay. 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??

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- \*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.
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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 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!**



**If you have any news about our missing members that you care to share, please email [vickivanallen@msn.com](mailto:vickivanallen@msn.com)**

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A red ribbon graphic, likely representing the AIDS Memorial Quilt, is positioned on the left side of the slide.

***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 !!***

A female athlete with brown hair tied back, smiling at the camera. She is wearing a green and yellow hockey jersey. The jersey features a large shield logo with the text 'Slutskanen HOCKEY' and a circular emblem below it that says 'BEST TOURNAMENT' with a maple leaf. She is also wearing a thick green chain necklace. She is sitting on a wooden bench, with her hands clasped in her lap. To her left is a green water bottle, and in front of her is a blue bag. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

**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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